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## Peninsula Wilderness Club Events

### March 1995

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.

## **M**eeting March 13th

### Rock Climbing in the Western U.S.

Brad Alkro will be presenting a slide program on his rock climbing experiences in the Western United States. Brad has been an enthusiast since 1965 and has climbed in such places as South America, the Arctic, most major locations in California, Washington and Idaho, as well as, adventures all the way from Colorado to Baja, California.

## Upcoming Events

### Igloo Building

WEEKEND of MARCH 4th and 5th; Ted Wiles and Joe Weigel are organizing the annual igloo trip near Paradise on Mt. Rainier. Join fellow members for a day of constructing Artic abodes and an evening of hot cocoa and socializing. No experience necessary; tools provided. Contact Ted at 876-5718 or Joe at 871-0291.

### Climbing at Mt. Rainier

WEEKEND of MARCH 4th and 5th; Bill Boileau will be at Mt. Rainier, climbing Castle Rock and Pinnacle Peak. If you have climbing experience and would like to join him, contact Bill at 613-5263.



### Seattle Bicycle Circuit

SATURDAY, MARCH 18th; Steve Vittori is organizing a pub/winery/soda bicycle circuit

in Seattle. Join Steve for the ferry ride over and a day of pedaling and socializing. Riders of all levels are welcome. You can reach Steve at 377-1869.



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## Ptarmigan "Ski-Inn"

WEEKEND of MARCH 17th thru 19th; The 4th "Almost Annual" Ptarmigan Ridge "Ski-Inn" is scheduled for the weekend of March 17th through 19th. The actual ski into the Ridge will be Saturday, March 18th. It is about a 4 mile ski and metal edged skis and skins are highly recommended.

It is a fun trip. Traditionally, after setting up camp, skiers continue toward Coleman Pinnacle.

Other options are available, as well. The evening is a fun social event, sharing menus and stories. Then the moon does a dramatic rise over Mt. Shuksan and spends the night working its way over Mt. Baker. Last year participants enjoyed a memorable moonlight ski!

If interested, leave a message on Brian Steely's machine at 598-2254. He will be assisting in carpooling and tenting arrangements.

## Paradise Glacier

SATURDAY, MARCH 25th; Doug Savage will be skiing on Mazama Ridge to Paradise Glacier. This trip is about 8 miles round trip and requires intermediate skiing abilities. Contact Doug at 698-9774

## Umtanum Creek Getaway

WEEKEND of MARCH 25th and 26th; The Umtanum Creek is a tributary to the Yakima River in Eastern Washington. Teddy/Becky Wiles and Barry Johnson will be car camping on the banks of the Yakima and day hiking from camp into the Umtanum Canyon. This is a beginners' level/family hike with only about 200 feet of elevation gain.

Attractions include: cottonwoods and aspen; beaver, deer and big horn sheep activity; catch and release trout; hiking; campfires; potlucks; and good company.

Contact Ted at 876-5718 and/or Barry at 373-5334.

## Ellinor Ice Axe Arrest

SATURDAY, APRIL 15th; Doug Savage is organizing his annual outing on Mt. Ellinor for ice axe arrest practice. If you've never handled an ice axe before, this is an excellent opportunity to benefit from instructions by experienced club members. All climbers are welcome for what is typically a great glissade down Ellinor's chute. Call Doug at 698-9774. NOTE: If you are planning on attending Doug's annual climb of Mt. St. Helens (May 20th), and have no previous ice axe experience, plan on getting basic instructions during this Ellinor outing.

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## WA Native Plant Society

Olympic Peninsula Chapter of Washington Native Plant Society has two more programs on its winter schedule. They start at 7:00 pm and are free and open to the public.

TUESDAY, MARCH 21st;

"Phytogeography of the Olympic Peninsula". 7:00 pm at the Olympic National Park Visitor Center in Port Angeles. Nelsa Buckingham, widely recognized authority on Olympic Peninsula flora, will discuss the unique plant geography of this corner of the continent.

TUESDAY, APRIL 18th; "Global Climate Change: Reflected in Trees of the Subalpine Zone". 7:00 pm at the Tri-Area Community Center in Chimacum. Dr. Andrea Woodward, Research Biologist with the Cooperative Park Studies Unit, School of Forestry at the University of Washington, will discuss her research into the effects of global climate change on trees in the subalpine zone.



### Climbing at Deception Crag

SATURDAY, APRIL 29th; Bill Boileau is organizing rock climbing at Deception Crag in the North Bend area. The climbing starts at 5.6 level. Contact Bill at 613-5263 for more details.

## Ski-to-Sea Teams

MEMORIAL DAY  
WEEKEND - MAY  
27th thru 29th;  
The PWC's  
Ski-to-Sea  
team is

looking for amateur athletes to join them in this annual competition. Two canoers and a kayaker are needed to round out the squad. A potluck dinner will be held at Gail Dionne's home on Friday, March 24th to discuss details, iron out plans and rally team spirit. If you are a canoer or kayaker who would like to join this fun-filled event, call Tom Banks at 297-2367. All Ski-to-Sea'rs are encouraged to attend the March 24th potluck at Gail's. Call Gail at 692-4471 for directions.



### PWC Slumber Party

SATURDAY, MAY 6th; PWC Slumber Party. Join us for a night of games, giggling and goofing off. Bring your Therm-A-Rest and sleeping bag. Potluck dinner. Men welcome at their own risk! Contact Becky Wiles at 876-5718 or Cheryl Gudger at 876-3035.

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## This and That

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### Interested Members Meeting

(NOTE: THIS MONTH'S MEETING IS SCHEDULED A WEEK EARLY DUE TO THE STEPH DUTTON SLIDE PRESENTATION!)

THURSDAY, MARCH 9th; March's interested members meeting will be held at the home of Ted and Becky Wiles in Port Orchard. Join fellow members in discussing and planning future club activities and business in a smaller, sociable atmosphere. Contact Ted or Becky at 876-5718 for directions.



### New Members

The PWC welcomes new members for the month of February: Art Broszeit, Pamela Goodman, Steve and Kim Schaffer, and Ray Stevens.

### Door Prize Winner

Lee Jensen was the winner of the February door prize, a pair of felt booties. Thanks to Judd at Mt. Constance Mountain Shoppe for donating the monthly door prize.

### Sea-to-Ski Planning Potluck

FRIDAY, MARCH 24th; A potluck dinner will be held at Gail Dionne's home for members of the Sea-to-Ski Teams to discuss details, iron out plans and rally team spirit. Call Gail at 692-4471 for directions.

### Monthly Potlucks

Volunteers are needed for hosting the monthly Friday potlucks. They are Friday of the week that follows the Monday meeting week. If you have a house with sufficient floor space for a dozen or two members and would like to volunteer, please contact a club officer.

### Address Changes

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and your newsletter delivery.

# PWC



*The Outdoor  
People*

# BC to BC '93 Expedition

long distance sea kayaker  
**STEPH DUTTON**

March 16th, Thursday  
7:00 pm  
Olympic College Theatre

**FREE ADMISSION**

In October of 1993 Steph Dutton became the first paddler ever to successfully complete the entire U.S. Pacific Coast in a sea kayak. From Victoria, British Columbia, Canada, he paddled 1600 nautical miles to Ensenada, Baja California, Mexico, in a little over two months. This feat was all the more spectacular not only because Dutton accomplished it solo, but because he is a right leg amputee due to an accident suffered while saving a man's life after a traffic accident.

High winds, fog, reefs and storm surf combined to give Dutton the challenge he was seeking. An abundance of marine life in some waters, along with a closeup view of the coast seen by very few, gave him a unique perspective on this kind of muscle powered expedition.

Join fellow Peninsula Wilderness Club members in enjoying Dutton's slide presentation and talk on this spectacular adventure and other recent challenges.



## Oregon's Malheur National Forest Facilities Available for Seasonal Rentals

The United States Forest Service is offering several of their Malheur National Forest facilities in Oregon for seasonal rental agreements. In the Bear Valley Ranger District the facilities available for rent are:

Flagtail Lookout sits at 6400 feet on Flagtail Mountain. The 14 by 14 foot cabin sits atop a 60 foot tower, with the holding capacity of two persons.

Bear Valley Work Center sits at 4600 feet at the edge of Bear Valley. The facilities consist of two cabins, each holding a maximum of four people.

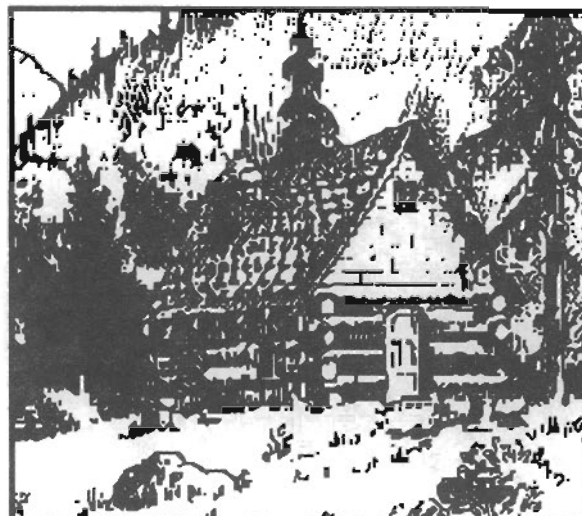
NOTE: At the work center, four is a guideline, not a rule. The accommodations available there are: a ranger's cabin with beds for three or four and plenty of floor space; a little cabin with beds for two and floor space for two.

Murderer's Creek Work Center sits at 5000 feet in the main Murders Creek Drainage. The facility consists of one small cabin and a separate sleeping area; the maximum number of people for this facility is four.

Deer Creek Work Center is at 5100 feet in the Deer Creek Drainage. The facility consists of one small cabin approximately 14 by 20 feet in size. The cabin will sleep a maximum of four people. There are two single beds and a couch.

The District facilities are available for public use from November 1 to June 6. Reservations will be taken from October 1 through June 3. A Temporary Special Use Permit is required for use of the facilities, and these are granted on a first come, first served basis.

The rental fee is \$25 per night. The money is used directly for the maintenance of the structures. The fee is charged per group per night; a group cannot exceed four persons. The minimum stay is one night and the maximum is five consecutive nights.



Write to the Bear Valley/Long Creek Ranger District; Malheur National Forest, 528 E. Main; John Day, OR 97845; phone (503)575- 2110 for an information packet with more details, safety considerations, permit instructions, rental terms and

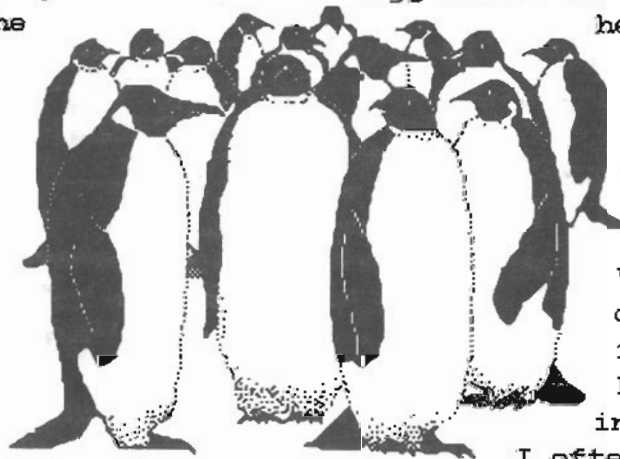
applications.

## ANTARCTICA EXPERIENCE

(Continued from February Issue)  
by Alice Savage

It took three days to sail from the Falklands through the Drake Passage to King George Island in the South Shetland Islands. Wandering albatross floated on the breezes behind the ship. Rough seas forced us to move cautiously about and we spent the days hearing lectures and viewing slides of Antarctica. Many became seasick but I didn't have any problems.

The lecture room with long tables and chairs provided a great gathering place to play cards and other games. A bar in one corner served drinks (these were on the tab). We were allowed on the bridge at any time and the view up there was great. It was especially fun to watch the radar. Everyone was on the lookout for the first iceberg and a prize was given for the closest sighting time. The first to appear were huge tabular icebergs, as large as several football fields. We passed through the Antarctic convergence where the warmer Atlantic waters meet the cold Antarctic waters and the air became noticeably colder.



Reaching King George Island, we visited a Polish research station called Arctowski. Adelie Penguins waddled up the beach and huge sun bleached whale bones lay scattered about from whales slaughtered many years before.

Several young elephant seals grunted among the rocks. We were invited into the station where a young Polish fellow sold us T-shirts and pins. We could also mail postcards but it would take a couple months before they reached their destinations. I was impressed with the lovely paneling in their dining room. Everyone was very friendly.

Our second stop of the day was Halfmoon Island, named because of a collapsed volcanic crater leaving a crescent moon shape. Aggressive Antarctic Terns live

here along with Chinstrap Penguins. They have a distinctive black stripe under the chin

We now had 24 hours of daylight and found we were becoming increasingly tired.

I often took naps between meals and trips ashore. We never knew quite when to go to bed for the night because there wasn't any.

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Pack ice covered the water as we proceeded south. The Livonia plowed through it easily but sometimes it was a problem for the zodiacs. On Cuverville Island, we walked through calf high snow to see the penguins. That's why we all wore knee high rubber boots which also kept us dry entering and leaving the zodiacs.

Paradise Bay lived up to its name as we cruised in surrounded by huge glaciers and icebergs of many shapes and sizes. Here we set foot on the Antarctic mainland at a small Argentine station called Almirante Brown. A few friendly men helped us ashore onto a small dock. We climbed a snowy hill about 1500 feet above the station for a tremendous view and glissaded down (a first for many).

We toured the bay in the zodiacs weaving through lovely blue tinged icebergs and came upon a sleepy Crabeater Seal on an ice floe. He didn't pay much attention as we drifted up to get photos. No one knows why they are called Crab eaters as there are no crabs to eat. They feed on the small shrimp-like Krill as do most marine animals and birds in the Antarctic.

As the ship continued south, killer whales played about 100 yards off the bow and a Leopard Seal floated by on a chunk of ice. Easily recognized by its snake-like shaped head, it is a fierce creature and will ambush penguins and other seals.

The scenery was unbelievable. Towering snow covered mountains with glaciers came down to the sea, glistening under bright sunshine. It was a fantastic winter wonderland. Time seemed to stand still. It seemed such a long time ago that I had left home.

After crossing Lemaire Channel, we reached our southernmost point at 65.10 degrees. In 1909, the French explorer, Charcot, reached Peterman Island and named the natural harbor Port Circumcision. The Frenchmen erected huts and stretched three heavy iron hawsers across the inlet to keep out icebergs. It is no longer occupied. Gentoo Penguins along with Skuas and Kelp Gulls inhabit the island. The Gentoos were nesting alongside the abandoned huts.

We all thought it would be great to reach the Antarctic Circle at 66.33 degrees but the pack ice was heavy and time would not allow so we turned north and found a bay full of lovely sculptured icebergs near Plateau Island. One berg looked like a church spire.



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Sailing on to Deception Island, we went through a narrow opening called Neptune's Bellows and into another harbor created by a sunken crater. It was snowing tiny ice crystals and looked foggy as we went ashore to visit an old whaling station. Huge 20 foot high tanks sat rusting away. An old airplane with the interior stripped away sat behind a hanger. Decaying houses and broken whale boats were along the beach. Steam rose from the sand and felt warm in places. It is still an active volcano and blew on one end of the island in 1970.

We climbed up the rocks and looked through a big opening called Neptune's Window. Sheer cliffs dropped down the other side of the island into the water. The station operated between 1910 and 1931 and employed up to 3000 people.

This was our last trip ashore and we headed north into the Drake Passage where we encountered the heaviest seas of the trip. For two days the ship pitched and rolled. We could barely walk the passageways and our ranks thinned in the dining room as many people got sick. I was amazed they were able to cook and serve us meals. It was so wild; things were falling and breaking all over the ship. We were not allowed outside. Actually, the safest place was in our bunks. It was a relief when the ship reached Cape Horn and the calm waters of the Beagle Channel.

When the Livonia docked at Ushuaia, we had traveled over 2000 miles. We made 12 trips ashore and visited a land that most people will never see. It was an experience I shall never forget.

Our group flew back to Buenos Aires where most people said their good-byes and headed home. Three of us stayed and took a side trip to Iguazu Falls which is north on the border between Argentina and Brazil. We joined a tour and spent the night in a large hotel near the falls. A bus took us to the Brazil side and dropped us near a long walkway which led almost into the thundering falls. It was quite intimidating. The falls stretch out for 2 1/2 miles at one point and the area is covered with jungle. That evening, I followed a small path into the jungle as a full moon peeked through the trees. The night sounds from unseen animals and insects were incredible.

We need to be concerned about Antarctica. Such a fragile environment can be easily devastated by human impact. The 1961 Antarctic Treaty signed by 42 nations will hopefully help preserve this pristine land that belongs to everyone, yet belongs to no one.





## Newsletter Contributions

Articles, trip reports, interviews, announcements, etc for the PENWICKLE can be sent to: Teresa Miller, P.O. Box 3163, Bremerton, WA 98310; Or, phone 373-6781. Please include your name and telephone number with your submittals.

## Mailing List to Be Updated

The club telephone/address list is being updated. A copy will be available for mark-up at the March meeting. If you need to change your information, please ensure the mark-up copy is corrected.

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