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Peninsula Wilderness Club Events

February 1992

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. The public is cordially invited.

M Meeting **February 10th**

Mountain Climbing in Russia

The February 10th PWC meeting will include a presentation by world class climber and PWC member Bruce

Anderson. Bruce will show slides of his recent Mountain climbing expedition to Russia. For five weeks in the summer of 1990, Bruce climbed peaks in the Pamirs with the Leningrad Climbing Club. Hope to see you there. Don't forget that the building is open to us at 7PM. Come early and catch up on the gossip before the meeting.



Upcoming PWC Events

Learn to XC Ski

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST: If you've never been cross country skiing before, here's your chance to give it a try. Join Doug Savage for a day of skiing on the Cabin Creek Road, east of Snoqualmie Pass. The trip is essentially flat and suitable for beginners. It don't get no easier than this! A Snow Park Permit is Required for parking. Call Doug at 698-9774.

Climb Steeple Rock

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH: Join Charlie Pomfret for an intermediate level ski trip and class 3 climb of Steeple Rock. Call Charlie at 479-7820.

Ski Hurricane Hill

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH: Join Doug Savage for an intermediate level cross country ski trip to Hurricane Hill. Call Doug at 698-9774 if interested.

Climb Mount Washington

FEBRUARY 15,16 or 17th: Weather and avalanche conditions permitting, Dave Cossa will do a class 3 climb of Mt. Washington in the Olympics. Dave will pick the day which promises to have the best weather. PWCrs with winter climbing skills are welcome. Call Dave at 871-5577.

Weekend at Longmire

FEBRUARY 15,16 or 17th: The weekend at Longmire is booked, but Doug Savage is still taking names on a stand-by basis. Give Doug a call to get your name on the list.

Lake Tahoe

By Ted & Becky Moray-Wiles

Every living thing that is from or ever visited Lake Tahoe has marvelled in the immense beauty of this natural wonder. At an elevation of 6200+ feet, and located in the Carson Range of the Sierra Nevada, it was our turn for an early wintery vacation. To bask in the bright sunlit meadows, drink the clear lakeside shores, and seize the glittery star filled skies of Tahoe.

Lake Tahoe has so much to offer: a pleasant overview was noted right away, the locals have a strong campaign going to educate and control the pristine eco-system afforded to their paradise. It was rewarding to enjoy this small piece of nature and know we did no harm.

The night life on the Nevada side of Tahoe is lively. The ski bums, bunnies, and jocks all come out to play at the casinos. It was fun to see ski-clothed blackjack players and slot machine winners. Lodging there can be fancy or rustic. We choose rustic, and even brought our wool blanket in from the wagon. The pine walled cabin was just the ticket for two "hicks" between the snow and night time fun.

We, as cross country skiers, were ready for the snow, corn powder, early in the morning. There are as many groomed areas to choose from as not. Plus if trekking is your sport, park the 4-wheel drive and head for the ponderosa pine forests. The nice thing about Tahoe is that there is little undergrowth; so when the snow falls, even under the trees, there is a blanket of snow ready for the taking.

We found Spooner Lake Cross Country Ski Area to be our hang out that day with 101 Kilometers of skiing. It's on the Nevada side of the lake. We skied the meadow and

around the lake, stopping for pictures and sun bathing breaks. It was just like our northwest spring skiing; 40 degrees. They offer moonlight tours and discount rates after 1PM. Rentals are available.

We headed north to Port Orchard via Subaru and found a yummy mesquite-roasted chicken "hole in the wall" located in Incline, NV. that makes a great burrito and "killer" hot chocolate. Kids, singles, parents, naturalists, yuppies, and just people, are welcome and at home at Lake Tahoe.

Welcome to the Club

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

Katherine Grundman, Craig Gurney
Steven Mills, and Barbara Wright

Meet Helen Schwartz

Hats off to Helen Schwartz! When Helen joined the club in May of last year, she was quick to recognize the need for more Club outings that were a little more on the easy side. By July the "PWC Amblers" was born and Helen had organized the first Amblers outing to Camp Handy. Now Helen sponsors a popular PWC Amblers outing each month.

It's rare that Helen misses an interested members meeting. Her ideas have contributed much to the Club. Little did she know that she would be the first candidate for her idea of writing articles in the Penwicle about some of the Club members. When I asked for help in publishing the Penwicle, Helen volunteered. It's people like Helen that make the PWC such a great club.

Tunnel Creek Hike

By Wendy Mc Clure

Christmas calories on top of Thanksgiving calories - we needed a hike. Joni and I headed for Tunnel Creek Ridge (Tunnel Creek Side) in spite of threatening rain. There was a lot of rock debris on the dirt road to the trailhead. A few times we had to stop and move the bigger ones to the side in order to continue.

It rained as we hiked up the trail but at the shelter we were able to put the umbrellas away. Ran into snow as we approached Harrison Lake, which was beautiful under its white cover, and ever deepening snow as we climbed to the ridge. A large patch of blue sky promised spectacular views but clouds rolled in and settled on us at the top. So much for the vistas. Hiked back down in rain and were glad to settle into a dry warm car.

Contentment ended at an earth/rock slide across the road less than a mile from the trailhead plus a washout just deep enough to prevent a car from continuing. A small boulder blocked about a third of the one-lane road on the uphill side. As we got out the survey the situation in the dark and rain, I noticed how soft and mushy the downhill edge of the rainsoaked road was.

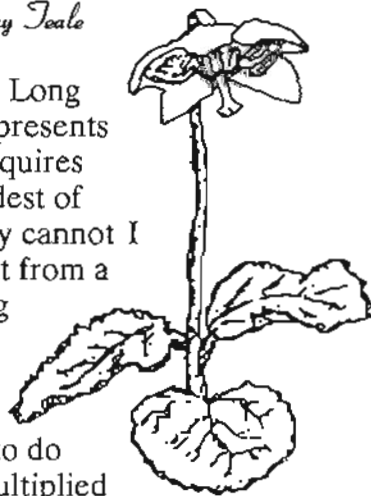
No shovel with us, so by hand we pitched a lot of rocks into washout and then found a small log to try to lever the boulder to the side. It wouldn't budge. (Where's an adrenaline rush when you need one?) Joni decided to make a run for it with the car, hugged the rocks on the left and just kept moving. Fortunately, it was a successful maneuver and we were on our way home.

We discussed equipment we should carry besides a shovel but the list got a little impractical after the chainsaw.

From the Book "Circle of the Seasons"

By Edwin Way Teale

"Conservation" The Long fight to save wild beauty represents democracy at its best. It requires citizens to practice the hardest of virtues - self-restraint. Why cannot I take as many trout as I want from a stream? Why cannot I bring home from the woods a rare wildflower? Because if I do, everybody in this democracy should be able to do the same. My act will be multiplied endlessly. To provide protection for wildlife and wild beauty, everyone has to deny himself proportionately. Special privilege and conservation are ever at odds."



"The Shyness of Nature" Nature is shy and noncommittal in a crowd. To learn her secrets, visit her alone or with a single friend, at most. Everything evades you, everything hides, even your thoughts escape you, when you walk in a crowd."

"Time and Truth" You can prove almost anything with the evidence of a small enough segment of time. How often, in any search for truth, the answer of the minute is positive, the answer of the hour qualified, the answers of the year contradictory!"

Congratulations Kathy!

Kathy Nuszbaum was the lucky winner of the January door prize, a pair of telescoping ski poles valued at \$69.95. The door prize is generously donated by Judd at the Mount Constance Mountain Shoppe each month. Thanks again Judd! PWCrs are encouraged to take advantage of the 10% discount for PWCrs at the Mountain Shoppe.

Upcoming Events *(continued)*

Ski to Hurricane Hill

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD: Lynn Howat is offering a second chance to ski to Hurricane Hill for those who miss the February 8th trip with Doug. Better yet, go on both trips! You couldn't ask for a more scenic place to go back to. Call Lynn at 598-3087 if interested.

12th Annual Igloo Trip

WEEKEND OF MARCH 7TH - 8TH: Join Joe Weigel, John DeArman and other PWCrs for a day of building Igloos (or snow caves) at Paradise on Mt. Rainier. You can stay for just the day or spend the night in your creation. This PWC tradition is a great family outing. Call Joe at 871-0291 or John at 697-1352.

PWC Amblers Outing

SUNDAY, MARCH 1ST: Join Helen Schwartz for an easy 4 to 6 mile hike with the PWC Amblers to the Pack Forest near Eatonville. Pack Forest is a 4000 acre laboratory forest for the University of Washington, complete with hiking trails demonstrating latest forest management techques. Call Helen at 377-9822 if interested.

Ice Axe Class On Mt. Ellinor

SATURDAY, MARCH 28TH: 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 698-9774.

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