

PENNYWICKE

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.

March 1997

Monday Meeting

March 10th

Denali National Park

Grizzlies, Dall sheep, and moose are a few of the animals you may encounter on a backpacking trip across the Alaskan Tundra. Tom Banks, who in 1991 spent a summer as a Denali National Park Backcountry Ranger, will show his slides and provide some tips on safe travelling in this majestic wilderness.



Ski Iron Horse Trail

SATURDAY, MAR 1st; Doug Savage will be cross-country skiing the Iron Horse Trail at Snoqualmie Pass. The trail is about 10 miles and is suitable for beginning skiers and up. Snow Park Permits are required. Call Doug at 698-9774.

Igloo!

SATURDAY, MAR 8th; PWCers will be building igloos at Paradise on Mt. Rainier. Come up for the day, or spend the night in the cozy winter abodes. Experienced supervisors can put you to work and show you how to finish an impressive structure. Call Joe Weigel at 871-0921; Jon De Arman at 697-1352, or Chris Hildebrand at 895-1983.

Snowshoeing!

SATURDAY, MAR 8th; PWCers will have lots of opportunities for fun at Mt. Rainier this weekend. Bert Cripe is planning a beginners' snowshoe outing at Paradise. Call Bert at 895-4299.

Learn-to-Turn

SATURDAY, MAR 8th; Dale Boyle will be giving instructions on basic telemarking techniques on the bunny slope at Crystal Mountain. Participants will need to own or rent telemark skis with restraining straps and will need to purchase a lift ticket. You should have some cross-country and/or downhill ski experience, but need no prior experience with telemarking. Call Dale at 792-1714.

Ptarmigan Ridge Ski-Inn

WEEKEND of MAR 15th & 16th; Join Brian Steely for the almost-annual Ptarmigan Ridge Ski-Inn. This is pristine back-country skiing and snow-camping. It requires skins and you must be able to ski with a full pack. Call Brian at (360)297-3825 or e-mail him at steelcra@telebyte.com.

Skiing at Hurricane Ridge

SATURDAY, MAR 15th; Ski from Hurricane Ridge to Hurricane Hill with Doug Savage. The trip is about seven miles round trip and requires intermediate ski skills. Afterward, join him and Sally Sprenger at her home in Port Townsend as they treat you to a gourmet dinner. Call Doug at 698-9774 or Sally at (360)385-3421.

Paddling Hartstene Island

SUNDAY, MAR 16th; Paddle the north end of Hartstene Island with explorations of Jarrell Cove, McMicken Island, and Herron Island. The outing covers 18 to 20 miles plus side trips. Intermediate paddling skills are required. Light rain showers are tolerated; monsoons and snow over two feet cancels trip. The specific put-in location will be determined the day of the trip. Call Russ Hallsted at 871-3774.

Mt. Catherine Loop

SUNDAY, MAR 16th; Intermediate cross-country skiers will enjoy the eight miles of scenic trail on the Mt. Catherine Loop at Snoqualmie Pass. Telemarking is not required, but you need to be prepared for a few fast snowplows. Buy an Upper Trail Pass for \$9 and bring a lunch. Carpool from here and meet at the Ski Acres Nordic Center at 10:00 a.m. Call Cindy Holben at 792-9290 or Cheryl Gudger at 876-3035.



Peabody Creek

SATURDAY, MAR 22nd; Join Doug Savage and Joe Weigel as they knock off one of the more obscure trails on their quest to hike all the Olympic National Park and Forest trails. It is about 6 miles round trip with minimal elevation change. The challenge will be negotiating the somewhat neglected trailbed. Call Doug at 698-9774 or Joe at 871-0291.

Theler Wetlands Sunday Stroll

SUNDAY, MAR 23rd; Join Diana Cripe for the monthly outing on the serene pathways of Theler Wetlands in Belfair. The trails wander along peaceful waterways and meadows. They are flat and well-maintained, providing about four miles (round trip) of leisurely walking. Members meet at 2:00 p.m. at the Eton Technical Institute in Gorst and carpool from there. Call Diana at 895-4299 for more information.

Mt. Tahoma Ski Outing

Mar. 22nd & 23rd: Copper Creek

Tony is still accepting names for people who would like to be considered alternates for the last Mt. Tahoma Ski Hut outing this year. Call him at 871-5754 if you would like to be considered for last minute openings.

The January and February outings were enjoyed by many. Skiers going on the March 22nd and 23rd trip to Copper Creek are:

Cris Craig
Gail Dionne
Venita Goodrich
Russ Hallsted
Lynn Howat (2)
Barry Johnson
Joyce Kimmel
Lilie Melendez
Irma O'Brien
Chas Pauly
Mike Raymond (2)
Brian Steely

Hammersley Inlet

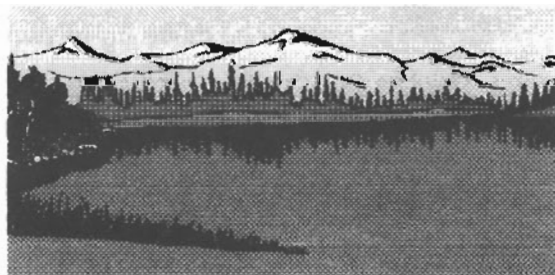
SATURDAY, MAR 29th; Ride the currents of Hammersley Inlet, covering 14 to 18 miles. Light rain or showers are tolerated, but hurricanes will force a cancellation. Specific put-in location will be determined the day of the trip. Call Russ Hallsted at 871-3774.

Paria Canyon Wilderness

MARCH 29th thru APRIL 6th; There is room for three more on Dave's adventure in the Paria Canyon Wilderness. The 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. Call Dave Cossa at 871-5577 for more information.

Paddling Discovery Bay

SATURDAY, APR 5th; Charlie Pomfret will be putting in at Gardiner and enjoying a day of kayaking around Discovery Bay. Beginners are welcome, but no first-time paddlers please. Call Charlie at 479-7820.



Henderson Inlet

SATURDAY, APR 5th; Enjoy a very easy, early morning paddle on the waters of Henderson Inlet (west of Nisqually Flats). Who knows where our exploration of the inlet and the local wildlife will lead? (Light rain showers will be tolerated; hurricanes will force a cancellation.) Call Russ Hallsted at 871-3774.

Snowboarding on Rainier

SATURDAY, APR 12th, Come witness Chris Bell and Irma O'Brien's baptismal snowboard descent from Camp Muir. Bring your downhill or telemark skis or snowboard and join the adventure. Call Chris at 871-9414 or Irma at 779-1650 for more details.

Ridge to River

SUNDAY, APR 13th; Nancy Meyer is organizing a team for the 17th annual Ridge to River race. This 35 mile contest has six stages: cross-country skiing three miles starting at Mission Ridge, alpine skiing, running four and a half miles, bicycling 19 miles, two person canoeing five miles on Class 1 and 2 water, and portage of the canoe/sprint to the finish line. The \$120 entry fee per team includes t-shirts for participants. Teams can be made up of two to six members; or, "Iron Men and Women" can go solo. Call Nancy at (360)638-1255 as soon as possible. (The entry deadline is April 1.)



Garibaldi Neve Traverse

APRIL 17th thru 20th; Jon De Arman, Dale Boyle, and Bob Wiebe will make the Garibaldi Neve Traverse the 17th through the 20th of April. Perhaps the greatest classic ski tour in British Columbia, the 50K trip links the Diamond Head and Black Tusk areas across the spectacularly beautiful Garibaldi Ice Field. Telemarking and ski mountaineering skills are required. Call Jon at 697-1352

Ice Axe Arrest

SATURDAY, APR 19th; Doug Savage is planning his annual ice axe practice and climb of Mt. Ellinor. It is about 4 miles and 3500 feet to the summit. It is rated as a Grade I, Class 2 climb. The spectacular view at the top and thrilling glissade down are well worth the effort. First time ice axe users will get some friendly guidance. If you are planning to go on one of the Mt. St. Helens climbs in May, this is the time to get your ice axe practice in. Call Doug at 698-9774.



Mt. Hugo Day Hike

SUNDAY, APR 20th; Enjoy this five mile trip with minimal elevation gain through the Pack Forest near Mt. Rainier. Optional one and two mile side trips through some old growth awards hikers with views of hemlocks, douglas firs, and cedars up to nine feet in diameter. Call Steve Vittori at 377-1869.

Trail Clean-Up

SATURDAY, MAY 3rd; Help Doug Savage and Joe Weigel in their effort to clean-up Aurora Springs Trail. Call Doug (698-9774) or Joe (871-0291).

Umtanum Canyon

MAY 3rd and 4th; As we hike the Umtanum Canyon on Saturday, we will try to identify birds, flowers, and anything else we can find. We plan to spend the night on the Umtanum ridge crest, trying to identify stars and anything else we can find. This will be car camping. For those who would like to go over on Friday night, we plan to camp at the bottom of the canyon. For more details, call Ted Wiles at 876-5718.



Get Ready for Fun and Excitement!!

Many late spring and summer trips are already being organized. Here are some of the adventures that require considerable arrangements to attend. Stay tuned for more details on these and other outings that members are busily planning:

Mt. St. Helens Climb/Ski

MAY 17th and MAY 31st; Mt. St. Helens is a 4800 ft, Grade 1 climb. Climbers need some ice axe experience. The maximum party size is 12, so sign up early. There is a \$12 fee due on the day of the climb. Call Doug Savage at 698-9774.

WA Pacific Crest Trail

JULY 26th thru AUG 23rd; Kathy Ryan and her hiking partner are looking for one or two interested and motivated hikers to join them as they follow the Pacific Crest Trail from the Columbia Gorge to Canada. They will average about 22 miles per day and will be doing some conditioning hikes leading up the event. Call Kathy at 876-9672.

Santa Fe Trail by Bicycle

SEPT 14th thru OCT 3; Join Russ Hallsted as he bicycles the historical Santa Fe Trail. This will be 1096 miles of road biking along the Northern Trail Route, eastbound from Santa Fe, New Mexico to New Franklin, Missouri. Have fun while learning the trail's history and contribution to the western expansion of our country's growth. Contact Russ at 871-3774 for specifics.

Climbing Aconcagua

JAN 98; Aconcagua is in the Andes of western Argentina near the Chilean border. At 23,034 ft, it is the highest peak in the Western Hemisphere. Contact Doug Savage for detailed information, 698-9774.

PUGET SOUND PADDLING BASICS

Interested in sea kayaking this year? Got a desire to finally get some of those sea kayaking questions answered or maybe just find out what the questions are? After our long winter, do you find yourself wanting to refresh some of the issues surrounding paddling in the Puget Sound? If you can answer "YES" to any of these questions and are a member of the PWC, then the Puget Sound Paddling Basics course is for you.

The course consists of two evening classroom sessions, a pool session, and two sessions on the water. Water sessions, including pool time, will be limited to eight students, with priority given to those individuals taking the entire series of classes. Each individual must supply their own kayak with supporting gear and course text(s). Contact Russ Hallsted for a detailed course outline and required materials, 871-3774.

Session I - April 15 evening. Kayak design, outfitting, clothing, and equipment. Introduction to the marine environment and safety considerations.

Session II - April 22 evening. Charts, maps, and currents.

Pool Session - April 26 morning (tentative). Getting in and out of the kayak. Holding the paddle. Rescues and rescue gear.

Day Paddle I - Saturday. An enjoyable day on the water covering the basic paddle strokes and sea kayaking concepts developed so far.

Day Paddle I - Sunday. A more aggressive experience, dealing with current and eddy practice and play.



Skiing at Snoqualmie Pass

Do Saturdays and skiing go together for you? Tom Banks drives to Snoqualmie Pass most Saturdays to work as a ski instructor. If you'd like to carpool some Saturday, you can meet him at the Agate Pass Bridge at 6:45 a.m., catch the Bainbridge Ferry at 7:10 and be on the snow by 9:00. The return trip will be via the 7:45 p.m. ferry (negotiable). Call Tom at 697-7708 for more information.

First Aid/CPR Class Planned

SATURDAY, MAR 15th; A standard first aid and adult CPR class is planned for Saturday, March 15th. There is a \$20 fee for this Red Cross certified course. It will be taught by Deb Legg. Call Deb at 792-8653 for more information. (The date may be subject to change.)



FOR SALE:

- ♦ Salomon SXG1 Downhill Ski Boots, red, men's size 7 1/2, \$25.
- ♦ Call Joe or Kathy Weigel at 871-0291.

Newsletter Folding...

TUESDAY, MAR 25th; The next newsletter folding is scheduled for Tuesday, March 25th. A small group of PWCers meet to prepare the newsletter for mailing. Call Doug Savage at 698-9774 for specific location and time or if you're a new volunteer.

E-Mail List!

Bert Cripe is compiling an E-mail directory for PWC members. Submit your E-mail address to:

bcripe@kendaco.telebyte.com



New PENWICLE Editor!

Bert Cripe will be taking over the duties of the PENWICLE editor. In addition to putting out the newsletter, Bert is the PWC's point of contact for new members. Thanks for all your help, Bert.

Found:

Cheryl Gudger has a green Capolene zip-top that someone left at the January Copper Creek trip. If you're missing it, call Cheryl at 876-3035.

Scrapbook Missing

The club scrapbook has been misplaced. It was last seen at the end of the January Monday Night Meeting. If anyone accidentally picked it up or knows where it is, please call Kathy Ryan at 876-9672.

Copper Creek Ski Outing

by Alice Savage

Incredible--one of many words which could be used to describe the weekend of January 25th and 26th, my first stay at Copper Creek Hut. We skied five and a half miles up to the hut instead of the usual three and a half, because the road was plowed two miles below the regular snow park.

The weather was perfect and, as the sun went down, we were treated to a remarkable sunset--a wide expanse of red sky which seemed to last for hours. Later, an almost full moon made the snow sparkle like millions of diamonds, and Mt. Rainier loomed up bright and shiny in the moonlight. That mountain is so big it always takes my breath away just looking up at it.

As night came on, we gathered inside the warm hut to enjoy hot coffee and tea or a little wine. Tony provided supper of tortellini along with salad and french bread. It was delicious. It was wonderful being here, warm and cozy with such good friends. Later several of us got a spirited game of hearts going and poor Jim got the queen of spades just about every time. He really attracted the black lady.

At bedtime we all spread out on the mattress pads in the loft. I found it hard to sleep because looking out the window, I saw the big mountain snowy and bright in the moonlight.

Morning brought the sun streaming in the windows from a very blue sky. Tony had french toast going for breakfast. We ate our fill and headed out to ski into the snowy hills. It is open country with views for miles in all directions, and with the clear weather, we saw both Mt. Adams and Mt. St. Helens.



This was truly one of the most beautiful experiences I have had in the mountains and I wished it was possible to stay one more night. That was not to be so; in early afternoon we skied down the trail to the cars.

The snow was perfect for skiing on this weekend, as was our stay in this wonderful place. A big thank-you to Tony and the other ski patrol people. They work hard grooming trails, taking care of the huts, and making our stay so enjoyable.



PWC Calendar of Events - March 97

Date	Trip	P.O.C.	Pg
Mar. 1	Iron Horse Ski	Doug Savage (698-9774)	1
Mar. 8	Snowshoeing	Bert Cripe (895-4299)	1
Mar. 8	Learn-to-Turn	Dale Boyle (792-1714)	2
Mar. 8-9	Igloos	Weigel (871-0291) De Arman (697-1352) Hildebrand (895-1983)	1
Mar. 10	Monday Meeting	N/A	1
Mar. 13	Interested Members Mtg	D. Savage & V. Goodrich (698-9774)	10
Mar. 15	Hurricane Ridge Ski	Doug Savage (698-9774)	2
Mar. 15	First Aid/CPR	Deb Legg (792-8653)	7
Mar. 15-16	Ptarmigan Ridge Ski-Inn	Brian Steely (297-3825)	2
Mar. 16	Mt. Catherine Loop Ski	C. Holben (792-9290) & C. Gudger (895-3035)	2
Mar. 16	Hartstene Island Kayak	Russ Hallsted (871-3774)	2
Mar. 21	March Potluck	Russ & Ramona Childers (871-3331)	10
Mar. 22	Peabody Creek Hike	J. Weigel (871-0291) & D. Savage (698-9774)	2
Mar. 22-23	Copper Creek Ski Hut	Tony Abruzzo (871-5754)	3
Mar. 23	Theler Wetlands Stroll	Diana Cripe (895-4299)	3
Mar. 25	Newsletter Folding	Doug Savage (698-9774)	7
Mar. 29	Hammersley Inlet Kayak	Russ Hallsted (871-3774)	3
Mar. 29-Apr. 6	Paria Canyon	Dave Cossa (871-5577)	3
Apr. 5	Discovery Bay Kayak	Charlie Pomfret (479-7820)	3
Apr. 5	Henderson Inlet Kayak	Russ Hallsted (871-3774)	4
Apr. 12	Camp Muir Snowboarding	C. Bell (871-9414) & I. O'Brien (779-1650)	4
Apr. 13	Ridge to River Race	Nancy Meyer (638-1255)	4
Apr. 15-20	Kayak Workshops	Russ Hallsted (871-3774)	6
Apr. 17-20	Garibaldi Neve Traverse	Jon De Arman (697-1352)	4
Apr. 19	Mt. Ellinor Ice Axe	Doug Savage (698-9774)	4
Apr. 20	Mt. Hugo Day Hike	Steve Vittori (377-1869)	5
May 03	Aurora Springs Clean-up	D. Savage (698-9774) & J. Weigel (871-0291)	5
May 3-4	Umtanum Canyon	Ted Wiles (876-5718)	5

Washington Hiking Legends Cross the Cascades for Evening of Enchantments

March 6th, 7:00 pm at the Mountaineer Building, 300 3rd Avenue West, Seattle.

Seattle-WildLink and the Washington Wilderness Coalition present legendary Washington hiking couple, **Bill and Peg Stark**, and their slide show **How Deep the High Journey**. As active members of the Mountaineers since the fifties, the Stark's have made over 100 excursions into the Enchantments, written a book about their journeys and raised their children in the bowls and peaks of the Alpine Lakes region. Their show has evolved over 35 years and describes an odyssey in all seasons of their experiences in the high lakes region. Proceeds go to the WildLink Program of the Washington Wilderness Coalition to fund wilderness education projects.

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Clean-Up: Diana Cripe	895-4299
New Members: Bert Cripe	895-4299
Scrap Book: Kathy Ryan	876-9672

CLUB BUSINESS:

Interested Members

Meeting: March 13th (Thurs), 7:00 pm; Doug Savage and Venita Goodrich will host the Interested Members Meeting in March. Combine socializing with club business and trip planning. This is great chance to get to know members one-on-one. Call Doug or Venita for directions, 698-9774.

February Door Prize: Chas Pauly won the door prize in February, a purple ice axe. 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: **Bert Cripe**, 2398 SE Jefferson Ave., Pt. Orchard, WA 98366; Or, phone 895-4299.

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 February: Carol Arends, Grace Bowling, Kathleen Cox, Timmie Jamison, Ron Serviss, Jenny Son, and Kevin and Chris Stevenson.

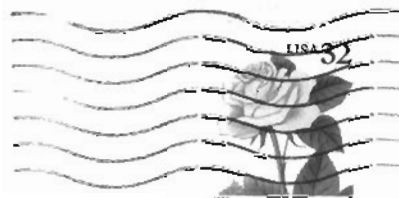
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~ **March Potluck:** March 21st (Fri),  
~ 6:00 pm; Enjoy good food and  
~ exciting conversation at Russ and  
~ Ramona Childers' in Port Orchard.  
~ Call them at 871-3331 to RSVP.  
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