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Peninsula Wilderness Club Events

June 1994

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 **June 13th**

Latest in Outdoor Gear

Lee Martin from the Mt. Constance Mountain Shoppe will present the latest in outdoor gear and recreation technology. Lee will discuss the Global Positioning System, boots, latest sleeping bag materials, new and unique gear, and entertain questions from the audience.

Upcoming PWC Events

10,000 Waterfalls

JUNE 10th through 12th; Join Chris Hildebrand for the scenic hike of 10,000 Waterfalls. The trip will run through the Enchanted Valley from Quinalt Lake to Anderson Pass and on to the Dosewallips. The group will leave Friday after work, and after 5.7 miles of relatively level hiking, camp at Graves Creek. The second night will be spent at either the Enchanted Valley Chalet or at Anderson Pass (13.3 miles further). The hike out on Sunday will be 9.8 miles. Cars will be maneuvered to allow for a one way trip. Call Chris at 698-9774 for more details.

Barnes Creek Cleanup

JUNE 4th thru JUNE 7th; A renewed interest by Olympic National Park to clear Barnes Creek Trail promises to greatly aid the PWC in accomplishing the goal which it has been pursuing for several years. The Park will certify PWCers to use chain saws within Park boundaries. A ranger will accompany the PWC's June 4th cleanup crew and provide certification at that time. Anyone interested in becoming certified and fortifying the club's efforts in clearing this trail should contact Doug at the number below.

The June 4th through June 7th cleanup will also include campsite work and expansion along the trail. Emphasis will be on brush and log removal. Come for any or all days, for chain saw certification or just to clear brush and lend a hand. All efforts are welcome and appreciated. Points of contact are Doug Savage at 698-9774 and Joe Weigel at 871-0291.

Announcing

Club telephone/mailling lists will be available at the June meeting. These will NOT be mailed. If you would like a list for quick access to fellow club members, plan on picking one up at the next meeting. Extras will be available at later meetings, while supplies last.



Theler Wetlands

SUNDAY, JUNE 12th;

Join Steve Vittori for a leisurely 4 mile stroll of the

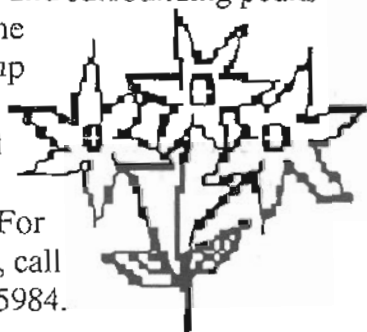
Theler Wetlands near Belfair. The trails are flat and are surfaced with boardwalks and gravel. This is an excellent outdoor adventure for beginners, amblers and children. Great views of skunk cabbage are guaranteed. Steve's phone number is 377-1869.

The Sisters

BETWEEN JUNE 13th and 19th; Dan Halstead will be climbing the Sisters in Oregon sometime between the days of June 13th and 19th. Anyone interested in joining Dan should contact him at 248-5202.

Mt. Townsend

SATURDAY, JUNE 18th; Hildegard Stone is planning a hike of Mt. Townsend via the Sink Lake Trail. The trail is about 5 miles with a little over 3000 feet of elevation gain. This route should afford lush groves of rhododendrons and slopes covered with wildflowers. On a clear day, an excellent view of the Sound and surrounding peaks awaits hikers at the summit. The group will leave from the Newberry Hill Exit Park and Ride at 8:30 am. For more information, call Hildegard at 692-5984.



Tubal Cain - Tull Canyon

SATURDAY, JUNE 25th; John Knott will hike the lower Tubal Cain and Tull Canyon Trails. The 3.2 miles of the Tubal Cain portion has very little elevation gain and should include a resplendent rhododendron display. The Tull Canyon trail is 850 feet of elevation gain over 0.7 miles. Along this path hikers encounter an abandoned miners' tunnel, where men extracted copper, manganese and other minerals near the turn of the century. The trail also crosses the site where a military plane crashed in 1941. To join John in this pleasant exploration, call 792-2440.

Mt. Rainier Ascent

JUNE 24th through 26th; A climb of Mt. Rainier, via the Emmons-Winthrop Glacier route is planned. This is a moderately easy route (Grade I to II); however, experience in glacier travel (i.e., a climbing class) is an absolute must. For more information, call Doug Savage at 698-9774.

Yakima Float Trip

SATURDAY, JUNE 25th; Come float through the canyon on Lazy River. The banks are lined with basalt; there is a preserve along the river to see beaver and the semi-arid vegetation. This is a good outing for groups and families. No white water; primitive camping. This is best done as an overnighter, but can be a day trip. This will be the 15th year the club has participated. Come dangle your feet and lean back! Contacts are Becky and Teddy Wiles at 876-5718.

Mt. Olympus

JULY 1st through 5th; Chris Hildebrand's trip up Mt. Olympus is filling up fast. If you have some glacier travel experience (ice axe experience, a must) and would like to join in the adventure, call Chris at 698-9774.



Glacier Peak

JULY 1st through 4th; Doug Savage is organizing a Glacier Peak climb via the Disappointment Peak/White Chuck Glacier route. This route is not technically difficult; however, it has a long approach (14 miles). Knowledge of glacier rope travel is required. Call Doug at 698-9774 for more details.

Backpacking on the Bogachiel

WEEKEND of JULY 2nd thru 4th; Diana and Bert Cripe will be backpacking up the Bogachiel River. Hikers will be surrounded by stretches of luxurious rain forest. Elevation changes are slight, and typically this trail affords much solitude. For a relaxing getaway, contact Bert or Diana at 674-2780.

Mt. Adams Climb

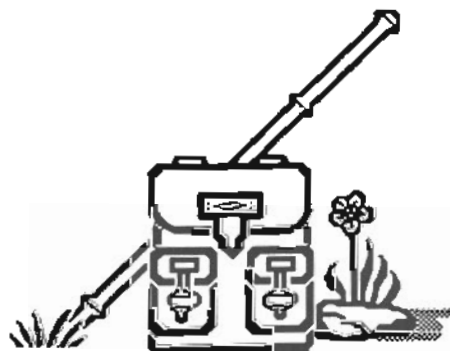
WEEKEND OF JULY 9th & 10th; Doug Savage will be climbing Mt. Adams by way of the Southwest Chute (Grade I or II). Experience in glacier rope travel, ice axe arrest and ice travel (crampons) is required. Call Doug at 698-9774.

Tshletshy Creek Trail

JULY 16th thru 21st; Joe Weigel and Doug Savage are looking for two more bodies to hike the Tshletshy Creek Trail. The trail has been abandoned for 50 years and entails ten fords of the creek and two of the Queets River, so is not for the casual hiker. To find out more, call Joe at 871-0291 or Doug at 698-9774.

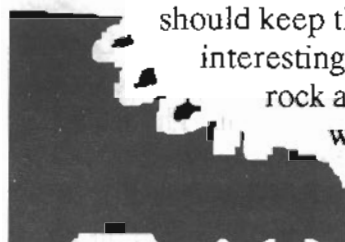
First Divide Traverse

JULY 16th thru 19th: John Knott is planning a hike to Lake of the Angels with a traverse to First Divide Pass. The trail is 3500 feet of elevation gain over 3.8 miles to Lake of the Angels. Those looking for an abbreviated nature experience are welcome to join in for Saturday night at Lake of the Angels, with a return to the trailhead on Sunday. To join in, call John at 792-2440.



Mt. Jupiter

WEEKEND of JULY 30th & 31st; Chris Hildebrand is climbing Mt. Jupiter. The trail is 7 miles (one way) with 3500 feet of elevation gain. This can be a challenging hike, but is well worth the effort. The panoramic view from the summit is one of the most magnificent in the region. Hikers



should keep their eyes open for interesting glacial and volcanic rock and splendid wildflower displays along the way. Contact Chris at 698-9774.

Duckabush-Hart Lake

JULY 30th through AUGUST 4th; Doug Savage is planning a Duckabush - East Fork of the Quinalt hike. The trip will include a two day lay-over in the Hart Lake and LaCrosse Lake area. The Enchanted Valley is rated "4 stars". For more information, call Doug at 698-9774.

Picket Range Traverse

JULY or AUGUST of 94; David Delmendo is planning to hike the Picket Range Traverse in the North Cascades in either July or August of this year. This is a trip for experienced hikers. If you are interested, contact David at 871-0254.



This - and - That

Interested Members Meeting

THURSDAY, JUNE 16th; The June interested members meeting will be held at Charlie Pomfret's home beginning at 7:00 pm. This is an opportunity to get acquainted with other members and contribute to the organization and planning of club activities in a light, social atmosphere. New members and those wishing to become more involved are strongly encouraged to attend. For directions, call Charlie at 479-7820.

PWC Potluck

FRIDAY, JUNE 3rd; Hildegard Stone will host a potluck at her home in the Brownsville area beginning at 6:30 pm. Bring your favorite dish or dessert, meet other members and enjoy the fun. To RSVP and get directions, call Hildegard at 692-5984.

NOTE: Due to busy schedules, the monthly potlucks are not held regularly over the summer months. Keep watching for the next culinary event.

May Door Prize Winner

Kathy Mahan was the lucky winner of a water carrier and a quart and pint Naglene water bottle. Much appreciation is extended to Judd at Mt. Constance Mountain Shoppe for donating the monthly door prize.

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New Members

The club welcomes new members for the month of May:

Darren Challey
Gary Evans
Sean Johnson
Ann Theisen



A reminder that the club's annual picnic will take place on July 11th, in place of the normal Monday meeting. This year's picnic will be at Kitsap Memorial State Park in Lofall. The club will provide charcoal briquettes, soda and rolls. Members should bring their own plates and utensils, meat they want grilled and/or a casserole, dessert, salad, etc. Arrivals typically begin around 5 pm. Some friendly competition is expected in the form of volleyball or softball.

SEEKING: Ann Theisen is looking for people with whom to wind surf. If wind surfing is your sport, contact Ann at 792-0483.

FOR SALE: 200 cherrytone, oval 4 in. x 4 in., 8 ft landscape timbers; \$1.75 each; will help load; spiders included; call Alyse Daniels at 876-8803.

Seniors Activities Sought

A representative from South Kitsap Parks is seeking one and two day outdoor recreational activities suitable for seniors. If you are sponsoring, or would like to sponsor, an outing that would be appropriate for older participants, contact the persons listed below. To open a single trip to seniors, or volunteer to be a more formal point-of-contact for the club, call Larry Thomas at 830-4456 or Debbie Baker at 895-5243.

Newsletter Contributions

A special thanks goes out to the members who contribute articles, trip reports, interviews, announcements, etc. for the PENWICLE. Your contributions are informative and add variety to our publication. All members are encouraged to submit material. You need NOT be a professional writer, just jot down a few lines about a recent adventure, a new discovery or a tidbit of wisdom.

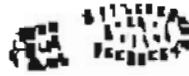
In order to facilitate printing and delivery of the newsletter in a timely manner, submittals should be received by the third weekend of the month for inclusion in the next newsletter. Material that is not time critical may be held over for a later printing depending on available space in the newsletter layout. Thanks again and keep it coming!


Correspondence can be sent to: Teresa Miller, P.O. Box 3163, Bremerton, WA 98310; Or, phone (206)373-6781. Please include your name and telephone number with your submittals.





Havasu Canyon Trip


by Dave Cossa

 "Look, a bat," I casually remarked to Gail as we hiked back toward camp after a long eventful trek to the Colorado River along Havasu Creek. Big mistake! She was now convinced that we would be caught by darkness before we reached the 400 foot cave/cliff ascent of Mooney Falls just below camp. Oh ye of little faith! We made it to the top with at least five minutes to spare.

 After searching for 40 years I had finally found it - the most beautiful place on earth, Havasu Canyon. I had made several trips to 'the Ditch' and expected a marvelous hike but nothing could prepare me for this place. For five days we were in the Twilight Zone.

 Our group consisted of myself, Gail, Bill, Chris, David, Paul, Reni, Kent, Marylyn, Kim, Chong, Marlene, Laverne and Brett.


 Day One: Things started very well. Marlene, Chong and Laverne met us at the trailhead after their long drive from Denver. About half of us hired spare Indian packers to haul our heavy loads. Cost: \$12.50 one way per person. Gail accosted an Indian about a third of the way down, demanding that he take per pack. He didn't dare refuse. When I took my first break, I found out why my pack seemed so light. I had forgotten my tent! I swallowed my pride, gritted my teeth and hiked back about an hour and 1000 feet to retrieve it. So much for a good start. I got to camp just before the group organized a search party.

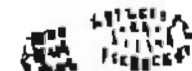
 Day Two: We took a casual stroll to Mooney Falls. Our first view was a jaw dropper; everyone stared in disbelief. No words can suffice for this scene so I won't even try. After I gathered my wits, I noticed the trail seemed to peter out. I saw this cave going into the ground and slowly it dawned on me that the cave was the trail. We went down it and popped out on a terrace above a 300 foot cliff. After much head shaking in awe at the renewed view of the falls, we continued down a second cave and came out above a 200 foot cliff with a series of spikes and chains stuck into it. We clambered down with all the glee of a bunch of kids in Disneyland for the first time. We explored a side canyon, had lunch and climbed/hiked back to camp. Then we went to Havasu Falls and once again we were in sensory shock: turquoise water, red cliffs, blue sky, the greenness of Spring, the roar of a 300 foot waterfall. We spent the rest of the day swimming, sunbathing and exploring, lost in Never Never Land, never wanting to be found.





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 Day Three: The day of the hike of a lifetime, a day I will never forget. Once again past Mooney Falls and down six miles along Havasu Creek to the Colorado. Every 10 minutes a fresh surprise, a new wonder. More caves, cliffs, the Mickey Mouse Forest, wading across Havasu time after time, washing away our years until at last we stood at the shores of the Colorado, 10 years old, wondering, wondering, ready for more adventure, wanting to stay forever. Where the Havasu met the Colorado was a line; one side was as turquoise blue as possible, the other chocolate milk. By now this impossibility seemed normal, natural. Giant fish swam in Havasu. We lingered as long as possible, getting back after the bats came out.

 Day Four: Some of us went back down Havasu to swim and laze around. Some went to Havasu Falls to explore side canyons. Some went to the Indian village to shop, eat and discover. In camp that evening, Marlene and Chong practiced acupuncture on those of us with aches and pains. Miraculous cures were achieved. An Indian dog we named Brillo Tail became our camp mascot.

 Day Five: We met our Indian guide, Claude By Bear at 7am (8am?) and hiked to Supai for breakfast. I savored every bite and every step out. We drove back to our motel in Kingman, enjoyed the sauna and jacuzzi and had a great Mexican dinner at Margaritaville with complimentary house drinks.

 Like the beer commercial says, "It don't get any better than this." If you don't believe me, just ask the others. All in all, a prefect trip.

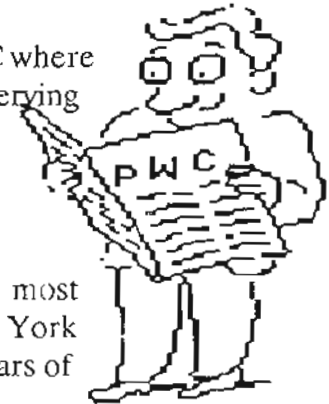
PWC Profile

by Helen Schwartz

Patty and Dan Kirschbaum have been taking to the peaks since joining PWC three years ago. They took the climbing class at Olympic College, and have scaled Mt. Adams, Baker, St. Helens, the Brothers, Constance, Washington and others.

Before joining PWC where they are currently serving as President (Dan) and Secretary (Patty), they were hikers and campers.

And they had spent most of their lives in New York State. In the five years of their marriage they have done a lot of activities together, but now Dan climbs with friends on some mountains because Patty doesn't like rock climbing.



Patty and Dan both believe that "if you enjoy something, you have to give something back." That's why they didn't refuse when asked to serve as officers of PWC this year. They would like to see the same activities they have benefitted so much from continue for other members in the club.

Dan, an engineer for a contractor in the shipyard, and Patty, a volunteer coordinator for the Red Cross, are both 30, met "in a meat market" and now live in Central Kitsap.



Olympic Park Institute

The Olympic Park Institute has issued its 1994 booklet of summer field seminars. OPI is a non-profit organization which offers educational adventures in Nature's setting. Seminars cover a wide range of natural and artistic topics. If OPI is an old friend, or you'd like to be introduced to what OPI can offer, keep your eyes out for the 1994 brochure. You can reach OPI at 928-3720.

Columbia Gorge Hiking Weekend

The 14th Annual Columbia Gorge Hiking Weekend is June 18th and 19th. This event is sponsored by Friends of Columbia Gorge who have scheduled a plethora of outdoor activities consisting primarily of hikes, with rafting, horseback riding and bicycling events added. For more information, call (503)241-3762.

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