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Peninsula Wilderness Club Events

September 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 September 11th

Havasu Canyon

September's entertainment will be a collaboration between Eric Jensen and Rick McNicholas. They will present slides from the 1995 PWC trip to Havasu Canyon in the Grand Canyon. Landscape, waterfalls, flora, reptiles and PWC's will be featured. Rick will also display some images from his trip to Nepal.

Upcoming Events

Mt. Olympus

LABOR DAY WEEKEND; Matt Slaney will be climbing Mt. Olympus over Labor Day Weekend. This will most likely be a four day outing. Some experience in glacier travel is required. Contact Matt to see if there are any last minute spots available, 792-1958.

Mt. Hood

WEEKEND of SEPTEMBER 1st thru 3rd; Dan Halstead will be climbing Mt. Hood. Dan will take the 'dog route' (leaving from just behind Timberline Lodge). Some experience with an ice axe is required; and, crampons may be needed near the summit. Call Dan for more details at 248-5202.



Appleton Pass

SEPTEMBER 2nd through 4th; Join John Knott for the beautiful vistas and frolicking mountain goats at Appleton Pass. This is a 7 mile hike (one way) with 3500 feet of elevation gain. The pass can be reached from either the south side (Olympic Hot Springs) or the north side (Sol Duc Hot Springs). Contact John at 792-2440.

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Big Hump on the Duckabush

SATURDAY, September 16th; Hike to Big Hump on the Duckabush Trail. Hikers will accomplish 7 miles (round trip) and about 1200 feet of elevation gain. Little and Big Hump were created by glacial cuts during the Ice Age, and moss-covered pillow basalt can be observed along the way. Join Steve Vittori for this enjoyable outing, 377-1869.

Tieton River Whitewater

SATURDAY, September 23rd; The birthplace of this spectacular river lies high in the snowfields of the Goat Rocks Wilderness. During the spring and summer the melt off from these snowfields is retained by a large earth dam, forming Rimrock Lake. Every September the Bureau of Land Reclamation opens the flood gates of the dam, sending 2000 cubic square feet of water down the Tieton Valley.

This is a Class III-IV river run. River Recreation INC. will be our guides from Rimrock to Windy Point. The cost of this adventure is approximately \$60. Call Cheryl Gudger at 876-3035 by September 5 to join in the fun. There is room for 10 rafters.

Upper Dungeness Trail

SATURDAY, September 23rd; Hike through stands of old-growth firs, along the moss and fern covered rocks of the Upper Dungeness River. The trail gains 2500 feet over its 6.3 mile length. The later portion of the trek rewards hikers with views of the upper Dungeness and Mt. Constance. Contact Bert Cripe for more information at 895-4299.

Mt. Baldy Overnighter

SEPT 30th thru OCT 1st; Join Doug Savage in traversing Mt. Baldy. Hike the Upper Maynard Burn Way Trail to the summit of Mt. Baldy. Camp will be on the northern slopes of the peak. The group will hike out the old Mt. Baldy trail to Slab Camp. The total mileage is 12 miles. The ascent of Mt. Baldy gains about 3500 feet. Deer and elk are expected in the area. Consider bringing your loppers for possible brushing along the way. Call Doug at 698-9774.



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Beginners' Rock Climbing

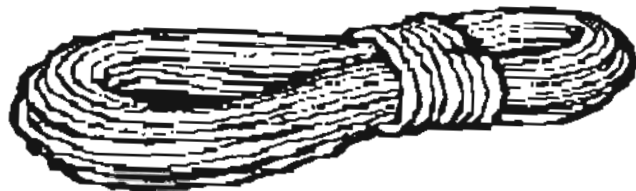
OCTOBER 7th and 8th; Rock climbing in the Leavenworth area is back by popular demand.



Experienced, current and former, PWC members will volunteer their knowledge and guidance. The weekend is designed to turn beginners on to this exciting sport, but climbers of all experience levels are welcome.

Climbing will be at Pashastan Pinnacles.

Rock shoes are a must for this sandstone/friction class. Also plan on bringing your own harness. Other equipment will be provided by the more experienced climbers. Plan on camping in one of the nearby state parks. Contact Tony Akruzzo at 871-5754 for more information, or for making carpooling arrangements.



North Fork of Soleduck

OCTOBER 7th thru 9th; The North Fork of the Soleduck Trail passes through primitive forests of Douglas Firs, Hemlock and Silver Firs. Elk sightings are possible along this relatively remote trail. Hikers will observe virgin Douglas Firs reaching 4 to 5 feet in diameter. The trip is 18 miles round trip with relatively little elevation gain. Contact Doug Savage at 698-9774.



Deer Ridge Trail

SATURDAY, October 21st; Hike the Deer Ridge Trail from ~~Blue~~ *Slab Camp* Mountain to Deer Park. The trail is 5 miles (one way) with 2800 feet of elevation. Portions of the trail pass through lichen-covered virgin Douglas firs. Views of the upper Graywolf, The Needles, Mt. Baldy and surrounding peaks reward hikers. Contact Doug Savage at 698-9774.

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WINTERFEST 96'

Winterfest 1995 is at the Inn of Packwood near White Pass, February 17th-19th.

The inn has three large rooms, each with sleeping arrangements for six, as well as, kitchen and living areas. These rooms can serve as gathering spots after the long days of winter play. One member has already volunteered to reserve a large room. Other members are encouraged to gather some fun-loving roommates and plan to reserve the larger accommodations.

Additional rooms available have sleeping arrangements as follows: one queen, one queen and two twins, and two queens. All rooms have their own baths. The inn also has a heated indoor swimming pool and hot tub.

If you are interesting in getting a roommate for the weekend, contact Doug Savage at 698-9774.

The White Pass area offers a variety of fun for downhill and cross-country skiers, as well as, snow-shoers and other winter enthusiasts. Make your Saturday and Sunday night reservations by calling (360)494-5500. As of August 22nd, the inn was NOT taking reservations for the 1996 year. Be alert for an up-date on when you can make your reservations for this fun-filled annual event.



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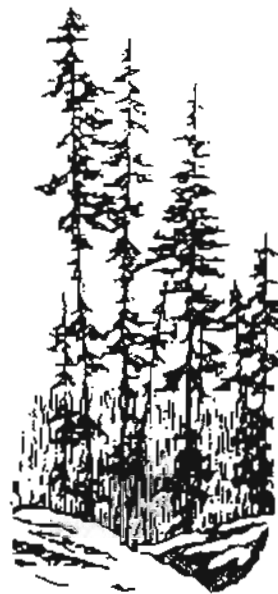
Yakima River Float Trip

by Jack and Kathy Nuszbaum

August 11th to 14th thirteen adults, seven children, and one popular beagle showed up at crowded Umtanum Campground to float the Yakima River. The weather started out rainy and cool but improved toward perfect by Sunday. A cheery fire helped during the mornings and evenings.

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Interested Members Meeting

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th; Bring your ideas for Fall outings to the Interested Members Meeting at Joyce Kimmel's house in the Port Orchard area. The meeting starts at 7:00 pm. Members will discuss club business, plan upcoming activities and socialize. Call Joyce at 876-1497 for directions.



September Potluck

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22nd; Spend Friday evening sampling great food and swapping stories with other club members at the September Potluck. Dennis McDaniel is hosting the event at his home in Bremerton starting at 6:00 pm. Dennis asks guests to make this an alcohol free event. Carpooling is encouraged (extra parking is available on Charlotte St). Contact Dennis at 373-5009.

New Members

New PWC members for the month of August are: Coleman Lawrence and Greg and Jill Robinson.

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.

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.



August Door Prize

Lloyd Willette was the lucky winner of the August door prize, a set of stainless steel outdoor cookware. Thanks, as always, to Mt. Constance Mountain Shoppe for donating the door prize.

Activity Sponsor Sheets

To help promote and economize the sponsorship of outings, a new activity sponsor sheet will be implemented beginning in September. These standard forms will be available at monthly Monday and Interested Members Meetings. They should aid trip sponsors, as well as, the PENWICKLE editor.

Anyone wishing to sponsor an outing will be able to organize the details of their event and forward it to the PENWICKLE newsletter editor neatly, completely and efficiently. The forms can also be used for placing ads, and announcing other upcoming events and points of interest.

FOR SALE: Internal frame pack that's too big for the current owner; large frame; Dana Design Yellowstone; with removable fanny pack and accessory pocket; \$125; contact Mike Dalzell 698-8541.

SELLING: Climbing equipment and books for sale; old cross-country and downhill skis and crampons; 10 to 12 drawer flat file for maps, \$25; Contact Arnie Bloomer at 377-5349.

Officer Nominations

Elections for PWC officers are scheduled for October. Club members should consider who they would like to nominate, or if they would like to volunteer for nomination. The offices up for election are President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Holding office is an excellent way to introduce yourself to more members and get involved. Other than some public speaking, a few organizational skills and attendance at most meetings, these are not terribly demanding positions. The PWC is a fairly informal organization. Serving as an officer is a great way to give something back to the club. You need not be an avid mountain climber, frequent trip sponsor or long-time member to help administer club business.

Contact any club officer or the newsletter editor to discuss nominations. (Their names and phone numbers are on the back of every newsletter.)

Nominations are announced during the September meeting.



12th ANNUAL WASHINGTON WATERWEEKS

September 2nd through October 1st

Washington WaterWeeks is an annual, month-long water-awareness and involvement program comprised of over 200 events and activities planned by, and for, people like you.

Citizens of all ages and interests can experience, appreciate and take action to protect our state's valued shorelands, waterways, rivers, lakes, and watersheds.

Events in the Kitsap County area include:



Sinclair Inlet Cleanup & Marine Life Fair (Sat., Sept 9th, 11:00 am at 1st St. Dock in Bremerton) Point of contact: Don Larson at (360)373-5367.



"Sacred Earth" Slide & Music Show (Sat., Sept 16th, ongoing from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Kitsap Public Library, 1301 Sylvan Way in Bremerton) Point of contact: Andy Lloyd at (360)871-2793.



Flora, Fauna & Fun Fair (Sat., Sept 23, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Silverdale Community Center, 9729 Silverdale Way NW in Silverdale) Point of Contact: Kitsap Land Trust (360)895-1708.



Watershed Kayak (Sun., Sept 24th, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm, or 2:00 to 5:00 pm, Bainbridge Island) Register at (206)842-2306 by Sept 17.

These and many more activities are being sponsored throughout the state. Additionally, you can create your own personal exploration with the "Ways of Water Tour Guide." This WaterWeeks booklet introduces readers to the watersheds in their own neighborhoods. Free guides are available at

libraries, visitor information centers, REI stores, Washington state ferries and marine science centers throughout Washington. To obtain a copy of "Ways of Water Tour Guide", or detailed listings of all statewide activities in the "Journal of Events", call 1-800-424-4EPA.



Barnes Creek

by Doug Savage

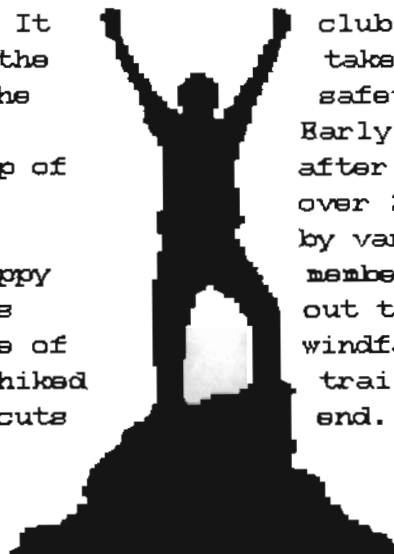
It started on the Memorial Day weekend of 1990. Joe Weigel, Mike Gardzalla and I had decided to hike the Barnes Creek Trail. The trail is 9.4 miles long and starts at the Storm King Ranger Station on Lake Crescent. The Park had abandoned the last 5.5 miles of trail about 20 years earlier.

After the first 3.9 miles the trail entered a dense forest of saplings and salal. Often we had to "feel" the trail with our feet since the underbrush was too thick to penetrate with our eyes. We were armed with loppers and hedge trimmers, hoping that we could carve out enough of a path that we would be able to find our way back home.

After two days of brushing and crawling over and under 250 windfalls, we made it to Lookout Dome at the trail's end. It was a glorious occasion, the sun shining brightly on the basalt cliffs of Baldy Mountain. Standing on top of a 300 foot cliff we had a spectacular view of Mt. Baker, Lake Crescent, Happy Lake Ridge and the Hughes Creek drainage. It is one of the few places I've ever hiked where there are no clear cuts in sight. It was at that instant that we decided to try to open the trail.

I contacted the Park headquarters in Port Angeles, who connected me with Dick Hansen, director of trail maintenance. He couldn't understand why anyone in their right mind would want to do trail maintenance for fun, but we did secure his permission to clean the trail as best we could using hand tools. From the fall of 1990 until 1993 we made two trips yearly with whip saws (called misery whips by early pioneers), loppers, hedge shears and shovels.

Two years ago I met the Soleduck District Ranger, Chigger Stokes, on the trail. He arranged for eight club members to take a chainsaw safety course. Early this summer, after 5 years and over 200 work days by various PWC members, we took out the last windfall, making the trail clear to the end.



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PWC Discount Available at the AJAX Cafe

PWC members Don Paulson and Kathy Mahan recently became part owners of the AJAX Cafe in Port Hadlock. The bad news is that you won't see Don and Kathy on as many PWC outings since they are spending a lot of time setting up and running their new business. The good news is that Don and Kathy are offering a 10% discount at the AJAX to all PWC members. The only stipulation is that you don't brag about the great time you just had up in the Olympics (Hike-from-Hell stories are O.K.). Just tell the waitress that you are a current Peninsula Wilderness Club member and your bill will be reduced by 10%.

Whether you've been out bicycling, kayaking, or hiking, come as you are. The atmosphere is fun and casual (just don't let Kathy catch you leaving clods of mud from your hiking boots). The dining room is smoke free, and there is nightly live music. There is a boat launch right next to the AJAX with some great kayaking opportunities in the area. Also, there are some scenic bicycle routes on nearby Marrowstone and Indian Islands.

The AJAX Cafe is open for dinner 5:00 to 9:30 Sunday through Thursday, and 5:00 to 10:00 on Friday and Saturday. Reservations are recommended, especially on weekends. For reservations or driving directions call (360)385-3450.

Barnes Creek (continued from page 8):

In addition to the clearing done by PWC members, a horseman's organization from Port Angeles has been working the Barnes Creek/Aurora Divide area, clearing and restoring old trails. According to Chigger, all of the trails (except Aurora Creek) have been cleared and are in fairly good shape. This is an excellent trail to explore for the hiker trying to escape the hordes at Soleduck or the Hoh.

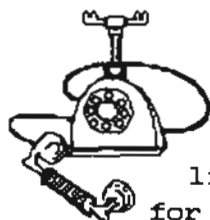


Yakima River (continued from page 4)

The Yakima was flowing full and rather fast, and everybody had a good time. On Sunday the law was observed patrolling the river on a jet ski. He paused to ask if everything was going well for us. There were no mishaps, though there were water cannons in use from the foot bridge, one raft was leaky, and the beagle fell in once.

Thanks to Cheryl Gudger who organized and led this trip, as Ted Wiles was out of town.

Mailing/Telephone Lists



In the interest of minimizing postage expenses, up-dated mail and telephone lists will be available for pick up at the September and October Monday night meetings. Take the list with your address label on it. The mailing lists not claimed by the end of the October meeting will then be posted and mailed.

Tracking Your Tracks

Doug Savage has written a computer file in Microsoft EXCEL by which hikers can keep track of the trails and mileage they have accomplished in the Olympics. The program has information for all trails in Robert L. Wood's Olympic Mountains Trail Guide. Contact Doug for more information and arrangements to get a FREE copy. Doug can be reached at 698-9774.

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