

PENWICLE

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 1998

Monday Meeting *March 9th*

Hiking The John Muir Trail

The John Muir Trail, stretching 210 miles along the crest of the Sierra Nevada Mountains of California, is one of the world's classics. This trail begins at Yosemite Valley, traverses numerous high passes, and culminates at the summit of Mount Whitney (14,496 ft). Tom Banks, PWC member, brings us a slide show of his autumn and winter trips along the length of the John Muir Trail.

Volunteer Opportunities In Quilcene Ranger District Of The Olympic National Forest

1997 proved to be a very successful year in trail maintenance largely due to the incredible amount of volunteers. Work parties organized through groups like the Washington Trails Association (WTA) and the Volunteer Trails Coalition increased, and the positive impact was noticeable. At the end of 1997, the Quilcene District's 93+ miles of trails were in the best shape they have been in over the last 10 years. 1998 should bring more of the same with a better organized volunteer workforce and project opportunities made possible by fees collected through the Trail-Park Pass program. Winter damage to trails has yet to be surveyed on most trails, but we are already scheduling work parties. There are other volunteer opportunities listed below. Remember 2 days of volunteering earns you a free annual trail-park pass. (See below for number to call to sign up.)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOTE: the following work parties are sponsored by Washington Trails Association and the Volunteer Trails Coalition

WEDNESDAY, May 6th: Lower Big Quilcene Trail-tread repair and clearing of this popular trail-meet at Quilcene Ranger Station at 9am, mountain bikers welcome!

THURSDAY, May 7th: Upper Big Quilcene Trail-in Buckhorn Wilderness-clearing with crosscut saws and tread repair-work on lower 2-3 miles. Meet at Station at 8:30am.

FRIDAY, May 8th: Notch Pass Trail-tread work and clearing on old trail we are re-opening with all volunteer labor-most work is close to trailhead-meet at Station at 9:00am.

SATURDAY, May 9th: Dungeness Trail-clearing, brushing and tread work in

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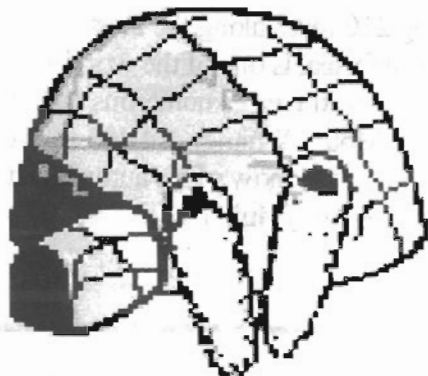
THIS MONTH'S OUTINGS

Overnight Igloo Trip

Saturday & Sunday, March 7th & 8th

Contact: Chris Hildebrand (895-1983)

Join in the fun and adventure of building and sleeping in an igloo! Come for the just day or spend the night—your choice. The ability to build a shelter in the snow could save your life one day. Wear warm-winter clothing, bring elbow grease and a snowshovel.



Overnight Ski Trip to Deer Park

Saturday & Sunday, March 7th & 8th

Contact: Jon DeArman (697-1352)

Doug Savage (698-9774)

Join Jon and Doug on this adventure.

Mt. Walker Day Hike

Sunday, March 8th

Contact: Bev Woods (479-4234)

Join Bev on this hike of ~2 miles to the top of Mt. Walker (2730 ft.) and, if the weather is clear, views of mountains to the west & north and lowlands to the east.

Hurricane Ridge Snowshoe Trip

Saturday, March 14th

Contact: Steve Vittori (377-1869)

Another snowshoeing outing to overcome the winter blues.

Beginning Cross-Country Ski Trip

Saturday, March 14th

Contact: Doug Savage (698-9774)

Location to be determined

Elfin Lakes Hut Ski Trip

Thursday - Monday, March 19th - 23rd

Contact: Jon DeArman (697-1352)

Jon is organizing this trip to the Gambaldi Mountain area of Canada. This is cross-country skiing into a hut. Intermediate level required and telemark ability is a plus.

Theiler Wetlands Walk

Saturday, March 21st

Contact: Diana Cripe (895-4299)

This will be Diana's late winter/early spring stroll at the wetlands. Come along to see what spring brings to the preserve.

Dungeness Spit Day Hike

Sunday, March 22nd

Contact: Chris Hildebrand (895-0311)

Chris will be hiking out towards the lighthouse, a possible round trip distance of ~10 miles. Bring water and a lunch. Chris will stop for breakfast at the Oak Table in Squim.



Whiskey Bend Day Hike

Saturday, March 28th

Contact: Royce Poetter (479-7195)

Join new member Royce for this low level hike of ~6 miles round trip near the Elwha.

COMING IN APRIL & BEYOND

Ice Ax Practice at Mt. Ellinor

Saturday, April 4th

Contact: Doug Savage (698-9774)

Join Doug for this annual event. Perfect for beginners-call Doug for details if you've never done this before. Bring an ice ax and rain gear.

Hugo Peak Day Hike

Saturday, April 4th

Contact: Steve Vittori (377-1869)

Join Steve on this 5 mile round trip hike with 900 ft. elevation gain.

XC Ski/SnowShoe at Mazama Ridge

Saturday, April 11th

Contact: Steve Vittori (377-1869) or John Knott (792-2440)

More information later.

Grand Canyon Backpacking Trip

April 27 - May 2nd, 1998

Contact: David Cossa (871-5577)

Dave is organizing his annual trip to the canyon. "I have luckily obtained a group permit for 11 people for 6 days and 5 nights on the Tanner Canyon/Red Canyon Loop. This is a hike along an unmaintained trail through one of the most primal, fascinating areas on earth, and passes through geological layers that are absent elsewhere in the park. Others in the club who have done this hike are Pat and Dan Kirschbaum, Barb Krell, and Irma O'Brien." For travel information and more details on the hike call David. As of February 12th, 3 spots have been taken and 4 are reserved.

To fellow PWC members

By Craig Martin

FIRST I would like to apologize for my sloppy presentation at Monday's club meeting and for perhaps offending some members. I am sorry about this and I do hope you will forgive me. I do believe the error and fault was in the messenger not in the idea.

SECONDLY, I would like to go on record with my position on our club's activities. I feel that all of our activities have merit, that no particular outing is more important than another in and of itself. What does differentiate one outing value over another is in the eye of the beholder. Although I enjoy skiing, I'm sure that others in the club put a much higher priority on skiing than I do. My preference happens to be the mountains and climbing.

Black & White Lakes Way Trail Maintenance

Week of June 13-21st

Contact: Kevin Kilbridge (871-2537), Doug Savage (698-9774), or Joe Weigel (871-0291)

Put something back by helping lop limbs, clear brush, cutting logs, etc. Join in from 1-9 days on this rewarding endeavor along the North Fork of the Skokomish River.

Nepal Adventure in June of 1998!

Contact: Brian Steely or Cris Craig (297-3825)

via e-mail at steelcra@telebyte.com)

BRIAN & CRIS are organizing a 15 day trek into the rain-shadow area of the Annapurnas. Part of it will pass through a recently opened up area (Tilicho Lake) where the elusive snow leopard is said to reside. Once in Nepal, we will fly to the high hill station of Jomosom (9,000 ft.) which is our starting point, and slowly work our way up Thorong-La (17,600 ft.). Consequently, being in good physical condition is a must. This will be a totally catered affair. All your gear will be carried by porters, your camp will be set up for you and your food will be cooked for you. All you need carry is your day pack with camera gear.

AND now I would like to revisit the idea. Our club has been a terrific vehicle for affording us all with opportunities to meet fellow enthusiasts, to share their company on outstanding adventures, and to make lasting friendships and memories. I have done all of the above! I love the PWC! We have in the club a number of areas that are very popular. These are a few I thought of: kayaking, skiing (cross country and downhill), backpacking and mountain climbing, bicycling (mountain and road), and last but not least are the social get togethers. Those individuals who desire to become more in touch with an area would have a source for doing this. (*New members especially!*-Ed.)

EACH area could have a coordinator, a point of contact, who would be accessible to the membership (*Name & phone number listed in Penwicle*.-Ed.). This person could collect names of members wanting to participate in this particular area. This person could help to organize outings specifically within this area. This subgroup of the PWC could meet as a group regularly (monthly or so) to expedite these things. The group could help come up with club entertainment or fundraisers. There are many possibilities.

DOING this affords members an opportunity to delve more deeply into any area our club may partake in. For example Brian Steely may want to have a sub group for international trekking. There may be a number of club members who would like to be on that list. I think that probably some.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Going skiing?

JIM PETTIS is looking for someone to car pool with on Mondays and Thursdays for skiing. He will ski tour or do lifts. Contact Jim at 692-5682 (leave a message).

For Sale

Asolo Snow Pine backcountry touring boots. Very good condition. Men's size 10 1/2. \$125.00 OBO. Also, have one ski, a Karhu XCD GT Kinetic, 210 cm. Free to good home OR I would like to find a mate for same. Contact Bruce Candiotto at 206-842-6351

Entertainment & Program Ideas Wanted

Joe Weigel is in need of suggestions and leads for program/entertainment. Perhaps you know of someone who has traveled to a far away place or a local area of interest and has slides to show. Other types of programs have been held, e.g. gear demonstrations & sales and backcountry cooking contests. If you have any suggestions please give Joe a call at 871-0291.

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the first 2 miles, part of the work may be in Buckhorn Wilderness—very heavily used hiker and stock trail—meet at trailhead at 9am.

SUNDAY, May 10th: Tubal Cain Trail—tread work and clearing from trailhead to mine over approximately 3.5 miles, meet at Dungeness trailhead at 9am.

NOTE—other trail work parties will be scheduled throughout the spring and summer. Individuals wishing to assist with trail maintenance can call (360) 765-2228, and ask for Scott Burgwin (Quilcene District Trails and Wilderness Coordinator).

VOLUNTEER POSITIONS

TRAIL RECONNAISSANCE—individuals are needed to assist in hiking trails and inventory of work needs—easy to incorporate into a recreational hike—need information on downed trees, wash-outs and other trail damage. Call ahead to find which trails need hiking and to receive an information packet for collecting information. Wilderness high lakes surveyor one person to camp at various wilderness lakes in the Buckhorn Wilderness, purpose is to document use and impacts, individual would camp for 3 to 5 days at a time at each lake throughout summer, some camping equipment is available and expense money most of work will be alone. WILDERNESS RANGER roam the Buckhorn Wilderness doing some trail work and monitoring human impacts—some 2-3 day camping trips possible—an enjoyable way to help with

the management of this resource—trips can be alone or with others from our Trails and Wilderness Team.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR: help keep track of all the wonderful people and the projects they are working on—also need help with outreach to potential volunteers—newsletter possible—room for creativity.

INTERPRETER individual(s) to assist in the development of interpretive presentations on at least two trails (Ned Hill and Mt. Zion)—design materials for bulletin boards and handouts—lots of room for creativity here as well.

TRAILHEAD MONITORS: check trailheads on weekends primarily; pass out information on trails and "leave no trace" and Trail-Park Pass—not law enforcement—lots of potential for public contact.

VOLUNTEER NEWS

1998 Trail-Park Passes now available. The permit costs \$3 for one day or a year pass can be purchased for \$25. The year pass is good for any National Forest in Oregon and Washington. The permit is a vehicle pass, not an individual pass, and should be displayed on your vehicle's dash. An extra vehicle pass is only \$5 (the annual pass has space to show two license numbers). Discounts for seniors are available. Permits will be sold at all Ranger Stations and at some local businesses. The good news is that you can obtain a day pass from us when doing volunteer work, AND if you volunteer 2 days you will be eligible for a free year pass. 80% of collected fees are kept here for trail maintenance. We estimate over \$10,000 of Trail-Park funds will be available for District trail maintenance projects in 1998. Call (360) 765-2200 for more information.

(Continued from page 3) To fellow PWC members members would like to be associated with multiple groups. This does not in any way make one group better or more important than another. For those of us who desire to climb, we would better able to access each other, plan trips, and assist those who want to learn mountaineering—better able to pursue the sport we love. I would like the backing of the club on this. I would like a space in the newsletter for the "PWC climbers" group. I will volunteer to be point of contact for climbing. We will meet the last Monday of every month. Thanks for your time and consideration.

(Editor's Note: Since December, 1996, 71 people have joined the club—I don't know how many have left. What does the club do to assist new members to become active? Nothing—it is up to each new member to discover, on their own, who does what. A point of contact person for various activities would help anyone, starting out, to become active. During each of the last two years, less than 30 individuals have sponsored outings. New members need help from the more experienced to become active participants—for the benefit of all club members.)

Newsletter Folding...

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 would like to volunteer to help.

OFFICERS & STAFF

President:	Steve Vittori	377-1869
Vice Pres:	Tom Banks	697-7708
Secretary:	Kathy Weigel	871-0291
Treasurer:	Kevin Kilbridge	871-2537
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	Doug Savage	698-9774

February Door Prize. Lynn Howat won the door prize, a \$100.00 gift certificate. The monthly door prize is donated by Mt. Constance Mountain Shoppe. All members can enter at the Monday night meeting.

MEETINGS

Potluck Social Meeting:

Friday, March 20th, 6:30p.m.

This month the potluck will be hosted by Kathy & Joe Weigel. Bring a dish to share and come on out to socialize. Please RSVP to Kathy or Joe at 871-0291 and car pool since parking is limited.

Interested Members Meeting:

Thursday, March 12th, 7:00 p.m.

Venita Goodrich and Doug Savage will host this month's Interested Members Meeting. Combine socializing with club business and trip planning. This is a great chance to get to know members one-on-one. Call Venita or Doug at 698-9774 for directions.

Editor's Notes:

Member's E-Mail List!

Members may submit their E-mail address to:

bcripe@kendaco.telebyte.com

I'll send the latest e-mail list back to you & provide updates as needed.



New Members In February:

Eric Jensen, Regan & Jon Nickels, Royce Poetter, Sue Schleis, Cliff Smithson, and Connie Syapin.

PWC members get a 10% discount at Mt. Constance Mountain Shoppe and at The Ajax Cafe. Link to their websites from the PWC website.

Newsletter Contributions

Send articles, trip reports, stories, announcements, etc to:

Bert Cripe, 2398 Jefferson Ave. SE, Port Orchard, WA 98366; e-mail; or phone 895-4299.

To Change your Address or Phone Number

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

Membership List Updates

The membership roster changes every month due to the addition of new members. It is neither practical nor affordable to print new membership lists each month. The solution is to periodically get an update to the list. The update is available by e-mail, US Mail via a SASE, or at an Interested Members Meeting from me. Contact me in advance to have one available for you at the Interested Members Meeting.

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