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Peninsula Wilderness Club Events

May 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.

Meeting May 8th

Antartica Adventure

Alice Savage will be presenting slides and tales from her excursion to Antartica. She will take the audience to points in South America and on her sailing adventure to the Falkland Islands and Antartica, where she went ashore and experienced the local people and penguins.

Upcoming Events

Blake Island Dinner Show

FRIDAY, MAY 5th; Roy and June Smith will be taking their 28 ft Bayliner, TOKAHEWE, to Blake Island for salmon dinner and the spectacular stage production, "Dance on the Wind". They will be leaving Port Orchard Marina at 3:30 pm and arriving back about 9:00 pm. The cost for the dinner and show is \$24. Call Roy at 373-3836 by Wednesday, May 3rd. Space is limited.

Ski Ascent of Mt. Baker

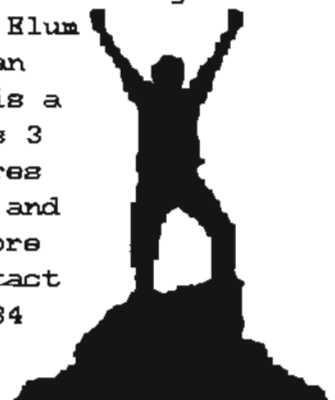
WEEKEND of MAY 6th and 7th; Doug Savage will ski the Easton Glacier to the Summit of Mt. Baker. This trip requires expert mountaineering skills and a night of camping on the glacier. Contact Doug at 698-9774 for more information.

Kayaking and Camping on Blake Island

MAY 13th & 14th; Bert and Diana Cripe are kayaking to Blake Island for an overnight stay. Contact Bert or Diana at 895-4299 for more details on this enjoyable weekend getaway.

Climbing Mt. Stuart

MAY 20th & 21st; Barry Johnson and Ted Wiles are climbing Mt. Stuart near Cle Elum via the Cascadian Couloir. This is a 6000 foot, class 3 climb and requires ice axes, ropes and crampons. For more information contact Barry at 373-5334 or Ted at 876-5718.



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The Brothers

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17th; Doug Savage is planning a day climb of the Brothers. The exact date is a bit flexible, depending on the weather. To find out more about this challenging adventure, call Doug at 698-9774.

Mt. St. Helens

SATURDAY, MAY 20th; Doug Savage is organizing his annual climb of Mt. St. Helens. This trip includes about 3 miles of low elevation hiking to the base of the mountain, with 4 additional miles on the slopes of the volcano. Climbers must have some previous ice axe experience. Contact Doug at 698-9774.

Barnes Creek Clean-Up

MAY 27th through 30th; Doug Savage is organizing the club's on-going effort of restoring and maintaining Barnes Creek Trail. Join him for one or more days of chain sawing and brushing. Contact Doug at 698-9774.

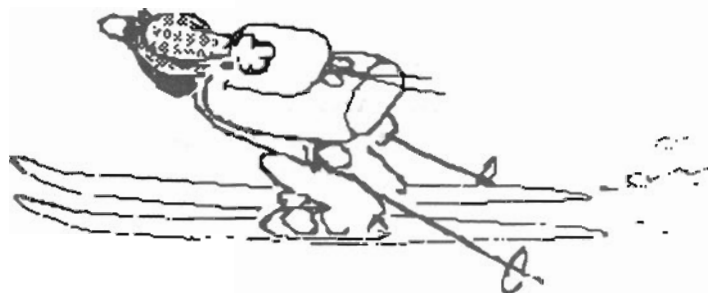
Plant Identification Jaunt

SUNDAY, May 21st; Don Paulson will be guiding an afternoon plant identification trip near Green Mountain/Gold Creek. This is a nearby, leisurely excursion with identification of Spring plants and flowers along the way. Call Don at 830-2212.



Ski-to-Sea Teams Seeking One Downhill Skier

MEMORIAL WEEKEND, MAY 27th thru 29th; Gail Dionne and Tom Banks have organized three teams to participate in the annual Ski-to-Sea relay race from Mt. Baker to Bellingham Bay. Team members participate in downhill and cross-country skiing, mountain and touring bicycling, running, kayaking and canoeing. This weekend is great, competitive fun. One downhill skier is still needed to complete the teams. Gail and Tom are also seeking names for an alternates list, in case of last minute cancellations. Contact Gail at 692-4471 or Tom at 297-2367 for more information.



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This and That

Interested Members Meeting

THURSDAY, May 11th; May's interested members meeting will be held at Doug Savage's home. Bring Spring and Summer trip ideas and join in a fun evening of planning club activities and business. Contact Doug at 698-9774 for directions.

May Potluck

The May Friday night potluck will be held at the home of Charlie Pomfret near Tracyton. This a great time to introduce yourself to other members and/or visit with old friends. Space is limited so RSVP early. Call Charlie at 479-7820.

New Members

The PWC welcomes new members for the month of April: Douglas Cox, Paul Mertel, Doug Whittle and Lisa Wood.

Door Prize Winner

Irma O'Brien was the lucky winner of April's door prize, a Sweet Water compact water filter. Thanks to Judd at Mt. Constance Mountain Shoppe for donating the monthly door prize.

Address Changes

If you need to change the address to which your newsletter is delivered, notify Jim Luddon at the following address: 165 NW Alta Drive; Bremerton, WA 98310. You can also change your address at the time you pay your annual dues. Please do NOT call the newsletter editor to report changes of address; this creates extra work steps for our volunteer staff, and may delay updating of the database and your newsletter delivery.



June Swap Meet /Sale

The club will be having an outdoor gear swap/sale during the June Monday meeting. Dig through your stocks of gear and bring things you've outgrown or out-excelled. Trade or make a few bucks off recreation clothing, footwear and all types of gear. If your just getting started in the great outdoors or need to supplement your coffers, come see what bargains you can find. Greet old friends and make some new ones as you peruse the sales.

More Opportunities

Ozette Loop

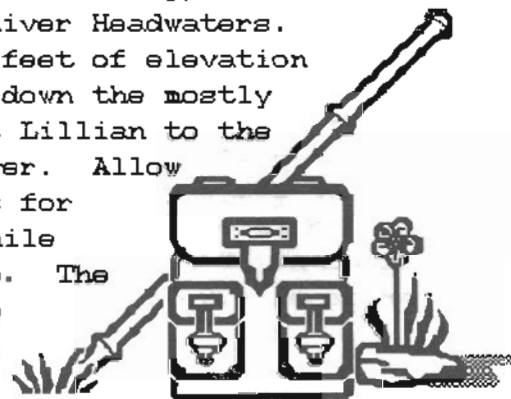
WEEKEND of JUNE 3rd & 4th; Cheryl Gudger and Ted Wiles are organizing a hike on the beaches of Ozette. The trip begins at Lake Ozette Ranger Station and is a 3.3 mile planked trail to Cape Alava on the Pacific Ocean. At Cape Alava the trail heads south for 3.1 miles along the ocean beach to Sandpoint, where the group will camp for the night. The remainder of the loop is a 3 mile planked trail from Sandpoint back to the ranger station. The planked trails are fairly level. At Wedding Rock, on the beach 1.5 miles north of Sandpoint, hikers can view petroglyphs of killer whales, dance masks, etc. Contact Ted Wiles at 876-5718 or Cheryl Gudger at 876-3035.



WANTED: A partner to explore the Bolivian Andes around the end of August to the first of September (two weeks). Will be backpacking Inca roads, etc. Understanding of Spanish would be helpful. Call Al at 373-5786.

COMING THIS SUMMER: Downhill in the Olympics!

LATE JUNE; Here's a hike for people who don't like to go uphill. Park a car at Whiskey Bend and drive to Obstruction Pt. Hike to Moose or Gladys Lake and camp. The next day, hike into Lillian River Headwaters. Gain 500 feet of elevation and hike down the mostly trailless Lillian to the Elwha River. Allow four days for this 20 mile adventure. The dates are flexible. Contact Dave Cossa at 871-5577.



Seeking "Quick-Trippers"

Paul Mertel is looking for hikers who are available for last minute excursions. Paul is an active hiker and cyclist, and would like to make contact with others who can be available for trips with only a few days advance notice. Contact Mert at 297-7715 if you are interested.



Mountain Goat Management in the Olympics

The National Park Service will be accepting public comments until May 31, 1995 regarding the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for mountain goat management within Olympic National Park. Copies of the DEIS may be obtained by contacting Olympic National Park at the address or telephone number shown below. Written comments should be sent to: Superintendent, Olympic National Park, 600 E. Park Ave., Port Angeles, WA 98362, (360)452-4501.

Public meetings will be held to receive comments on the DEIS in the following locations.

Seattle: Wednesday, May 3rd in the Jackson Federal Building, North Auditorium, use 1st Avenue entrance between Madison Street and Marion Street, 7:00-10:00 pm.

Port Angeles: Thursday, May 4th in the Vern Burton Community Center, 308 E. 4th Street, 7:00-10:00 pm.

Additionally, an NPS scientific monograph on mountain goats at Olympic National Park has been published entitled, "Mountain Goats in Olympic National Park: Biology and Management of an Introduced Species". Copies may be obtained from Olympic National Park (see address above).

NOTE:

SEEKING TO BUY: Tim Rossiter is taking the OC Mountaineering class and is looking to buy just about any kind of outdoor equipment, including a back-country cook stove, water filter, a tent, etc. If you're willing to sell used equipment Tim might be interested in, contact him at 779-4450.

The persons sponsoring trips for the PWC are organizers, and should not be considered instructors. If you are unsure of your abilities or skill level, discuss the trip thoroughly with the event organizer. Often times, friendly guidance is available on the trip; but, pre-planning will help ensure everyone has a safe and fun adventure.

The Grand Canyon Again

by Alice Savage

April 1, 1995, 23 of us left for Dave Cossa's annual Grand Canyon trip. By the way, this is Dave's seventh hiking trip into the canyon, four of which he has taken along members of the PWC.

Flying to Las Vegas, we rented a large van and three cars then drove to Kingman, Arizona. Here we spent the night in a motel and drove the next morning to the Hualapai Hilltop where we began our trek down into the Havasupai Indian Reservation. It is located some 40 miles northwest of Grand Canyon Village on the South Rim.

We sent our packs down by horseback; each carried four packs so it took six horses to accommodate us. Dave had reserved the animals and they were waiting when we arrived.

The path descends down along a fairly easy trail which gives one lots of time to view the red cliffs and sculptured rocks. Eight miles down, we arrived at the Supai Indian Village of about 600 inhabitants and about the same number of horses. It also has a good supply of dogs, very friendly creatures; we would find one walking along with us from time to time.

The village has a general store, school, small church, the Village Cafe and a post office. All supplies are brought in by pack train and the village boasts the only pack train mail in America. The mail goes out three times a week and bears a special postmark.

The Havasupai Tribe now offers a new 24 unit first class lodge with transportation by helicopter. The darn thing was flying back and forth most of the day as we hiked down which marred the peacefulness of the canyon.

Our destination was the Havasu Canyon Campground, two miles past the village. The campground itself stretches out for a mile along the Havasu River in a narrow canyon filled with green trees and three huge waterfalls, the Navajo, Havasu and the Mooney. Here we set up camp and stayed for five nights.

It was hard to believe how green and lovely some of the side canyons were as the canyon is expected to be hot, dry rock. One in particular was a virtual Garden of Eden with a stream trickling down through several small pools and huge patches of maiden hair ferns among the rocks. Nature did a splendid landscaping job here.



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There were good rock climbing areas and many lovely flowers to check out. Pools below Havasu and Mooney Falls offered great swimming.

A steep climb down the vertical wall beside Mooney Falls was a bit intimidating. Chains were anchored into the rock so there was plenty to hang on to and actually it was quite easy. There were also two small tunnels to climb through.

Travertine (a form of limestone deposit) had been washed over the cliffs probably for centuries and hung in awesome shapes. Looking down, the pools were a lovely turquoise in the sunshine.

One day several of the group hiked the 14 miles roundtrip down to the Colorado River and back. It was a dawn to dusk trek up and over rocks and wading the river many times.

We also climbed to the rim of the canyon walls and looked down at our campground. It was much warmer up there. The temperature usually reached about 80 degrees in the afternoon; some mornings it was a bit cool.

On the rim, we found the cactus putting out red flowers. Spring is the best time to visit the canyon because that is when the desert is blooming. Most

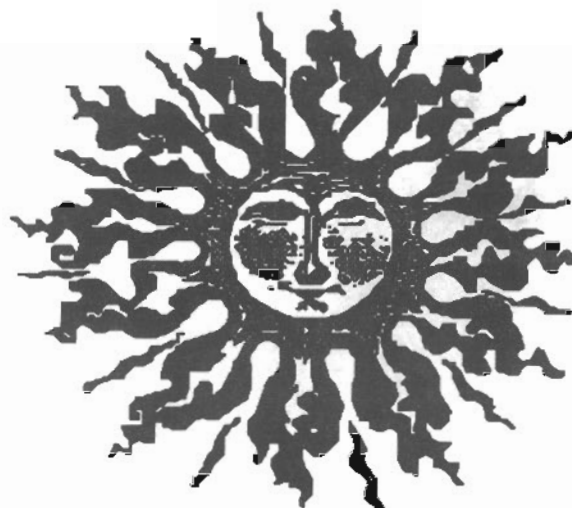
noticeable in the lower canyons, we saw the yellow desert plume growing in huge patches. These flowers make quite a showing.

At night, a quarter moon spread its light over the canyon walls and one night we sat by Mooney Falls watching the moonlight dancing over the cascading water. The falls must be about 200 feet high so it was quite spectacular.

Irma always has her binoculars for bird watching and she let us use them to look at the stars. Unbelievable, the mass of lights up there. You ought to try it sometime.

Friday came all too soon and we were up early to get our packs ready for the horses to carry out by 7:00 am. We then took our time walking out with a stop at the Village Cafe for breakfast.

Dave really picked it this time. It was a lot of fun with good companions, perfect weather and wonderful sights. We couldn't have asked for more.

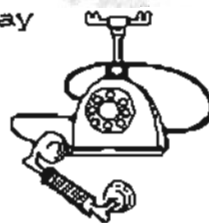


Newsletter Contributions

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. The deadline for inclusion in next month's publication is the 20th of each month. The earlier material is submitted, the better. Please include your name and telephone number with your submittals.

Mailing\Phone List

May will be the absolute last month to up-date the PWC database. If you've had a change of address and/or phone number, or are unsure if our records for you are correct, please check the list at the May Monday meeting. If you are unable to attend, contact Doug Savage at 698-9774 to up-date.



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