

# Penwicle

## Peninsula Wilderness Club Events

---

**September 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 September 14th

The September 14th PWC meeting will include a slide presentation of the Olympic Mountains that is set to music. The presentation will be by PWC member Sharon Burrer. Sharon promises a slide of a five-star privy! Editor note: 'This I've got to see.

---

### Upcoming PWC Events

---

#### **Tubal Cain Mine Hike**

SATURDAY, SEPT. 5TH: Join Barney Bernhard for an easy 3.6 mile (one-way) day hike to historic Tubal Cain Mine in the Olympics. See remnants of turn-of-the-century mining. Call Barney at 479-3679.

#### **Tieton River Whitewater**

SATURDAY, SEPT. 12TH : Join Dave Olsen and a few of his cohorts for an exciting trip down the Tieton River southeast of Tacoma. The 12 mile trip will be guided and all equipment and lunch provided by Olympic Outdoor Center of Poulsbo. Boaters have the option of inflatable kayaks or rafts for a special rate of \$45.00 per person. Children over 12 are ok too! For something off the beaten trail call Dave Olsen at 698-5299 (h) or 698-7838 (w).

#### **Lower Lena Hike**

WEEKEND OF SEPT. 12TH -13TH: Carol Cobb will be backpacking with her toddler to Lower Lena Lake in the Olympics for one night. This is an easy 3 mile (1100 ft gain) hike suitable for small children. PWC'rs are welcome to join in on the trip. Call Carol at 377-4507.

#### **Singles Only Hike**

SATURDAY, SEPT. 19TH: Join Brian Schladetzky, and Helen Schwartz for a singles only day hike to Nisqually Wildlife Refuge. Call Brian at 698-9774.

#### **PWC Amblers outing**

SUNDAY, SEPT. 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 SEPT. 26TH - 27TH: Join Dale Boyle for ice climbing demonstrations on the Nisqually Glacier. Car-camp at Cougar Rock Campground. Bring stiff boots, crampons, two axes, and harness. Call Dale at 698-9820.

PWC Events (continued from Page 1)

## **Work on Barnes Creek Trail**

WEEKEND OF SEPT. 26TH - 27TH: Join Doug Savage for a second round of trail restoration on the Barnes Creek Trail in the Northern Olympics. See "Barnes Creek Trail Clean-up", page 3. Call Doug at 698-9774.

## **Climb Mt. Graywolf**

SATURDAY, OCT. 17TH: Join Doug Savage for an intermediate climb of Mount Graywolf in the Olympics. Doug will start at the Maynard Burn Way Trail, climbing 2800' in 3.5 miles, then travel cross-country to Mt. Graywolf. Call Doug at 698-9774.

---

## **Congratulations Ingrid**

Ingrid Haynes won the August door prize: A set of Helly Hansen Lifa Bodywear to keep her toasty warm on those chilly hikes. Many thanks to the Mount Constance Mountain Shoppe for donating the monthly door prize.

## **It's Election Time**

We'll be electing new officers in October, which means that nominations will be in order at the September meeting. The Nominating Committee is still looking for a person who could serve as PWC President. If you have suggestions call Helen Schwartz at 377-9822.

## **Interested Members Meeting**

The Interested Members Meeting will be Thursday, Sept. 17, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Doug Savage. Doug serves wine and chocolate and the group discusses issues of importance to PWC members and plans PWC outings. Call Doug at 698-9774.

## **Shaggy Dog Story**

*By Roger Gray*

A few years ago I climbed the North Brother with a friend, Ted. We reached the summit in good time. On the way down the chute, after we had unroped, Ted took a spill. He wasn't hurt, but it shook him up some. We lost some time inspecting him for damage and collecting his wits. In our haste to make up time, we got off route going down and found ourselves above cliffs. We climbed back up several hundred feet. By the time we were back on route it was getting dark. We had been without water for several hours, when we came on a small pool of snow melt. We stopped and drank our fill of ice water and lay down to rest a while. I think I fell asleep.

When we resumed the descent, I began to shake violently and was very cold, although it was not a cold night. Eventually, I warmed up as we descended. We trudged on down the trail for hours, and presently I fell asleep on my feet as I walked. The way I knew I had fallen asleep walking was that I had a dream. I awoke with a start. We finished the rest of the trail back to camp discussing whether it is possible to fall asleep while walking. When we finally got back to camp, we had been on our feet for 19 hours.

We were so exhausted by the time we got into our sleeping bags that it was hard to fall asleep. We had spread our tarps and sleeping bags on the ground under the stars. After a while I concluded that I had selected a poor site for my sleeping bag. I got up to move it a few feet, dragging the tarp and bag. Ted was sleeping poorly too, woke up, saw a shadowy figure looming in the dark, thought I was a bear, and let out a yell. We slept to noon the next day.

### **FOR SALE**

Easy Rider double sea kayak, \$800,  
with paddles & car rack. Call 876-6523.

## **Barnes Creek Trail Clean-up**

*By Joe Waigel*

Approximately 15 years ago I aborted a solo hike to the end of this trail, due to its poor condition, the fact that I was alone, and that it was raining. Since then it has been on my "need to do" list.

Memorial Day weekend I finally returned. Doug Savage, Mike Gardzalla, and I, armed with pruning shears, loppers, and bow saws, as well as extensive experience in route finding, carved our way through the forest on what was originally a well engineered trail.

Beginning at Storm King Ranger Station on Lake Crescent, the trail is in good shape for 3.9 miles to the junction with the Aurora Divide Trail. Unmaintained beyond this point for at least the last 2 decades, it becomes a struggle with a full pack, climbing over, or crawling under logs, and pushing through brush. Moss and evergreens (some 2" in diameter) growing in the tread indicate the amount of use this trail gets.

At the junction we broke out the "weapons" and hacked our way in to our camp at Happy Lake Creek (6.8 miles). The next morning we set out with day packs. Clearing trail for several hours we finally reached the end at Lookout Dome (9.4 miles; 5090 feet).

The excellent description of this trail in Olympic Mountains Trail Guide states: "The eye is drawn to the rough cliffs of Baldy Ridge, where hawks ride the wind...". Sure enough, there was a hawk right where Robert Wood said it would be.

This is a beautiful area and this trail deserves to be saved. I recommend it to anybody who can handle the logs. Route-finding won't be a problem now. The two most confusing stretches (where we didn't do much work) are flagged.

This trail needs traffic. National Park Service, are you listening? ONP needs more than just the main people-clogged, corridor trails.

**Editor Note:** Joe and Doug are returning on the weekend of September 26th - 27th for a second round of work on the trail; See "PWC Events". Volunteers are needed.

---

## **Trip Chairperson Established**

As Doug Savage signs off PWC President, he will take on a new responsibility for organizing and promoting outings that are planned for PWC members. He will help others plan trips as well as lead some of his own. Members who are planning hikes or climbs can now give the details to Doug as well as Don Paulson for advertising in the Penwicle. Those who want to try organizing an outing for the first time can get good advice from Doug. Trip Chairperson is a new position in the club, and well suits much of what Doug has been doing all along.

---

## **Rialto Beach Hike**

*By Brian Schladowitzky*

The weekend of August 1st, Charlie Pomfret, Roger Swenson, and myself spent the weekend on the cool Washington beach while the rest of the state was basting in near 90 degree weather. Although it was mostly cloudy, the weather was quite nice. Our destination was the Chilean Memorial, about 2.5 miles to the north from our starting point at Rialto Beach.

We started out at a particularly poor time of 1 hour before an unusually high 9+ ft. tide. The result of this was a climb over the "hole in the wall" and a 3 hour wait about a mile further to the north watching the tide

*(Continued next page)*

## Rialto Beach Hike (Continued)

subside. We finally found a wonderful beach (with water) about 1/4 mile south of the memorial, where we decided to set up camp. The next day was a day of exploration to a rocky island (an island at high tide) where we found an abundant world of star fish and sea anemones. The memorial which was near by consisted of a plaque set in concrete up off of the beach paying tribute to a group of sailors who lost their life in the early twenties due to a ship wreck near that area. Judging by the amount of rockeries in the area, wrecking a ship seemed like an easy task.

After spending an entire day with Charlie and Roger, I had enough and decided to leave this continent and set off into the open ocean for worlds unknown, well maybe about 100 yards anyway. I found the remains of someone's dock, which consisted of a large piece of very floatable styrofoam,

from which I easily created a very crude but functional sea kayak. After locating a large wooden driftwood pole as my paddle, I was off into the wild ocean. Kelp and other underwater plants are much nicer to look at if they are underwater, and I found the colors to be much more brilliant. I also found myself surrounded by about 5 very curious seals which I am sure has never seen anyone stupid enough to be floating around on piece of styrofoam in the Pacific Ocean. The next day was a beautiful hike back at low tide where we found that you actually could walk through "hole in the wall" and there actually is a beach at Rialto.

**Editor Note:** I feel duty-bound as editor of the Penwicle to inform you that our fearless leader committed the ultimate boo-boo on his last backpack; He forgot his hiking boots!

### Club Officers

President	.....Doug Savage	....698-9774
Vice Pres	.....Harry Wilson	...479-1322
Secretary	.....Kathy Weigel	...871-0291
Treasurer	.....Kevin Kilbridge	871-2537
Entertainment	..Joe Weigel	.....871-0291
Refreshments	...Sandy Saur	.....876-6904

### Newsletter Staff

Don Paulson	.....692-5086	(Editor)
Jim Drannan	.....479-4171	(Proofing)
Jim Luddon	.....373-0431	(Address data base)
Helen Schwartz	...377-9822	(Feature Writer)
Judy Guttormsen	..779-6457	(Conservation Corner)
Stenwick Family	..779-5314	(Printing/mailling)

Peninsula Wilderness Club  
P.O. Box 323  
Bremerton, Wa. 98310-9998



Reproduced using recycled paper

