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Peninsula Wilderness Club Events

July 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 **July 12th**

Annual PWC Picnic

The annual PWC picnic will be in place of our regular July meeting. Bring the family, an entree, plates and utensils. This year, the picnic will be at Scenic Beach State Park, just southwest of Seabeck from about 5:30 PM to dusk. The club will provide a meat and cheese tray, rolls, condiments, charcoal and some beverages. We'll socialize, play volleyball, eat, and walk on the beach.



Upcoming PWC Events

Heather Park

SATURDAY, JULY 3rd; Join Doug Savage for a day hike to Heather Park via Klahhane Ridge. The hike, which starts at Heart of the Hills ranger station, offers spectacular views and plenty of wildflowers. For more information contact Doug at 698-9774.

Monthly PWC Potluck

FRIDAY, JULY 9th; This month the potluck will be at the home of Lynn Howat in Suquamish. Enjoy barbecuing on the deck and getting to know the other PWC'ers. Bring something for the potluck and something for the barbecue if you like. For more information and directions, call Lynn at 598-3087.

Climb Mt. Adams

JULY 10 - 11th; Doug Savage will be climbing Mount Adams via the southwest chute. This is a 3rd class, grade 1 climb. Anyone interested in this climb must know how to use an ice-axe, rope and crampons. Some previous mountaineering experience is required. For more information contact Doug at 698-9774.

Interested Members Meeting

THURSDAY, JULY 15th; The interested members meeting will be held Doug Savage's house. Upcoming hikes and activities will be planned. This is also an excellent opportunity to get to know other club members. For directions to Doug's house, call 698-9774.

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Upper Lena Lake

SATURDAY, JULY 17th; Joyce Kimmel will be doing a day hike to Upper Lena Lake. This 8 mile round trip with approximately 4,000 ft. of elevation gain offers spectacular views after the good workout up to the lake. For more information, contact Joyce at 876-1497.

Backpack Across the Olympics

WEEK OF JULY 17th - 21st; Join Doug Savage for a five day backpack starting on the West Fork of the Dosewallips and ending at Staircase, via LaCrosse Pass. A climb of Mt. Anderson is also being considered. Party size is limited to 6 PWCrs. Call Doug Savage at 698-9774 if interested.

The Little River Hike

SATURDAY, JULY 24th; Doug Savage will be hiking the south branch of the Little River. This is an intermediate level day hike of 8.1 miles and 4000 feet of elevation gain. Doug is looking for someone to possibly swap cars and take the hike as a descent. For more information, call Doug at 698-9774.

Mount Deception

AUGUST 7-8th; Doug Savage will be climbing Mt. Deception from Royal Basin. It is about 8 miles to Royal Basin, where camp will be made. The climb of Mt. Deception is class 2. Doug welcomes climbers as well as backpackers, who would like to hike into the Royal Basin area but would rather spend Sunday morning exploring the basin than scaling the peak. If you would like to join Doug, call 698-9774.

9 Days on The Bailey Range

AUGUST 7 - 15TH; David Delmendo would like to invite 4 PWC'ers to enjoy this 9 day trip through the Bailey Range in the Olympic Mountains with him and a friend. They will enter at Sol Duc on the 7th and exit at Whiskey Bend on the 15th. The currently planned route of travel will go from Sol Duc to Heart Lake, Cat Walk, Cream Lake, Mt. Ferry, to Queets Basin via Bear Pass. From Queets Basin they will go back to Mt. Ferry, Ludden Peak, Dodger Pt., Long Ridge Trail and exit at Whiskey Bend. If interested, Please call David at 871-0254. Please respond early enough to allow for pre-planning.

Beginner's Rock Climbing

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14th; Roger Gray will be sponsoring another beginner's rock climbing class at Green Mountain. The first class was a great success, and Roger would like to accommodate more novices at an introduction to the basics of belaying and climbing. For more information, call Roger at 373-6642.

Lake Mary Backpack

AUGUST 20-22nd; Join Lynn Howat on a 3 day backpacking trip to Lake Mary and explore the area surrounding Icicle Ridge, Ladies Pass, Cape Horn and Lake Edna. The gain to Lake Mary is 3300 ft in 8 miles. This area has been described as one of the loveliest parts of the Alpine Lakes area. The area is near Leavenworth, off the Icicle Creek trail. If interested, call Lynn Howat at 598-3087.

Beginner's Ice Climbing Class

SEPTEMBER 18-19th; Dale Boyle will be offering a beginning ice climbing class on the Nisqually Glacier of Mt. Rainier. This will be a great opportunity to learn proper belaying techniques, walking and climbing on ice, and safety on the ice. The two day event will involve overnight camping at the Cougar Campground. For more information, Dale can be reached at 792-1714.

Technical Climbs

The following is a list of climbs that Dave Cossa will be doing throughout the summer. Many of these climbs are fairly technical, so it is preferred that everyone has had some climbing experience or had completed a course such as the Olympic College Mountaineering class. For more information on these climbs, contact Dave at 871-5577.

Mount Stuart

JULY 3-4-5; - Via Ulrich or Cascadian Couloir, West Ridge possible with fast, confident team. 3 days best.

Twin Sisters

JULY 24-25th; Twin Sisters, West of Mt. Baker. Class 3 climbing.

Last of the Unclimbed Peaks

MID AUGUST; - This will be a nine day backpack trip to a remote corner of the Olympics where there are several unnamed peaks that may be unclimbed. No guide book information available.

Mount Constance

SEPT 4-5-6; Via Lake Constance.

Welcome to the Club

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

Chris Hildebrand

Chas Pauly

Al Siegrist

Roy June Smith

Custom Sewing and Repairs on Outdoor Gear.

Wondering what to do with that nice tent with the rip down the side? Don't throw it out, get it repaired!

Sonya Boyle can do sewing and repairs on practically any type out door gear including tents, packs, gore-tex, zippers, sleeping bags, ect ... at a very reasonable price. If you have something that needs repair, Sonya can be reached at 792-1714.

June Door Prize

Congratulations to Walter Galitzki. He was the lucky winner of this month's doorprize of an Ice Axe. The prize is donated each month by the Mount Constance Mountain Shoppe, Thanks Judd and congratulations Walter.



The Canyon

by Barbara Krell

Viewing the Canyon from the rim is awesome. Hiking down through millions of years of time and space is truly incredible. These billions of stone pages laid in a book a mile thick are too much for the mind to accept. A journey into the Canyon is a journey back beyond our beginnings. This was the most difficult, awesome, incredible, fun trip I have ever taken.

Dropping down over the rim with an overloaded backpack was a staggering experience. I would have appreciated a mule's extra set of legs - for weight bearing and balance. Our first camp was dry and 1 1/2 gallons of water is HEAVY. Any chemists out there? How about oxygen and hydrogen tablets - put in a bottle and shake. The inventor would be a multibillionaire. Camp below Cradenas Butte was an ideal lookout point. Linger sunset glow and mysterious, shadowy crags and cliffs in starlight made me reluctant to close my eyes to sleep.

Vic and Amy were the smart early birds and always grabbed the early hours for hiking. They also ended up sacrificing a few toenails to the glories of the Canyon. Dave wanted to add another summit to his long list, so some of us headed for Cardenas Butte after breakfast. Loose rock and steep slopes and cliffs dropping away 2-3000 ft. didn't make the climb relaxing. But what a view!

It was a long, hot way to the Colorado River. Cactus blossoms provided frequent, brilliant spots of color in this dry landscape, and an excuse to stop and admire. The icy river was relief for tired, hot feet. Each of us took at least one dip in the river during the trip.

Kerry invented a new mouse trap one night. He woke up, thinking he felt something in his bag. Finding only the drawstring, he fell asleep again. When he unzipped it in the morning, he discovered he had shared his bag with a dead, flat mouse. The surprise had us rolling on the sand laughing. And brought a suggestion of a book - "Sleeping Bag Kill".

An earthquake dance turned out to be successful. The dance consists of stomping on the muddy sand at the river's edge until it liquifies, turning into a gluey quicksand. The result was our second earthquake (5.5) later that night. The first had occurred the first night in the motel. All of us felt the earth shake and Irma heard the Canyon walls crack and rocks falling, but no tsunami to wash away Dan Ohr's tent from his spot on the edge of the bank.

The day Dave promised an easy hike was very interesting. The steep drop into a 400' canyon was a challenge. On the way, Dan and Patty Kirshbaum and I found a sacred datura in bloom. It opens at night and withers the next day. The trail became increasingly interesting. I think Dave stayed out of reach and earshot when we discovered the vertical section of the "trail". After an almost vertical drop back to the river bank, the last part along the beach was positively boring. If that was an easy trail, I never want to find out what a difficult one is.

The climb to the rim from our last camp on Horseshoe Mesa was short but almost straight up in places. At one lookout point, I was ready to celebrate and throw off my pack. I hadn't noticed the next switchback and 200' more of trail. We got strange looks from civilized tourists, but one dared to take our "after" picture and ask about the trip. Maybe we inspired him to try it.

PWC Profile

by Helen Schwartz

Jim Drannon has snow skied every month for the last 43 months, and intends to keep on skiing every month of the year for as long as he can. Despite a double avalanche in 1992 that gave him a concussion, fractured wrist and broken finger, he hasn't missed a month in nearly four years.

He loves the solitude of back country skiing, and the scenery, and the fact that the Northwest provides such an amazing opportunity. He mostly skis on and around Mt. Rainer, and if he skis out-of-state it doesn't count in this personal challenge he has taken on.

Jim also is a long-distance biker. He just biked his first "double century," 100 miles on a Saturday and 100 miles on a Sunday; he's planning a 160-mile ride around Mt. Rainer, and will be in the Seattle-To-Portland ride. He occasionally sponsors a bike or ski trip, and used to climb with the Olympic College mountaineering class.

Jim has been in the club for about six or seven years. Born in Missouri, he spent 22 years in the Navy, ending as a nuclear technician and instructor, and is now an instructor in the shipyard. He's lived in Kitsap County for 15 years. Jim has two children and four grand children.

Editors Note:

If you can't make it to an interested members meeting, but would like to schedule an outing in the newsletter, or if you have a story that you would like to share with everyone else, to be put in the newsletter, I can be reached at 698-9774.

PWC Cook-off

The August meeting will be this year's annual PWC Cooking Contest. The PWC-Cook-off will have two categories of entries; 1) Camp Meals such as breakfasts and dinners, and 2) Trail Foods such as lunches and snacks. There will be cash prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th place for each category.

You can prepare your entry at the church, in which case you'll need to bring your stove, pots, and utensils, or you can prepare your entry ahead of time. You can enter as many entries as you like in either or both categories. Make a large enough serving for the three judges and for sampling by other PWCers.

Make a copy of your recipe listing ingredients and directions for preparation, so that other people can have the opportunity to copy your work.

Both Camp Meals and Trail Foods will be given a maximum of 10 points for each of the following attributes: taste, weight, nutritional value, and ease of preparation and cleanup. The entry with the most total points is the winner. Judges will be looking for the perfect meal: an entry that tastes heavenly, is light as a feather, gives you tons of energy, and takes mere seconds of preparation and clean-up.



Items For Sale

Jansport Sleeping bag. Light weight for backpacking. Goose down on the top, polargaurd on the bottom. \$50. Call Don Paulson at 830-2212.

Bicycle Roof Rack for car with rain gutter \$15.00. Call Roger Gray at 373-6642.

Yakima Rack - 48" for car with rain gutter. \$70.00. Call Roger Gray at 373-6642.

Koflach Climbing Boots. Double Plastic Extreme's. Size 8 - 8 1/2. \$125.00 Extra liners may be available for an additional cost. Call Skip McKenzie at 830-9746.

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