

# PENNZVILLE

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.

## April 1996

### *Monday Meeting*

**April 8th**

#### **Climbing Mt. McKinley**

Join Shane Baker as he recounts his 1985 ascent of the highest peak in the America's, Mt McKinley. The adventure began with a group numbering four. As circumstances arose, Shane found himself summiting the intimidating peak solo.

#### **Havasu Canyon**

MARCH 31st thru APRIL 6th; Dave Cossa is heading a group on its way to the Grand Canyon. Prepare yourself for their return tales describing their stops in Las Vegas and Kingman, Arizona, as well as their days spent exploring the geology, wildlife and flora of the canyon from their base camp at the Supai Indian Village.

#### **Kayaking Class**

WEEKEND of APRIL 13th and 14th; Pacific Water Sports will present a basic sea kayaking class in Port Orchard over the weekend of April 13th and 14th. The cost is \$95.00 for the two day class which includes 6 hours of classroom instruction, two hours of swimming pool instruction and an outing on the water on Sunday. Contact Bert Cripe at 895-4299 for enrollment forms and information. Rental boats are available for a fee of \$50.00.

#### **Sinclair Inlet Clean-Up & Marine Fair**

SATURDAY, APRIL 20th; Clean-up volunteers are to meet at the 1st Street ferry dock in downtown Bremerton. The annual event runs from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm and, in addition to the inlet clean-up, features a marine life display, family activities, free tours of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers floating crane and a U.S. Coast Guard Patrol Boat. For more information, call Donald Larson at 373-5367.

## **Hugo Peak**

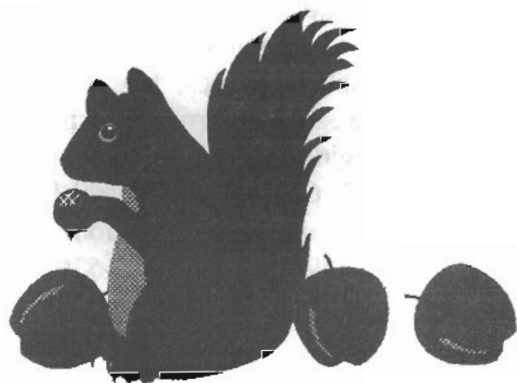
SATURDAY, APRIL 20th; Join in a leisurely day hike to Hugo Peak in the University of Washington's Pack Forest. The trail is 5 miles round trip with about 1300 feet of elevation change. Enjoy the large variety of trees and forest life along this pleasant trail. Contact Steve Vittori at 377-1869.

## **Mt. Ellinor**

SATURDAY, APRIL 20th; Beginners will get instructions on how to use an ice axe, and experienced snow hikers can brush up on their skills during the annual Ice-Axe Arrest day on Mt. Ellinor. The energy you spend climbing the peak and practicing your ice axe technique will be rewarded with a spectacular view from the top and an exhilarating glissade down the chute. Call Doug Savage at 698-9774.

## **Tunnel Creek**

SATURDAY, APRIL 27th; Enjoy the first hint of Spring on the Tunnel Creek Trail. It's a great choice for hikers of all levels, gaining 1200 feet in the 2.7 miles to the shelter. You'll pass through a stand of old-growth western hemlock and silver fir and listen to the distant bubbling of Tunnel Creek. Call Mert at 297-7715.



## **Mt. Buckhorn**

SATURDAY, MAY 4th; His February attempt thwarted by a fallen tree in the roadway, Chris Hildebrand will be trying to reach the top of Mt. Buckhorn once more. The 6.5 miles and 4500 feet of elevation gain rewards climbers with splendid views of Mt. Deception, Constance, Warrior Peak and the Needles. Call Chris at 377-2604 to find out what gear and skills you should bring.

## **Paddling the Waters Near Quilcene**

SUNDAY, MAY 5th; Charlie Pomfret will be kayaking in Quilcene and Dabob Bays. Join him for a leisurely day exploring the waters and shoreline of the area. Call Charlie at 479-7820.

## **Wenatchee River Rafting & Camping**

WEEKEND of MAY 11th and 12th; Beginners who are ready to discover some new excitement, and others who need a refresher course in what fun river rafting can be, are all welcome.

This is a class 3 and 4 river, which means there is just enough white water for a small adrenalin rush. Rafters will set up camp for an overnight stay, enjoy a buffet lunch as part of the raft outing cost and shoot down the Wenatchee on Saturday afternoon.

The guided raft outing costs \$55 per person. All money must be at the rafting company two weeks prior to May 11th to guarantee the trip. Call Jan Hunt at 698-7272 for details on the trip and on how to reserve your spot.

## Upper Umptanum Creek

WEEKEND of MAY 18th and 19th; Join Ted Wiles for a weekend of hiking and camping at Upper Umptanum Creek near Yakima. Possible trails include Umptanum Creek Falls, part of the Manastash Ridge and the Audobon Camp, home to 70 species of birds. Elevation gains are minimal and trail lengths vary from 2 to 4 miles round trip. Saturday night will be spent car camping. Call Ted at 876-5718.



## Annual Barnes Creek Clean-Up

WEEKEND of MAY 25th thru 27th; Join Doug Savage and Joe Weigel for the annual Memorial Day Weekend re-establishing the Barnes Creek Trail near Lake Crescent. This is the fifth year the club has worked on restoring this trail so hikers can once again enjoy the entire nine miles and the splendid view at the end from Lookout Dome. Call Doug at 698-9774.



## Ozette Beaches

WEEKEND of JUNE 8th and 9th; Spend a weekend enjoying the Pacific Ocean beaches at Ozette. The trail begins at the Lake Ozette Ranger Station and proceeds 3 miles along a planked trail to the ocean at Sandpoint.

There will be lots of time for play on Saturday and Sunday morning. There are choices for the return trip. Some people may wish to return on the 3 mile trail from Sandpoint, and others will travel north 3 miles along the beach to Cape Alava.

The Native American petroglyphs at Wedding Rocks are very interesting! At Cape Alava the trail turns inland for 3.3 miles along a planked trail returning to the Ranger Station. Be sure to bring

binoculars to get closer looks at birds or whales. There is lot of sea life in the tidepools. For more information call Cheryl Gudger 876-3035, or Paul Mertel 297-7715.



## Bowron Lakes Canoe Trip

JULY 14th thru 20th, This 74 mile trip of lakes, rivers and a few portages, should provide sightings of moose, bear, beavers, eagles and many other birds and wildlife, as well as the beautiful British Columbia Wilderness.

Experience is helpful, but not necessary. Canoes can be rented at the lakes. Call Megan Klein at 871-6014.

## **Copper Creek & Snow Bowl**

by Cheryl Gudger

Many thanks to Tony Abruzzo for organizing the great weekend trips to Copper Creek and to Snow Bowl. What a super time for fun, friendship, food and, of course, some skiing!

Tony's cooking was outstanding! I had a fun and relaxing time, even if sometimes the snow conditions were less than ideal.

Thanks again to Tony and everyone who worked to make these weekends so successful: John, Bill, Nancy and Melinda.

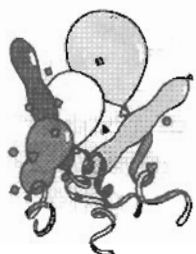
## **The Great Post April Fool's Ski Swap & Outdoor Gear Sale**

**April 6, 1996  
9 am - 5 pm**

at BackPackers Supply  
5206 South Tacoma Way  
(206)472-4402

10% of sales of this terrifically priced new and used ski and outdoor equipment will go to the Mount Tahoma Trails Association.

If you are interested in selling items, call MTTA weekends (10 am - 3 pm) at (360)569-2451. Sellers must arrive at the sale by 8:30 am and pay a \$5 registration fee, plus 10% of their gross sales toward the fund raising effort.



### **Potluck Dinner at 6:00**

Bring your favorite dish to share. The hall has an oven and stove. Dancing will follow post-dinner clean-up.

**Admission Free!**

## **SPRING FLING!**

**Friday, April 19th**

**6:00 pm to Midnight**

**at Silverdale VFW  
on Central Valley Road**

**Music by  
North Star Blues Band**

**PWCers & Guests  
Welcome!**



**Dancing 8:00 to  
midnight**

Enjoy the swing and blues tunes of the North Star Blues Band.

Questions? Call Alice Savage  
at (360)638-2597.

Bring your own alcohol, and please drink responsibly.

## **misc business**

### **Interested Members Meeting**

THURSDAY, APRIL 11th; Join other interested PWCers for the monthly business meeting at Charlie Pomfret's house beginning at 7:00 pm. Help plan the club's upcoming activities and organize business details. There's always a lot of socializing at this meeting too; so, new members can introduce themselves and get familiar with the club. Call Charlie at 479-7820 for directions.

### **New Members**

The PWC welcomes the following new members for the month of March

Carolyn Duffy  
Gerry Ferraro  
Bria Hedahl  
Tom Isbell  
Michael Raymond  
Nancy Rosen  
Tasha Swanson & Family

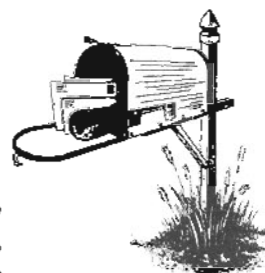
### **Door Prize**

Don Paulson was the winner of the March door prize, a pair of ski goggles. All members attending the Monday night meeting can enter the drawing for great outdoor recreation gifts. Thanks to Mount Constance Mountain Shoppe for donating the monthly door prize.

### **Address Changes**

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.

### **Newsletter Contributions**



Articles, trip reports, interviews, announcements, etc for the PENWICKE 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 17th of each month. The earlier material is submitted, the better. Please include your name and telephone number with your submittals.

Join us for the  
Spring Fling on  
April 19th. Monthly  
potlucks will resume  
in May.

# HONDURAS HOLIDAY

by Alice Savage



It seemed like a good idea to head for Honduras over the Christmas holidays and join Irma and the O'Brien clan on a lovely tropical island called Roatan; so, on December 22nd, Rick, Paul, Charlie, Gary and I checked

in at SeaTac for an evening flight to San Francisco.

The United flight left 1 1/2 hours late. When we arrived in San Francisco our connecting flight on Taca Airlines was full and ready to leave, so we could not board. We had to spend the night and felt somewhat put out with United when they refused to pay for our hotel, since it certainly was their fault the plane was late.

We made the best of it by renting a car the next day and toured the hills north of San Francisco. They are lovely and gave us a great view of the Golden Gate Bridge.

The plane left that night about midnight and we arrived in San Salvador the next morning. Here we changed planes and flew to San Pedro Sula in Honduras but could not land as the weather was bad; so, they took us to Belize. We were crowded into a small airport, hot and noisy; we weren't sure what to expect. Of course, only Spanish is spoken, but Rick and Charlie have a fair knowledge of the language which served us all well from time to time.

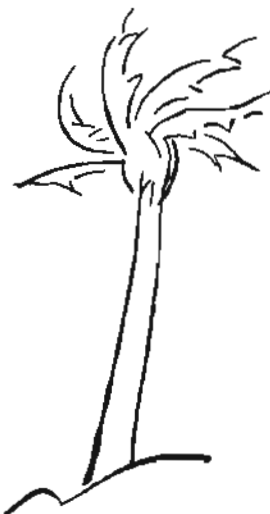
Later they put the planeload of people on a bus and took us into Belize City for lunch at a hotel. It was an opportunity to see the countryside which was very lush and green

About 4 pm, we were once again in the air and headed for San Pedro Sula. This time we landed and quickly stepped off the plane and onto a small prop plane which flew to Roatan through some rather unsettled weather. We landed just before dark which was necessary as there are no lights on the landing field.

After two days and two nights of travel, we finally made it to the Bay Islands Beach Resort to have Christmas Eve dinner with the group. Dinner was great and, after singing some mixed up diving songs set to Christmas carol music, we were ready to call it a day. We went to our cabins and drifted off to sleep with the sound of ocean waves breaking over the reef.

The cabins were on the beach under the palm trees. Later in the week we had some fairly strong winds and more than once I was startled awake by coconuts dropping on the building.

On Christmas morning, we sat on the balcony having breakfast looking out over palm trees, white sand and an ocean that spread out forever. It was peaceful and restful. The five of us were not even concerned that our luggage had not made it to the island with us. The resort folks tried to track it down but to no avail. (It finally caught up with us on the way home.) We managed quite well as we brought the essentials with us, a swim suit, pair of shorts and T-shirt. Little else was needed.




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# April PWC Calendar of Events

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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	Havasupai Cnyn (p1)	Havasupai Cnyn (p1)	Havasupai Cnyn (p1)	Havasupai Cnyn (p1)	Havasupai Cnyn (p1)	Ski Swap & Gear Sale (p4) Havasupai Cnyn (p1)
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Monday Meeting			Interested Members Meeting (p5)		Kayak Class (p1)
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Kayak Class (p1)					 SPRING FLING! (p4)	Hugo Peak (p2) Sinclair Inlet Clean-Up (p1)
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
						Tunnel Creek (p2)
28	29	30				



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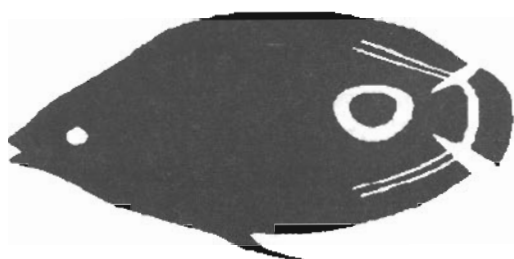
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Kayaking (p2)						Mt. Buckhorn (p2)
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
River Rafting (p2)	Monday Meeting			Interested Members Meeting		Upper Umptanum Creek (p3)
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Upper Umptanum Creek (p3)						Barnes Creek Clean Up (p3)
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Barnes Creek Clean-Up (p3)	Barnes Creek Clean-Up (p3)					



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Roatan, the largest of the Bay Islands, sits about 30 miles off the north coast of mainland Honduras. It is approximately 29 miles long and only 4 miles wide. The reef which follows the outside coast of the island is one of the loveliest in the world. It rates number two, with Australia's Great Barrier Reef rating number one.

Most of the week was spent diving. It had been many years since I had dived and I found it very wonderful and exciting to be underwater once again. Sometimes the surf was rough, making the water a bit cloudy, but, most of the time it was clear to view the wealth of tropical fish gleaming like jewels around the reef. There are up to 60 different species of coral. The sea life is unbelievable. This area is a Marine Reserve and protected which accounts for the tremendous sea life.



The days drifted by slowly and it seemed an age since leaving home. With no rush, no stress one could certainly get used to this kind of living.

We toured the island one day seeing where dive boats were built, then looked in on an iguana farm. Here these creatures are raised to be put back into the wild. They were becoming instinct because the islanders love to eat them. They let us climb to the top of the lookout tower above the airport. It sits on a hill and provides a tremendous view of the island.

One day it poured so we went to the island's only town, Coxen Hole. It is small and dusty or muddy, whatever the weather, and has a post office and several small stores. The main store is the supermarket which carries clothing as well as food. Here we bought T-shirts for \$6 to supplement our meager wardrobes. One can go anywhere on the island by standing on the road and flagging down a taxi or whoever comes along. They will take you to your destination for only one dollar.

We had a big party at the bar on the beach one night with the native employees in charge. There was lots of music, of course, and the locals tried to teach us a dance called 'punta' which requires a lot of hip movement (similar to the hula). We weren't very good at it but the island natives sure could dance. We also did the limbo. Most of us quit as the bar was lowered. Irma's daughter, Allison, came out a winner, along with one of the native boys, and got prizes.

The resort spreads out a big buffet. We ate well. The fish are plentiful and good, with Grouper being a favorite. We saw them many times while diving.

We flew to La Ceiba on the mainland one day for a rafting trip on the Rio Cangrejal. It was class 3 and 4 whitewater. Outfitted with life jackets, helmets and paddles, we sailed through the rapids without mishap except once our raft got hung up on a rock. Derrick, our raft captain, got us off and we headed down-river for a picnic stop. We were treated to fried chicken, salad and rolls. They have the best tasting tomatoes in Honduras.

Back on the river, we stopped by a huge rock where several people climbed up and jumped into the water. We also had a chance to jump in and float down-river pushing off from rocks with our feet. It was great day!

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At the end of the week we moved down the beach to the Ships Inn because a new group of vacationers came to the resort. We spent a quiet New Year's there. It was well away from the party places where people set off firecrackers and have fireworks on New Year's.

We spent three nights at the Ships Inn, another neat place on the beach, then left Roatan for five days on the mainland. It was a long hot wait at the airport before we flew to San Pedro Sula where two guides met us with a couple four-wheel drive vehicles. We were going up into the cloud forest in the Cusuco National Park.

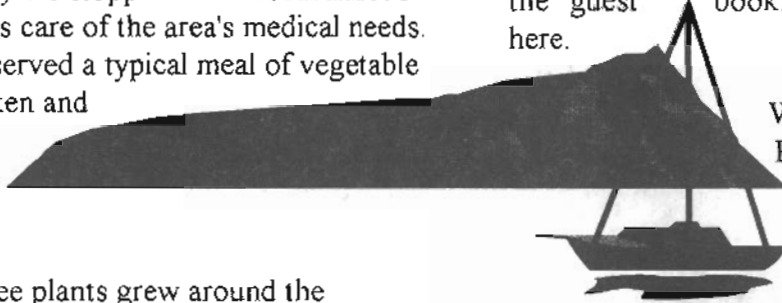
Along the way we stopped at the local nurse's home who takes care of the area's medical needs. Here we were served a typical meal of vegetable soup with chicken and plantains, a cooking banana which is fried just like potatoes. Coffee plants grew around the house and they ground up dry fresh beans and served us a hot strong brew.

The room was decorated for Christmas with colorful balloons, even a Christmas tree was covered with them.

We arrived at a ranger station and went for a walk in the jungle. The warm, wet weather here makes everything grow lush, green and huge. Our vehicles took us up an extremely rough road to a hut where we were spending the night. Another walk in the jungle brought us to a stream with slippery rocks to cross and up to a waterfall. A local woman prepared a wonderful evening meal of pork chops, beans, rice, plantains and tortillas made from freshly ground corn. Rum was passed for those wishing to add it to their coffee.

Pads and sleeping bags were brought in and we all slept on the floor. There were eight of us and somebody snored much of the night, but I didn't care as I always carry ear plugs. They are invaluable for traveling. One thing bothersome was the itching from the sand fly bites we picked up on Roatan. In spite of lots of bug screen we all suffered from the darn things.

The next morning we took a early morning hike and spotted lots of birds. It had rained during the night and the early morning mountain was misty and awesome. After another delicious lunch the vehicles brought us back to the ranger station where we looked at the bugs in jars and signed the guest book. Not many people come up here.



We stayed overnight in San Pedro Sula and the next morning boarded a small bus with a new guide for the three hour drive to the Copan Ruins. It was interesting to see the country, the mud houses with thatched roofs, horses and cattle. People just sit alongside the roadway, some with produce. They wait for transportation such as a horse and wagon or a truck to carry them into town to sell their wares.

San Pedro Sula is the second largest city in Honduras with a population of over 300,000 people. The town of Copan has only 22,300 people and is a nice little village with cobblestone streets and white adobe buildings with red tile roofs. We spent the night in such a place with gardens and courtyards at the Marina Hotel.

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Our guide took us to the nearby Copan Ruins. The Mayans built the city during what is called the Classic Period, 250 to 850 AD. Here we wondered through unrestored and restored areas learning about the King's pictured on the hieroglyphs. The monuments were quite outstanding and there were many. A huge stairway called the Temple of Inscriptions was awesome with superb carvings going up its lofty height. It was a great experience.

The next morning we checked out some stores and found \$5 T-shirts. This was Christmas shopping for those of us who had not completed it before leaving home.

We stopped at the museum and saw relics of the past Mayan culture. Skulls here exhibited front teeth with pieces of jade inserted in them. Can you imagine having holes drilled in your teeth to be decorated with jade?

We went directly to the airport upon reaching San Pedro Sula. The plan was to go back to Roatan, spend a night and head home. The four of us (Paul had gone home a week early) decided to go on to San Salvador to see if we could track down our lost luggage. So, we said good-bye to Irma and family; they stayed another week.

In San Salvador we found a luggage supervisor named Walter who went all out to see what happened to the luggage. It got late so we took a 45 minute ride into the city to a hotel. The taxi cost \$15 because it's quite some distance. The hotel had no hot water but we were tired and glad to find a bed. The taxi driver was there in the morning as we needed to be at the airport by 9:30 to meet Walter. Walter let us look through the luggage storage area to see if the bags were there, but they weren't.

We spent a long hot day hanging around the airport and boarded about 6:00 pm for the flight to Los Angeles. Just before the plane left, Walter came aboard to tell us he found the bags on Roatan and got them back just in time to put on our flight. We were so grateful. Arriving in Los Angeles, we spent the rest of the night trying to sleep on the floor in the airport without much success. In the morning we left early and arrived in Seattle before 10:00 am. It was a balmy 58 degrees and good to be home. We had our problems, but in spite of it all we really enjoyed ourselves and can say it was a good trip.



## OUTDOOR DIRECTORY

Contributed by Cheryl Gudger

A free directory listing the most frequently called telephone numbers by backpackers, hikers, campers, anglers and other outdoor enthusiasts is available in an updated edition from the Washington Trails Association. To receive a copy, outdoor people can send a self-addressed, stamped, business-sized envelope to:

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Seattle, WA 98101-2401

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## Vice President

Venita Goodrich has agreed to be nominated to fill the position of PWC Vice President. The election process will be conducted at the April Monday Night Meeting.

If you would like to nominate yourself or another club member for the position, nominations will still be accepted at the April meeting. Call Steve Vittori at 377-1869 with your questions or recommendations.

## Thank You!

Many thanks to Irena Reynolds for her idea to include an events calendar in the newsletter. It has received praise from many members.

## FOUND:

PWC President, Steve Vittori, reports that someone left a pair of glasses at the March Monday Night Meeting. If these could be yours, call Steve at 377-1869.

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