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Peninsula Wilderness Club Events

August 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.

Meeting August 10th

The August 10th PWC meeting will include an equipment demonstration by Mike Ashe from the Mount Constance Mountain Shoppe. Mike plans to tailor his demonstration according to what you want to learn about. So give Mike a call at the Gig Harbor store (858-8030) and let him know what kind of equipment you'd like to see.

Upcoming PWC Events

Climb Mt. Fricaba

WEEKEND OF AUGUST 1ST - 2ND:

PWC'rs with mountaineering skills are welcome to join Doug Savage for a class 2 climb of Mount Fricaba and Hal Foss Peak. The approach will be via Royal Basin Trail with a base camp in the upper basin (9 miles one way). Backpackers who wish to camp at Royal Basin and not do any climbing are also welcome. Call Doug at 698-9774.

Klahhane Ridge Hike

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8TH: Doug Savage will be hiking from Heart-o-the Hills to Klahhane Ridge. PWC'rs are welcome to come along. Doug is looking for someone to hike the opposite direction and swap car keys. Call Doug at 698-9774.

Beginners Backpack

WEEKEND OF AUGUST 15TH - 16TH: Michael Gardzalla is going on an overnight backpack on the Elwha River Trail. This is an easy trip intended for beginners.

Michael, an experienced backpacker, will offer some basic do's and don'ts for those just learning. Call Michael at 479-1276.

Hike to Third Burroughs

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16TH: Doug Savage is hiking to Burroughs Mountain (7830 ft.) from Sunrise in Mt. Rainier National Park. The trail gains 2400 ft. in about 4 miles to some great views of Winthrop and Emmons Glaciers. Call Doug at 698-9774.

Climb Little Tahoma

WEEKEND OF AUGUST 22ND - 23RD: PWC'rs with glacier travel skills are welcome to join Mark Bock for a class 3 climb of Little Tahoma. From a basecamp in Summerland, Mark will climb the East Shoulder Route. Crampons, ice axe, etc. required. Call Mark at 373-1621.

Bring the Kids Hike

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22ND: Matt Slaney and family will hike the Dungeness Spit near Sequim. Families and Kids welcome. Call Matt at 479-7225.

PWC Events continued

All Women's Camp-out

WEEKEND OF AUGUST 29TH - 30TH:
Sorry guys, this one is just for female PWC'rs. So you gals are welcome to join Helen Schwartz for car-camping and day-hiking. The location is flexible depending on where you'd like to go. Call Helen at 377-9822 if interested.

Appleton Pass Backpack

AUGUST 28TH - 30TH: Join Joyce Kimmel for a three day backpack to beautiful Appleton Pass in the Olympics. First night at Boulder Creek Campground (about a two mile hike then five more to Appleton Pass). Call Joyce at 867-1497.

Tubal Cain Mine Hike

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH: Join Barney Bernhard for an easy day hike to historic Tubal Cain Mine in the Olympics. Call Barney at 479-3679.

Singles Only Hike

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH:
Join Brian Schladetzky, Charlie "Iron-Buns" Pomfret, Teresa Miller for a singles only day hike. Location to be announced. Call Charlie at 479-7820.

PWC Amblers outing

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH: Join Helen Schwartz and the PWC Amblers for an easy stroll along the South Fork of the Skokomish River (lower trail). Excellent old growth forest. Call Helen at 377-9822.

Ice Climbing Demonstration

WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 26TH - 27TH

This is a tentative date for ice climbing demonstrations by Dale Boyle on the Nisqually Glacier. Car-camp at Cougar Rock Campground. You'll need your own climbing equipment. Call Dale at 698-9820.

Work on Barnes Creek Trail

WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 26TH - 27TH

Join Doug Savage for a weekend of trail restoration on the Barnes Creek Trail in the Northern Olympics. Call Doug at 698-9774.

Interested Members Meeting...

Interested members meetings have been expanded to once a month. They will continue to be on the Thursday after each PWC meeting, 7:00 PM. Except that the next interested members meeting will be at Kathy and Joe Weigel's home on Tuesday, August 18th. We will discuss PWC issues, plan hikes, and enjoy refreshments. Everyone invited. Call Joe or Kathy at 871-0291 if you need directions.

In an effort to make newcomers feel welcome, officers will be introduced at each monthly PWC meeting, will wear an identifying tag, and will be available to talk about the club during each break time.

A nominating committee has been formed to select and interview potential PWC officers for the next election this fall. Joyce Kimmel, Barb Mades, and Helen Schwartz will propose a slate of candidates. Please contact them with suggestions, or if you would like to run for office yourself.

FLOAT THE YAKIMA RIVER

ITS TIME FOR THE ONE, THE ONLY,
THE ANNUAL EASTERN WASHINGTON
FLOAT TRIP.

AUGUST 22ND AND 23RD

What we "normally" plan is this:

Sat. AM. drive to the river.
Float to a pre-determined
spot.

Sat. PM. Miner's Burgers for
dinner.

Option:

- a. camp out.
- b. drive home.
- c. hotel.

Sun. AM. float.

Sun. PM. drive home.

You'll need..... something to
float on, sunscreen, a plan to
have fun, and probably some water
balloons. Teddy Wiles and Becky
Morey - 876-5718.

(Interested Members Meeting continued)

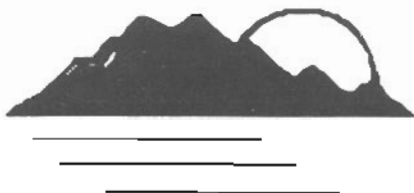
Kevin Kilbridge, treasurer, will have updated member listings at each PWC meeting if you want to look up other members for their phone numbers, addresses, or outdoor interests.

The Little Quil

By Wendy McClure

Sat. July 11, Joni and I headed for the Little Quilcene Trail north of Bon Jon Pass. She hadn't been there for several years and I had never hiked it so we enjoyed each new vantage point of the "other side" of Townsend as we drove to the trailhead. Parked at the end of the road, tried one false lead up the hillside then went back and around the log roadblock, crossed a picturesque stream and spent a bit of time thrashing around in the underbrush. Finally found a trail at the top of a slide area, climbed up to it and followed it for a way but it was obviously unmaintained and soon disappeared.

However, looking back over the way we drove in I saw cars parked along the roadside. When all else fails - read the map. Sure enough, the trailhead was back about a mile with a nice large sign and another "No Motor-bikes" sign (Well, those views were distracting). It was a beautiful trail for wildflowers and a good up-hill trek, at first to slow us down to stop, look, and identify. Had lunch on a rocky promontory looking north (if it hadn't been fogged in) near the Mt. Townsend trail junction. The best spot was just a bit farther where the trail crosses an open rocky area complete with a variety of interesting flowers and (this time) views of the Dungeness drainage. A good hike.



Adams Glacier Meadows July 11th & 12th

By Lynn Howat

As our group of 5 hiked in the Killen Creek Trail toward Adams Glacier Meadows, I kept telling the others of the great views we would be seeing of Adams and Rainier if the clouds weren't down to the ground. They kept reminding me that I promised "expansive views" in my write-up in the Penwicle.

Luckily, as we reached the high camp (6800 ft.) the clouds cleared from Adams, rising spectacularly above us. The meadows were filled with miniature alpine flowers. After setting up camp, we wandered up through the meadows with Don Paulson helping us to identify the flowers and plants.

Before bedtime, the fog moved in thickly, but cleared during the night. The next morning we awoke to the spectacular views I'd promised. From high camp you feel like you're on top of the world. After we broke camp, we wandered down through flower filled meadows, past waterfalls, tarns, and lakes. The lupine, Indian paintbrush, and arnica were particularly spectacular. We took plenty of time to take lots of flower and scenery pictures as we leisurely made our way out. As we reviewed the map, we yearned for more days to explore the myriad of trails in the area.

Welcome to the Club

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

Linda Burkhart	Gail Dionne
Ingrid Haynes	Chong Sun Hess
Nicki Jack	Thomas Lilly
John Nesbitt	Dave Swift

PWC Profile

By Helen Schwartz

You might say it was a mountaintop experience that brought Kevin Kilbridge to PWC. He was hiking up on Buckhorn Peak in about 1986 when he ran into a friend, David Ladd, who asked him to become treasurer. Kevin wasn't even a member of the club then, but he has been ever since. And he's been treasurer ever since, too.

Being treasurer doesn't take a lot of effort, Kevin says. He picks up the mail once a month, writes a few checks, puts money in the bank and balances the checkbook. For someone who "basically hates meetings," Kevin does a good job coming to every PWC meeting. He likes the camaraderie, informality, and lack of bureaucracy.

Kevin grew up "in big Eastern cities, and couldn't wait to get out". He first came here in the Army, met his wife on a blind date and went to California for four years before returning.

Kevin does about half of his hiking alone because he likes to stop and take pictures along the way, setting up a tripod and waiting for the right moment. He also belongs to Sierra Club and Audubon Society and has a strong interest in the issue of population control.

Kevin works as business manager for Peninsula Lodge, a mental health facility. His wife, daughter, 15, and son, 11, live with him on their five acres in South Kitsap.

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