

PENINSULA

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.

December 1999

Monday Meeting

December 13th

Olympic Magic

Maitland Peet, Executive Director of the Olympic Park Institute, will speak and show images on the natural and cultural diversity of the Olympics. Maitland has been with the Olympic Park Institute for six years. After a brief description of the Institute and its mission, he'll share some of the beauty and mysteries the Park has to offer.

PWC Logo Contest

Contact: Tom Banks (697-7708)

The club is sponsoring a contest for a new logo design. Submit original logos at the February Monday meeting and members will vote by ballot for their favorite. The winning logo will earn the designer a gift certificate from the Mt. Constance Mountain Shoppe.

T-Shirt Committee

Contact: Doug Savage (698-9774)

Join in the organization of a PWC t-shirt sale. Help decide what style, color, and sizes to offer. Evaluate the possibility of having the PWC logo put on other fun gear: mugs, stickers, bags, you-name-it. Research pricing and quality issues and much more. There are plenty of fun and creative opportunities for members who want to join in.

Upcoming Outings

Lena Lake and Beyond

Saturday, December 4th

Contact: Ron Croft (779-6250)

Pass tranquil Lower Lena Lake and then head up the trail toward the Brothers. Ron plans on hiking about ten miles round trip with 1600 feet of elevation. This makes a great late Fall outing.

Trail Maintenance

Saturday, December 4th

Contact: Kevin Kilbridge (871-2537)

Join Kevin for a day of nurturing Mother Nature. He hasn't yet decided which trail he'll be working but welcomes all helping hands.

Contra Dance

Saturday, Dec. 4th at Givens Community Center

7:00 to 8:00 pm instruction

8:00 to 11:00 pm dance

Sponsored by: Kitsap County Parks
and Recreation, (360) 337-5743

PWC P.O.C: Tom Banks (697-7708)

Contra dancing is similar to square dancing but with more partner changes, not as precise, more fun and relaxed. There will be a one hour workshop with instruction prior to the dance, so even beginners can join right in. Singles and couples are welcome. Live music, caller and instructor. \$6 Fee. Call Tom for details about PWCers planning to attend.

X-Country Skiing at Reflection Lakes

Saturday, December 11th

Contact: Doug Savage (698-9774)

Skiers of all levels (including first-timers) are welcome to join Doug for a friendly introduction to cross-country skiing and warm-up for the season. A glide to Reflection Lakes is a wonderful way to celebrate an early wintry day at Mt. Rainier.

Spruce Railroad Trail

Sunday, December 19th

Contact: Doug Savage (698-9774)

Stroll the winding Spruce Railroad Trail along the shoreline of beautiful Lake Crescent. This outing is totally suitable for beginners. The round trip hike is eight miles with no real elevation gain.

Mt. Walker

Sunday, December 26th

Contact: Ron Croft (779-6250)

Mt. Walker is a short, relatively steep trail with a sweeping view of mountains, the Quilcene Range, and lush lowlands from the summit. It's four miles round trip with 2000 feet of elevation gain.

North Fork of the Skokomish

Saturday, January 1st

Contact: Kevin Kilbridge (871-2537)

Celebrate the new millenium with a hike through virgin douglas firs, red cedars, and hemlocks. The forest is lush and peaceful along this meandering trail that starts at Staircase Ranger Station. The hike will be 14 miles round trip with very little elevation gain.

Snowshoeing at Hurricane Ridge

Saturday, January 8th

Contact: Steve Vittori (377-1869)

Join in an invigorating and inspiring snowshoe trek at Hurricane Ridge. The views of the snow-covered Olympic peaks are breathtaking from this area. Snowshoeing takes nothing more than a little equipment and putting one foot in front of the other. Snowshoes can be rented at local sporting goods stores or at the Ridge. Come enjoy the views and explore the new visitors' center.

More Outings & Notices

Cross-Country Skiing at Hurricane Ridge

Saturday, January 15th

Contact: Tom Banks (697-7708)

Glide along the sparkling snow fields among grand snow covered peaks and trees. The views at Hurricane Ridge are some of the most stunning in the Olympics. The trails will be suitable for beginners.

Mountain Biking/Sea Kayaking

February 24th thru March 4th

Contact: Bruce Legler (479-1926)

email: legler2wa@aol.com

Join a group of up to twelve people for ten days of mountain biking and sea kayaking in Baja, Mexico. Create unforgettable memories on the Sea of Cortez and in the area near La Paz. The cost is \$995 per person.

Skateland

Sunday Nights 7:00 to 9:30 pm

Contact: Charlie Pomfret (479-7820)

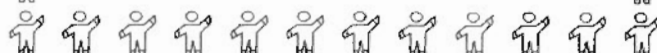
A number of PWCers meet at Skateland for adults-only skate night. Rent skates there or strap on your own and come on down!



Entertainment Ideas

Contact: Joe Weigel, 871-0291

Do you have an idea you think will make interesting entertainment for a Monday night meeting? Have you got a presentation? Know someone who does? Maybe you just have a topic that you think is worth pursuing? Contact Joe with your suggestions.



Mt. Tahoma Ski Hut Outings

Contact: Tony Abruzzo (871-5754)

January 8th & 9th

at Copper Creek Hut [12 guests]

February 5th & 6th

at High Hut [8 guests]

March 25th & 26th

at Snow Bowl Hut [8 guests]

Copper Creek is suitable for beginners. Skiers should be advanced beginners or better for High and Snow Bowl huts. The huts are equipped with bunks, appliances, and wood. Skiers bring their own sleeping bags, clothes, and food.

A drawing will be held at the December Monday meeting to fill the reserved spots on the Mt. Tahoma ski hut outings. Interested members will enter their names with their choice of dates (first and second choices) before the meeting. Tony will draw names to fill vacancies and establish alternates. A single entry can represent an individual, couple, or a family so that partners and families won't be split between outings.

Participants **MUST** submit a refundable deposit in the form of a \$25 check payable to the PWC at the January Monday meeting. Spots not secured by a deposit at that time will be immediately offered to an alternate. Deposit checks are returned if all reserved spots are filled on the trip. If you can not attend the December meeting, call Tony before then to have your name enter in the drawing.

Weekday Skiing

Contact: Jon DeArman (697-1352)

Jon is looking for skiers available for midweek outings throughout the winter.

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Interested Members Meeting

Thursday, December 9th, 7:00 p.m.

Attend the interested members meeting at Scot Fourier's home in the Silverdale area. The meeting is an informal and social way to share new ideas, schedule trips and discuss club business. Call Scot at 698-3005 for directions.

*** For Sale ***

Contact: Dale Boyle (792-1714)

Kid's Cross-Country Ski Equipment. One complete set: skis, boots & poles (3-pin bindings) for smaller child. One pair of skis for somewhat older child (3-pin bindings).

PWC Climbers Group

An informal gathering of climbers meets the last Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Silver City Brewing Company in Silverdale. All are welcome to join us for general socializing and discussions about past and future mountaineering excursions. For directions, call Tom Banks at 697-7708. For a list of climbers, send an e-mail to Jim Morrison at: jmorrison@telisphere.com or phone 638-2705.



A Word About Outings

The persons sponsoring trips are organizers and should not be considered instructors. If you are unsure of your abilities, skill level, or equipment, discuss the trip thoroughly with the organizer. Often, friendly guidance is available on the trip; however by preplanning you will help ensure everyone has a safe and fun adventure.

Newsletter Folding...

A small group of PWCers meets to prepare the newsletter for mailing. Call Doug Savage at 698-9774 for specific location and time if you would like to help.

Recent New Members

The PWC welcomes the following new members: Charles Hampton, Michael Klinger, and Deborah Perry.

PWC On-Line

Bert Cripe maintains the club website and the email list. Contact him for your on-line needs.

Phone: (206) 548-8052

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Officers & Staff

President:	Tom Banks	697-7708
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	Doug Savage	698-9774
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On-line Services:	Bert Cripe	(206) 548-8052

Last Month's Door Prize: Rick McNicholas won the November door prize, a pair of trekking poles. The monthly door prize is donated by Mt. Constance Mountain Shoppe. All members can enter at the Monday night meeting.

More Announcements & Notices



Visit the *PENWICLE* on-line at <http://kendaco.telebyte.com/~bcripe/>

PENWICLE Submittals

⇒ Deadline for newsletter submittals is the 15th of the month. See the back of the newsletter for where to send your contributions.



No December potluck due to the busy holiday season.



Date Correction for Winterfest 2000

February 19th thru 21st

Contact: Doug Savage (698-9774)

The Inn of Packwood begins taking reservations for Winterfest 2000 on December 1st. Members can downhill ski at nearby White Pass or cross-country ski or snowshoe. The Inn has a few rooms that accommodate larger groups. It also has a heated indoor pool.

Telemarking classes: Dale Boyle will be teaching two telemarking classes at White Pass during Winterfest. The morning of February 19th, Dale offers an introductory class. An intermediate class will be held the morning of February 20th. The classes are free, but individuals will have to buy their own lift ticket.

**Book Review
by Ron Croft:**

A Walk in the Woods

by Bill Bryson

I'm surprised that none of the PWC'ers I've talked to about this book have read it. I'll have to admit to a personal interest in it; I grew up in New England, chaired the rock climbing section of the Appalachian Mountain Club, hiked several short sections of the Appalachian Trail (the AT), even had a territorial dispute with a bull moose on Mt. Katahdin at the northern terminus of the trail (the moose won). My own bias aside, the book quickly became a national bestseller when first published in 1997. Now available in paperback, it describes the author's experiences in hiking the 2100 mile Appalachian Trail, between Georgia and Maine, with an old acquaintance whose companionship is questionable.

Bryson is a writer by trade and executes his craft well. He is funny, very funny. Besides his hapless difficulties with his companion, other hikers, and local residents, he covers a lot of the natural history, sociology, ecology, and environmental politics of the region. Unlike the harrowing accounts of climbs on Mt. Everest and other extreme adventures, it's easy to relate to the hiking and backpacking experiences described in this book. It can be a good antidote for any wilderness lover struggling to get through the oppressive grayness of the northwest winter.

Rara-Simikot Loop

tentative Start Date
June 23th or 24th

Contact: Brian Steely
Phone: (360) 297-3825
Email: steelcra@telebyte.com

Brain Steely will be offering a new adventure in Nepal. This incredible journey starts in Kathmandu. You are then flown to Nepal's remote western frontier, and from there, to Jumla in the northwest.

The actual trek begins there, as we head to Rara Lake National Park. From Rara we continue in a loop to Simikot, exploring the incredible scenery and cultures along our route. From there we return by air to Kathmandu.

It is a total of eighteen days once we land in Kathmandu. The total cost is \$1580 which includes all expenses once landing: transportation to

and from the airport, all hotel stays, cost of permits, porters and guides, all air and ground transportation within Nepal, and all meals while on the trek.

This is a totally catered event. Everything will be

done for you, including carrying your things on the trek, setting up camp, and cooking. You'll be greeted in the morning at your tent by a smiling porter offering you a mug of hot tea or coffee, along with a basin of warm water to wash yourself.



Plane Remains

By Kevin Kilbridge

I know of two disparate accounts of the four-engine plane that lies in pieces on Iron Mountain above the Tubal Cain Mine.

One is a mention by Robert Wood in his *Olympic Mountains Trail Guide*, as follows: "...the remains of a military plane that crashed in September, 1941, killing six people. The wreckage was discovered by hunters in 1948."

The other version, dug up from the archives of the Port Angeles newspaper by a friend, is that on January 21, 1952, an Air Force B-17 smashed into a 6,000-foot mountain and then tumbled 1,300 feet. It continues (paraphrased):

The plane had been returning from a rescue mission when storm and snow caused them to go off course a bit and they were caught in air turbulence, bouncing from 500 to 800 feet.

One survivor thought they had hit the tops of some trees. He recalled a blinding flash (the oxygen system letting go), noting also that the plane burned slowly. Three men were thrown out

of the plane upon impact and are assumed to have died instantly. The other five men tumbled down the mountain in the plane, "like being in a washing machine," with one falling out and sustaining light injuries. The five found each other and got supplies (food and extra clothing and two parachutes to use as a windbreak). They stomped out a "P" in the ground, indicating their need for a paramedic. They also stomped out the words "NEED" and "LAND".

Fifty planes were involved in the search. The survivors saw three planes before the last one circled, tipped its wings, and contacted a Coast Guard helicopter. The storm, bad on the night of the accident, continued the whole day but the men drew an "X" where the helicopter could land, and in two successful trips, all of the survivors were out. The bodies of the other men were found later that day on top of the mountain.

As for the mission that the B-17 had been returning from—it was a rescue from a Korean airlift plane that had crashed in the Queen Charlotte Islands, in British Columbia. A large number of people clung to the wings of the ill-fated plane after it hit the water, but one by one they slipped off to their deaths before help arrived, leaving only 17 survivors.

Recipe of the Month:

Mac & Cheese with Ham

by <unknown-could it be you?>

1 box Kraft macaroni and cheese

1 can Hormel chunk ham

1/4 C grated cheddar cheese

So simple, yet so good! Forget the milk and butter; you won't need them. Boil water; add macaroni and cook until tender. Drain macaroni. Add chunk ham (don't drain), cheese packet, and extra cheddar cheese. Yum!

Newsletter Contributions and Address or Phone Number Changes:

Send articles, trip reports, stories, announcements, etc & address and phone number changes to:

Teresa Sayers, 4130 Harris Rd. SE, Port Orchard WA 98366; phone 895-8769;

email tsayers@telebyte.net.

How to Join the PWC (or renew your membership):

Membership is open to anyone interested in muscle-powered outdoor sports. Dues are \$18.00 per household per year. Send a check or money order to Peninsula Wilderness Club, P.O. Box 323, Bremerton, WA 98337-0070. PWC members get a 10% discount at Mt. Constance Mountain Shoppe and at The Ajax Cafe.

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email Address: _____

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* If you provide this information, it will be available to other club members through the mailing and email list.

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