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Peninsula Wilderness Club Events

January 1993

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 January 11th

The History of Mount Rainier

Dee Molenarr will give a presentation of the explorations and ascents, triumphs and tragedies, on the Northwest's greatest mountain. Included will be a sprinkling of Geology and some personal experiences. Dee is the author of *The Challenge of Rainier* and a former Park ranger in Mount Rainier National Park. He has been to the summit of the mountain over 50 times by more than a dozen routes, including three "firsts". He is noted for his mountain watercolors and maps which have appeared in many books and exhibits.

Upcoming PWC Events

Day Hike on the Skok

FRIDAY, JAN 1ST; Joe Weigel will be going on an easy day hike along the north fork of the Skokomish River starting at Staircase. The trail goes through wonderful old growth forest and near deep blue pools of the river. Call Joe at 871-0291 if an easy relaxing hike on New Year's Day sounds good to you.

Ski Hurricane Ridge

SATURDAY, JAN 9TH; Join Lynn Howat for an easy day of cross-country skiing at scenic Hurricane Ridge in the Olympics. This trip will be suitable for beginners and advanced alike. Call Lynn at 598-3087 if interested.

Elwha River Backpack

WEEKEND OF JAN 16TH, 17TH & 18TH; Join Michael Gardzalla for an easy backpacking trip to Anderson Ranch on the Elwha River. This is a prime spot for watching the herds of elk that spend the winter there. Give Michael a call at 479-1276. Michael is also returning to Anderson Ranch on the Weekend of February 13th, 14th & 15th. PWCrs are welcome to join on either trip.

XC Ski to Edith Creek Basin

SUNDAY, JAN 17TH; Join Doug Savage for an intermediate level cross-country ski trip to Edith Creek Basin near Paradise, Mount Rainier. This is a scenic area for touring and has some great slopes for those into carving "tele" turns in untracked powder. Call Doug at 698-9774.

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Day Hike Along Lake Mills

SATURDAY, JAN 23RD; Join Doug Savage for a day hike on the scenic Lake Mills Trail in the Olympics. The hike is a fairly easy four miles round trip. If you haven't hiked this trail before, this is a good opportunity to see the area before the Elwha dams are removed and the lake drained. Call Doug at 698-9774 if interested in going along.

Beginner's Learn-to-Turn Class

SATURDAY, JAN 23RD; Dale Boyle will be offering instruction on how to turn on those skinny cross-country skis. The class will be on the bunny slope at Crystal Mountain Ski Resort. The telemark and other turning methods will be demonstrated. Class is free but lift ticket is required. PWC point of contact is Doug Savage at 698-9774.

XC Ski BonJon Pass

SATURDAY, JAN 23RD; Charlie Pomfret will be going cross-country skiing on the logging roads above Quilcene. The destination will be BonJon Pass, an easy to moderate level trip depending on snow conditions. Call Charlie at 697-1876.

Advanced Learn-to-Turn Class

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SATURDAY, FEB 6TH; Back to Crystal for more Learn-to-Turn instruction from Dale Boyle. This class is intended for those wishing to polish their telemark skills on the beginner and intermediate ski slopes. PWC point of contact is Doug Savage at 698-9774.

XC Ski Deer Park Road

SUNDAY, FEB 7TH; Joyce Kimmel will be going for a day of cross-country skiing on the Deer Park Road in the Olympics. PWCs with intermediate skiing skills are welcome. Expect some great views and a fun glide back down. Call Joyce at 876-1497.

2nd Annual PWC Winterfest

FEB 13TH, 14TH & 15TH; Spend the holiday weekend playing in the snow. PWCs will be staying at Longmire Lodge. Go cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, or tubing. Room rates \$58-\$90 per night double occupancy. Call Doug Savage 698-9774.

13th Annual PWC Igloo Outing

WEEKEND OF MAR 6TH & 7TH; Join in on this PWC tradition of building igloos or snow caves at Paradise, Mount Rainier. You can stay for the day or spend the night in your creation. Great family fun. PWC point of contact is Joe Weigel at 871-0291.

Overnight Ski Hut Tour

WEEKEND OF MAR 20TH & 21ST; XC ski to Mount Tahoma Trails Association's Snowbowl Hut near Mt. Rainier. Intermediate skills required for this 4 1/2 mile, 1900' gain ski. Cost: \$26/person (\$25 refundable). A lottery will be held at the January meeting to fill the seven vacancies. Be prepared to write a \$26 check if your name is drawn. A single lottery entry for you and a significant other is also ok. Contact Lynn Howat (598-3087) if you can't make it to the January meeting. PWC point of contact for more info is Jim Drannan at 479-4171.

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3rd Annual PWC Ptarmigan Ridge Overnighter

WEEKEND OF MAR 27TH & 28TH; Join Brian Steely for some spectacular cross-country skiing and snow camping in the Mt. Baker Wilderness. This will be an intermediate/advanced level ski trip starting from the Mt. Baker Ski area and skiing about 4 miles to Ptarmigan Ridge. The ridge offers breathtaking views of Mt. Baker and Mt. Shuksan. Call Brian at 373-6494.

Grand Canyon Backpack

APR 24TH - MAY 2ND; Join Dave Cossa for a trip of a lifetime! Seven days of backpacking in the Grand Canyon; down to the river via the Tanner Trail and out of the canyon via Grand View Trail. With only 15 miles of hiking, there will be plenty of opportunity for explorations. Call Dave at 871-5577.

The First Step's the Hardest

By Barbara Kroll

Do you remember your first hike? I bet you took mole skin and more of the ten essentials the next time. Only ten essentials? I always seem to have about twenty in a day pack that has grown quite substantial over the years.

Driving to the trailhead for my first backpack trip, reality suddenly hit. Eight days in the wilderness! Stop the car, I think I want to go home - NOW! In spite of four days of rain, I was hooked. Fourteen years and several hundred miles have gone by. Coming

back from one trip, I'm planning where to go next.

The first trip I planned on my own, I would have stayed in bed that morning if I hadn't promised my son some good fishing. Nothing has ever surpassed trout fresh from the lake into the frying pan. He cleaned and I cooked. It was great! Go with someone who likes to catch, but not eat, fish.

As a beginner on cross country skis, I didn't think I'd ever get anywhere without falling at every turn. The first pair of boots wore out long ago and I'm about ready for new skis. Occasionally, I can even ski all day without doing any faceplants.

At the bottom of a rock pitch for the first climbing practice in the O.C. Mountaineering class: "That looks awfully steep. Are you sure this rope will hold?" It did, and was part of an exciting class, thanks to all the volunteers who help nervous beginners.

A new year is beginning. There are places to go and things to try. So take that first step. Happy New Year.

Congratulations Kathy!

Club Secretary Kathy Weigel finally won a door prize after all these years of faithfully recording in the minutes who won what when. Kathy won a pair of OR gaiters.

Free Slide Show

Kayaking Explorations from Alaska to Mexico by Joe Rogers. Central Library, Sylvan Way, Jan 28th, 7:00PM

PWC Profile

By Helen Schwartz

Harry Wilson, PWC Vice President, would like to see the PWC membership expand while he's an officer of the Club. "There are a lot of people out there that have never heard of us," he says, "hikers who may or may not want to hike with others." Harry would like to see more publicity about the Club get out in the community.

Harry joined PWC about five years ago after seeing mention of it in the newspaper. Although he doesn't go on as many hikes as he would like, he's the primary organizer of two annual clean-up days that are a joint effort between Sierra Club and PWC (Harry is chairman of the Sierra Club for Kitsap, Jefferson, and Clallam Counties). Once a year he leads the effort to clean the Dungeness Spit, and once a year to clean up Shi Shi Beach. At Dungeness they haul

out about 120 large garbage bags of trash; At Shi Shi they helicopter out five large cargo nets full of trash that is both left by hikers and washed ashore from boaters and ships.

Harry lived around the world during his tour in the Navy as a storekeeper in charge of supplies. He's now retired (at 47 years old), single, and has claimed Bremerton as home since 1953.

For Sale

Mountain Smith Telemark pack. Internal frame 2800-3300 cu. in. Light overnight or touring. \$65.00. Steve Justiss 275-4383.

Eureka Timberline A-frame tent. Roomy 2+ person, rainfly & vestibule. 8 lb total wt. \$50.00. John Knott 373-5372.

195cm Dynasty down hill skis w/bindings. \$35.00. John Knott 373-5372.

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