

PENNSILE

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.

January 1997

Monday Meeting

January 13th

The Parks of Southern Utah

Kevin Kilbridge will present a slide program, sharing his experiences in the parks of Southern Utah. He has visited "slick rock country" several times. The presentation will cover Arches, Canyonland, Capitol Reef, Bryce and Zion National Parks.

Ring in the New Year

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 1st; Celebrate the new year with a peaceful five mile stroll through Fort Flagler. The park is quiet this time of year. Enjoy the varied terrain lush forest trails and serene beaches. Call Hildegard Stone at 692-5984.

Cross-Country Skiing

SUNDAY, JAN. 12th; Join Hildegard Stone for a beginners/intermediate cross-country ski. The destination will depend on snow conditions. No first time skiers please. Call Hildegard at 692-5984.



Mt. Angeles

SUNDAY, JAN. 19th; A winter climb of Mt. Angeles is considered Class 2 and requires some mountaineering skills. Climbers start from the road to Hurricane Ridge at the bottom of Switchback Trail. The climb is over 2000 feet and takes about six hours round trip. Call Bill Boileau at 613-5263.

Winter Camping

JANUARY 18th thru 20th; Doug Savage will be spending the long weekend winter camping in either the Paradise Valley of Mt. Rainier or the Plains of Abraham on the eastern side of Mt. St. Helens. This is trip for skiers with advanced mountaineering skills and winter camping experience. Call Doug at 698-9774.

Skiing Blue Mtn

WEEKEND of JAN 25th and 26th; Ski Blue Mountain near Deer Park. Skiers will winter camp, hopefully in the shelter. It requires intermediate ski skills. Telemarking is possible on the slopes, but is certainly not required. Call Doug at 698-9774

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SATURDAY, FEB 8th, 1996; Have you called Paul Dutky to join other PWCers making the annual 21 mile traverse from Mission Ridge Ski Area over Swauk Pass? It requires intermediate ski skills. Skiers are fully supported with fires, food, and ski patrols along the route

The registration fee is \$20 in advance and \$25 the morning of the trip. The bus trip back to the starting point costs extra. Call Paul Dutky for details, 479-2683.

Winterfest 97 Approaching

FEBRUARY 15th thru 17th, 1997; Have you made your reservations at the Inn at Packwood? PWCers will enjoy all the winter recreations available in the White Pass area.

The Inn has a variety of accommodations. It also boasts a heated indoor swimming pool and hot tub.

Make reservations by calling (360)494-5500. The Inn requires full payment in advance (They prefer checks over credit cards.) If you can't take advantage of your reservations, the Inn will refund your payment if you give them 10 days notice. If you are looking for a roommate, call Doug Savage at 698-9774 for a referral.

Paria Canyon Wilderness

APRIL 97; Trip is a 37 mile seven day downstream hike on the Colorado plateau. Two days will be devoted to side trips, including Buckskin Gulch, considered the finest slot canyon hike on the Colorado Plateau. Approximate cost is \$350. Limit of 12 people. Call Dave Cossa at 871-5577 for more information.

Mt. Tahoma Ski Outings

Jan. 25th: Copper Creek
Feb. 1st: Snowbowl
Mar. 22nd: Copper Creek

A drawing will be held at the January Monday meeting to fill Mt Tahoma ski hut reservations. Members enter before the meeting. Tony Abruzzo will pull 32 names. After the meeting, people will fill the reservations in the order they were drawn. That is, the first person whose name was drawn will have their pick of all 32 vacancies; the second person will have their pick of 31 vacancies and so on, until the spots are filled

The huts are equipped with bunks, appliances, and wood. Skiers bring their sleeping bags, clothes, and food. Copper Creek is an easy ski; Snowbowl requires intermediate ski skills

One entry per family or member is allowed, but that entry can represent your spouse/partner as well. When that person's turn comes to pick a reservation, they will choose a trip where at least two spots are available and fill in their own and their partner's name.

Skiers MUST submit \$25 deposit checks AT the January meeting. Spots not secured by a deposit at that time will be immediately offered to an alternate. Checks are refunded after the trip, if all reservations were filled

If you have questions, call Tony at 871-5754.

FOR SALE:

Cross-country boots and skis; boots-women's size 7; Rossignal skis - 190 cm with clip-in bindings. In good condition; ideal for a starter. All for \$55.

Call Alice Savage, 638-2597.

FOR SALE:

- ◇ REI insulated vest, grey, women's size 10, \$10
- ◇ REI fabric/leather walking shoes, grey, men's size 8 1/2, \$20
- ◇ Salomon SXG1 Downhill Ski Boots, red, men's size 7 1/2, \$25.

Call Joe or Kathy Weigel at 871-0291.

ANNOUNCING... ***The Bonehead of 1996***

Got any nominees for this new "award"? Think back.. anyone in the PWC do something pretty d-u-m-b on an outing this past year?

Please relate it in writing to the following address by Jan. 6, 1997

Bonehead Committee
c/o N. Meyer
34712 Pilot Pt. Rd. NE
Kingston, WA 98346

Incidents where lives were endangered will probably not be considered. See Nancy if you would like to be on the Bonehead Committee. The winner (loser?) will be announced at the January Meeting.



2nd Annual PWC Dinner & Dance



FRIDAY, JANUARY 31st

Join Don and Kathy at the Ajax Cafe for the second annual PWC dinner and dance. With zero elevation gain and zero hiking miles, this outing is suitable only for PWCers with advanced hand-to-mouth coordination. The Buddy System is recommended for those wishing to make the optional trek to the dance floor.

Meet at the Ajax parking lot around 6:00 pm where we will climb out of our cars and hike to the dining room for a strenuous hour of talking about hiking. Come prepared to tell several gnarly hiking lies before we conquer the entrees at 7:00 pm. The most challenging aspect of this outing will be choosing one of these delicious entrees no later than Tuesday, January 21st:

SEAFOOD PASTA: Dungeness crab, bay shrimp, and scallops in a sauce of olive oil, lemon, garlic, fresh herbs, and parmesan tossed with linguine. \$13.95

CRAB CAKES: Our special recipe for pan-fried Dungeness crab cakes, served with a roasted red pepper sauce. \$12.95

RASPBERRY HAZELNUT CHICKEN: Hazelnut coated breast of chicken sauteed until crisp, served with a raspberry butter sauce, raspberries, and hazelnuts. \$10.95

FRESH FISH of the DAY: Fresh Dover Sole stuffed with bay shrimp, herbs, and veggies. Citrus butter sauce. \$12.95

BLACK JACK RIBS: Baby back ribs slow cooked in Ajax special barbeque sauce spiked with Jack Daniels Whiskey. \$13.95

ROAST PRIME RIB AU JUS: Herb and garlic roasted rib eye served with horseradish sauce. \$14.95

OUTING STASTICS:

Meeting Place - Ajax Cafe, Port Hadlock

Itinerary -

- 6 pm to 7 pm Happy Hour/Appetizers
- 7 pm to 8 pm Dinner and Music
- 8 pm to 10 pm Ballads and Blues by Frank Turner

Reservations - Call Ajax (360)385-3450 on or before Jan. 21st

Max. Group Size - 55

Gratuities - Music and Waitperson gratuities additional 15%

Confetti

January PWC Calendar of Events



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Fort Flagler (p1)	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
X-ctry Skiing (p1)	Monday Meeting			Interested Members Meeting		Winter Camping (p2)
19	20 Martin Luther King Holiday!	21	22	23	24	25
Mt. Angeles (p1) Winter camping (p2)	Winter Camping (p2)					Blue Mtn (p2) Copper Creek (p3)
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Blue Mtn (p2) Copper Creek (p2)					PWC Dinner & Dance at the Apex Cafe (p4)	

Yakima River Float Trip

July 6, 7 and 8, 1996
by Sally Sprenger

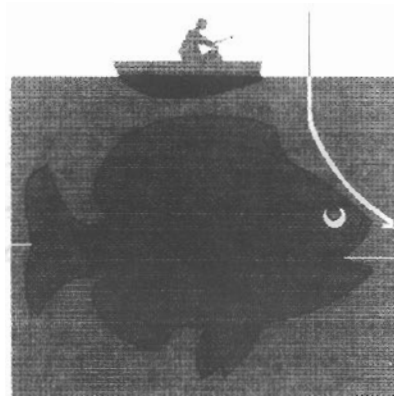
From the outset, the Yakima River trip in early July was an experience in spontaneity. Ted Wiles had originally planned to lead a float trip at the end of July but a change in his work schedule routed him to Hawaii instead. In late June during our post Havasu Canyon potluck, he proposed an impromptu trip to the Yakima for the following weekend and nine of us joined in the adventure

Ted, Jan Hunt, Cheryl Gudger and Brenda McCormick with her three kids and friend arrived Friday afternoon and set up a cozy camp at the Umptanum Campground amid the other folks using the area as a departure point for trips up and down the river. Three hours earlier I had been in San Francisco, so my drive through the soft night air of the Yakima Canyon to join the others provided a perfect contrast to the frenzy of that city others find so attractive. It was welcoming to enter the circle of light from their campfire, but even more enticing was sleeping outside under the star-strewn sky. Brenda's four year old daughter, Megan, who had been one of my favorite hiking companions in the Grand Canyon, joined me and we fell asleep watching shooting stars.

Early the next morning, four of us hiked up the ridge for an eagle's-eye perspective of the river we'd be floating in a few hours. Even then the sun had that bone-baking warmth that this perennial Western Washington dweller has always associated with "East of the mountains". We scrambled down the hill to a breakfast of vine ripened cantaloupe and custom created omelets that Ted cooked on the Coleman stove. High praise goes to the luxuries of car camping and men who stay in camp to cook while the women go exploring!

Cars, people and rafts were shuttled to the put-in spot at a fishing area just south of Ellensburg. Some morning time on the river was etched away by unanticipated repairs to holes in one of the rafts and a trip to Ellensburg to buy life preservers.

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In an effort to curb the number of drownings and accidents on the river, a new safety conscious policy has been implemented. The regulations state that each individual must have a life jacket or floatation device. The rangers were enforcing the policy that weekend for the first time and assured us that at the very least we would be fined \$40.00 for each child without a jacket. It was an easy choice to buy life vests for the two kids. Future floaters would be well advised to bring their own. The Ellensburg economy will be bolstered by enough other sources.

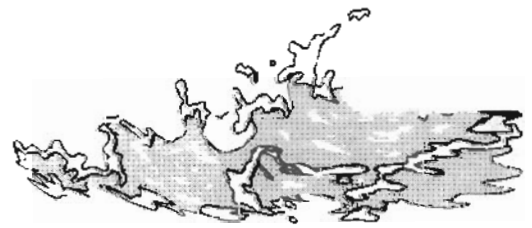


Once on the river, we all successfully negotiated the tricky part where the river seems determined to draw the unsuspecting into overhanging branches. However, there were other obstacles ahead we hadn't anticipated. I was unaware of how acutely sensitive Megan was to the discovery of, and subsequent patching of, the hole in the raft. No amount of conversation could convince her that Ted's raft (identical to the one she was sharing with me) was the one that had had a hole in it. Even though several boats remained tied together with ours to give a sense of stability, she was wishing that we were traveling in one of the wooden drift boats instead. Ultimately, however, the passing carnival of rafts, innertubes and laughing people distracted her from her fears. Still, her sense of relief was obvious when we pulled out of the river for lunch at our campsite.

The penetrating heat of the sun, an ample meal and the general dog days lassitude of the afternoon caused the number of rafters to dwindle substantially for the float down to Roza Dam. Only 12 year old Sean, Cheryl and I headed off in our separate boats for a very different experience than the morning float. This time Megan joined Ted in his Subaru as they accompanied us down the river from the road. Periodically, they'd greet us from spontaneously chosen wayside spots as we drifted by in our boats. Megan was as content to monitor our progress from solid ground as we were to melt into the heart of the river, floating upon its surface.

I felt a deep peacefulness and sense of connection to the energy moving beneath me. It was easy to identify Mole's encounter with the river in The Wind in the Willows, as he described feeling, "...intoxicated with the sparkle, the ripple, the scents and sounds and sunlight, he trailed a paw in the water and dreamed long waking dreams."

I'm always reluctant to have an adventure come to an end, but seldom have I felt such a longing for its continuation. It was good to see Megan and Ted when they arrived at Roza Dam to taxi us back to camp, but part of my heart wanted to keep floating on the river on to the ocean and beyond.



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CLUB BUSINESS:

Interested Members Meeting:
January 16th (Thurs), 7:00 pm;
The Interested Members Meeting will be hosted by Doug Savage and Venita Goodrich. New members are encouraged to enjoy the small group atmosphere and get acquainted with other members. Club business and upcoming trips will be planned. Call Doug or Venita at 698-9774.

December Door Prize: Kathy Weigel won the December door prize, Tom Kirkendall and Vicky Spring's book, Cross-Country Ski Tours in the Washington South Cascades and Olympics. The monthly door prize is donated by Mt. Constance Mountain Shoppe. All members can enter at the Monday night meeting.

Newsletter Contributions: Send articles, trip reports, interviews, announcements, etc to: **Teresa Sayers, 4130 Harris Ave. SE, Pt. Orchard, WA 98366;** Or, phone 895-8769.

To Change Your Address: Notify **Jim Luddon at 165 NW Alta Drive; Bremerton, WA 98310.** Or, change your address at the time you pay your annual dues.

New Members in December: Nora Sara Collings and Ron Lilley.

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