

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.

May 2001

Monday Meeting

May 14th

Olympic Rescue

Paul Nelson will speak about his wilderness experience last summer in which he was lost in Olympic National Park on a solo backpacking trip attempting to navigate a way trail from Cat Basin to Appleton Pass. He will tell the story, read poetry about the experience and answer questions.

Paul is a 20-year radio broadcasting veteran who formed a non-profit known as *It Plays in Peoria Productions* in 1993. An award-winning poet and journalist, Paul also hosts Saturday Jazz Matinee on KPLU 88.5FM, National Public Radio.

Logon to Paul's Website for details about the backpacking trip on which he'll speak or to read his bio:

<http://www.inpeoria.org/paulresume.htm>

June Meeting at Evergreen Park for Outdoor Cook-Off!!!

Date: Monday, June 11th

Location: Evergreen Park

The June General Meeting (June 11th) will include a cook-off contest in place of regular entertainment. To accommodate cook stoves and barbecues, the meeting will be held at Evergreen Park rather than the church. Evergreen Park is located along the water at the north end of Park Ave. in Bremerton.

Aspiring contestants, dust off your cook stoves and start experimenting. It's fun to just graze through everyone's concoctions and collect recipes for upcoming trips. But, it's more fun to prepare and compete some creations of your own and win great prizes along the way.

Enter as many dishes as you like in the following categories:

- Breakfast
- Lunch & Snacks
- Dinner
- Car Camping

Entries will be judged on...

- taste
- weight efficiency (except Car Camping)
- ease of clean-up

Remember to bring copies of your recipes to share with others.

Upcoming Outings

Rock Climbing at Frenchman's Coulee

May 5th & 6th

Contact: Tom Banks (360) 697-7708

A two-hour drive east of Seattle, Frenchman's Coulee has basalt columns affording a multitude of moderate to advanced rock climbing routes with some beginner routes available. Carpool after work Friday night or drive over Saturday morning. Climb on Saturday and Sunday, returning Sunday afternoon. Pets are welcome. Required equipment: climbing harness, shoes, and helmet; personal camping gear. Group items: rope, webbing, climbing gear, tents, stoves, cooking gear. For each vehicle, try to purchase a Washington State Fish and Wildlife Recreation Area Pass before the trip, as required for the (otherwise free) car camping and parking areas.

Nisqually Wildlife Refuge

Saturday, May 5th

Contact: Diana Cripe, (360) 895-8213

Five miles of flat trail afford lots of opportunities to observe flora, wetlands, birds and other little critters at Nisqually Wildlife Refuge, south of Olympia. Join Diana for a fun day experiencing Mother Nature.

Upper South Fork of Skokomish

Saturday, May 12th

Contact: Barney Bernhard, (360) 479-3679

This hike features huge old growth trees, tumbling waterfalls, box canyons, and an underground river. It's a 10.4-mile intermediate river hike with 1700 feet of elevation gain.

Cascade Rock Hike

Saturday, May 19th

Contact: Steve Vittori, (253) 858-8191

A moderate four-mile (round-trip) hike through a pleasant Douglas fir, madrona, and fern forest near Elwha. Elevation gain is 1800 feet.

Lake Ozette Paddling Weekend

May 19th & 20th

Contact: Rick Fleming, (360) 779-2275

Canoe or kayak the beautiful waters of Lake Ozette to the remote (marine access only) campsites of Erickson Bay. Hike the coastal trail to Sand Point for spectacular views of the Ocean. Paddlers of all skill levels will enjoy this peaceful get-away.

Anvil Rock

May 19th & 20th

Contact: Doug Savage, (360) 698-9774

Climb to Anvil Rock on Mt. Rainier. Bivy overnight and ski back down in the morning.

Mt. Shasta Climb

May 24th thru 28th

Contact: Pam Sargent, (360) 697-5545

Email: psargent@ix.netcom.com

The 24th and 28th will be driving days. Route will be determined by the skill level of those that sign up- either south side or a more technical route on the southeast side. Basic snow travel skills and intermediate backcountry ski boarding abilities are required at a minimum. Will set a high snow camp and climb and ski from there.

Barnes Creek Backpacking

May 26th thru 28th

Contact: Kevin Kilbridge, (360) 871-2537

Spend the weekend enjoying peaceful backcountry camping. Barnes Creek Trail wanders through beautiful Douglas fir and hemlock forest. The view from the end of Barnes Creek includes awesome Baldy Ridge, as well as, Barnes Creek toward Lake Crescent. Prepare for about 20 miles of hiking and 4300 feet of elevation gain.

Ski to Sea

May 26th thru 28th

Contact: Scot Fourier, (360) 698-3005

A team(s) of athletes will again be joining the annual Ski to Sea. Deadline for entries is May 1st. Call now to see if there's room on the relay(s) for you. Relay legs include downhill and cross-country skiing, road and mountain biking, canoeing, kayaking and running. Interested athletes of all capabilities are welcome to inquire.

Mt. St. Helens

Wednesday, May 30th

Contact: Doug Savage, (360) 698-9774

We'll drive down Tuesday night and car camp. Climb Mt. St. Helens, then ski down from the summit.

Upcoming Events

Fort Flagler Day Hike

Saturday, June 9th

Contact: Kathy Weigel, (360) 871-0291

Enjoy the five-mile loop trail that meanders through forest and along the beach, explore the gun emplacements, or play in the open meadow at Fort Flagler. Trails have minimal elevation change. Enjoying dinner on the way home may be a possibility.

Summer Solstice at Theler Wetlands

Thursday evening, June 21st

Contact: Diana Cripe, (360) 895-8213

Celebrate the Summer Solstice with an evening stroll along the level paths of Theler Wetlands. Enjoy beautiful views of the area and watch birds play along the trails.

Sawtooth Film Festival & Outdoor Adventure Expo

May 2nd, 4:00 p.m.

Navy Station Bremerton, Building 1013

Sawtooth Films tours feature exhilarating short films of extreme sports including base jumping, skiing, surfing, and cycling. You can enter to win your own extreme vacation and other cool goods.

Check out their awesome Website for enticing details about the films they'll be showing:
www.sawtoothfilms.com

Contact Jim Drannan, (360) 434-0704 if you have questions.

Rugged Ridge Trail

Saturday, June 23rd

Contact: Joe Weigel, (360) 871-0291

Bicycle four miles along Forest Service road to the trail head. Rugged Ridge is six miles round-trip with little overall elevation change, although there are moderate ups and downs along the way. The trail crosses several creeks, some scenic with rock walls, falls, and luxuriant flora. This trail is near Forks. Consider spending a night camping or lodging in the area.

Six Ridge Trail Clean-Up

July 14th thru 22nd

Contact: Doug Savage, (360) 698-9774

Volunteer as many days and in whatever capacity you can. Doug's looking for people interested in everything from lopping to camp cooking. Gear will be packed in and out. Call Doug for more details.

Midweek Hike Series

May & June

Contact: Ron Croft, (360) 779-6250

Ron will be hiking every Wednesday or Thursday depending on which day has more promising weather. Destinations/trails to be determined. Contact Ron if you are interested in some midweek hiking.

Contra Dance Schedule

May 5th Port Orchard (360) 830-0319 and Silverdale (360) 780-2220 Call ahead to confirm date.

May 12th Port Townsend, Palindrome Hall (360) 385-5559

May 25th thru 28th (Memorial Weekend) Contra dancing will be one of the featured activities at the Seattle Folk Life Festival at Seattle Center. This festival generally draws lots of beginners, and is one of the most popular contra dance events held on the West Coast.

For general information or carpooling, contact Tom Banks (360) 697-7708.

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| May 5th-6th | Frenchman's Coulee | Tom Banks, (360) 697-7708 | 2 |
| May 5th | Nisqually Wildlife Refuge | Diana Cripe, (360) 895-8213 | 2 |
| May 9th or 10th | Midweek Hike TBD | Ron Croft, (360) 779-6250 | 3 |
| May 10th | Interested Members Meeting | Rick & Vicki Fleming, (360) 779-2275 | 4 |
| May 12th | Upper South Fork Skokomish | Barney Bernhard, (360) 479-3679 | 2 |
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| May 19th-20th | Anvil Rock Climb/Ski | D. Savage, (360) 698-9774 | 2 |
| May 23rd or 24th | Midweek Hike TBD | Ron Croft, (360) 779-6250 | 3 |
| May 24th-28th | Mt. Shasta Climb | Pam Sargent, (360) 697-5545 | 2 |
| May 25th | Potluck | Cheryl Gudger, (360) 876-3035 | 4 |
| May 26th-28th | Barnes Creek Backpack | Kevin Kilbridge, (360) 871-2537 | 2 |
| May 26th-28th | Ski to Sea | Scot Fourier, (360) 698-3005 | 2 |
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| May 30th | Mt. St. Helens Climb/Ski | Doug Savage, (360) 698-9774 | 2 |

Interested Member Meeting

Thursday, May 10th, 7:00 pm

Contact: Rick & Vicki Fleming, (360) 779-2275

Discuss club business and upcoming trips and events. May's IMM will be at the home of Rick and Vicki Fleming in Poulsbo.

May Potluck!

Friday, May 25th, 6:30 pm

Contact: Cheryl Gudger, (360) 876-3035

Spend an evening swapping stories with fellow PWCers. Bring your favorite main dish, salad, side dish, or appetizer. The hostess will provide dessert.

PWC Climbers Group

An informal gathering of climbers meets the last Monday of the month at 7 pm 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 (360) 697-7708. For a list of climbers, send an e-mail to Jim Morrison at: jimjuliem@yahoo.com or phone (360) 638-2705.

PWC Welcomes new members...

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| Erica Bay | Marie Buckner |
| Darlene Clopton | |
| Cori & Michael Donnelly | |
| Sean Erfe-Johnson | Marion Hilleary |
| Craig Kantorowski | Gale Kirsopp |
| Steve Miles | John Schuller |
| Amy Yang | |

Last Month's Door Prize: Winner of the April door prize, an ice axe, was Kevin Kilbridge. The monthly door prize is donated by Mt. Constance Mountain Shoppe. PWC members are eligible to enter the drawing at the monthly general meeting.

A Word About Outings

The persons sponsoring trips 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.

Email: clyde360@aol.com

Ron Writes...About Sponsoring Trips

Occasionally I will hear a member ask, "Why doesn't PWC do a trip to...?" or, "Why doesn't PWC ever...?" The short answer is, PWC doesn't sponsor trips. Unlike some clubs, we have no trip planning committee and no "certified" or "approved" leaders judged by some board to be qualified to lead trips. Many members possess high levels of skill in various outdoor activities and often share their expertise with others, but we do not run formal instructional programs. Whether this is desirable or undesirable, informality has been the club's tradition since its founding over 20 years ago. In a sense, we're not much more than a large group of friends who get together to enjoy the outdoors. For those seeking formal instruction and more structure, there are some excellent clubs and programs in the Puget Sound area.

How then do PWC outings get scheduled and what are the responsibilities of a trip sponsor? The only way an outing or activity comes about is because someone has an idea of something they'd like to do and is willing to invite other members to join in. A notice is put in the *Penwicle*, people call to sign up, and the activity takes place. It's as simple as that. If it weren't for the willingness of individual members to volunteer their services this way PWC wouldn't have *any* activities.

Some members are reluctant to sponsor outings because they feel they don't have sufficient group leadership or outdoor skills. More ambitious ventures naturally require more experience on the part of the sponsor as well as the participants. However, the recent member survey revealed a popular desire for modest outings such as beach and lowland hikes, and mountain hikes under eight miles. For such outings, about all a sponsor needs to do is establish a meeting time and place, take sign up calls, know how to get to the start point, and, sometimes, help arrange car-pooling. Normal helpfulness and concern for others is, of course, expected. But, participants are responsible for their own equipment, safety and welfare just as they would be hiking with any group of friends.

In recent months we've seen several new outing sponsors. On behalf of all club members—thanks to all of you. Hopefully, as the hiking season progresses, more will volunteer. We are fortunate to live where we do, and sponsoring outings is a great way to introduce people new to the area, or new to wilderness activities, to our wonderful abundance. Sponsoring an activity is the best way to meet those who share your interests, and you get to decide what to do and where to go. There are three ways you can do it: 1) come to an Interested Members Meeting and describe the outing you'd like to do, 2) contact the *Penwicle* editor and describe the outing you want to do, or, 3) list the outing you want to do on the white board at the monthly general meeting. And remember, each outing you sponsor gives you an extra chance at the monthly door prize.

Enjoy the coming hiking season!

Ron Croft, President

Club Business

Joining the PWC...

⇒ 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**. Include your name, mailing address, phone number, and email address. If you do NOT want to have your information included in the annual membership list distributed to fellow members, please indicate so when you join. PWC members get a 10% discount at Mt. Constance Mountain Shoppe, The Ajax Café, and Commander's Beach House B&B in Port Townsend. (See back of newsletter.)

Membership Renewal...

⇒ Renewals should be sent to the club's post office box listed above. The Treasurer receives transactions through this address. This will ensure the quickest processing of your dues. If you don't want to be listed on the distributed membership list, indicate so when renewing.

PWC On-Line...

⇒ Bert Cripe maintains the club Website and the email list. Contact Bert for your on-line needs. Phone: (360) 895-8213 email: bcripe@telebyte.com

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

⇒ Submit photos of PWCers and your favorite recreation activities or destinations to Bert for posting on the club Website. If you've already got them in a computer file, email them to him at bcripe@telebyte.com. Otherwise, send the actual photo(s) to him at 2398 Jefferson Ave. SE; Port Orchard, WA 98366 and Bert will scan it in.

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⇒ Deadline for newsletter submittals is the 15th of the month. Send articles, trip reports, stories, announcements, etc. to: Teresa Sayers, 4130 Harris Rd. SE, Port Orchard WA 98366; phone (360) 895-8769; email tsayers@telebyte.net.

⇒ You should receive your newsletter at the end of the month or the very beginning of the month. If you have NOT received your newsletter by the second business day of the month, it could indicate a distribution problem that we want to investigate and remedy. If this happens to you, please contact Venita Goodrich at (360) 698-9774 so another copy can be mailed to you immediately.

⇒ A small group of PWCers meets to prepare the newsletter for mailing. Call Doug Savage at (360) 698-9774 for specific location and time if you would like to help.

Address Changes...

⇒ Send changes of address, phone number, and email to Venita Goodrich; 3661 Hyak Way; Bremerton, WA 98311; email: vmnotbf@ix.netcom.com.

Pet Policy...

⇒ Because some people may not be as comfortable with your pets as you are, you're asked to please leave them at home when attending PWC outings unless the trip is specifically advertised as welcoming them.

Officers & Staff

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| | Kevin Kilbridge | (360) 871-2537 |
| | Joe Weigel | (360) 871-0291 |
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| | Bert Cripe | (360) 895-8213 |
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How to Join the PWC (or renew your membership):

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City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email Address: _____

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New Member? ☐ Renewing Member? ☐

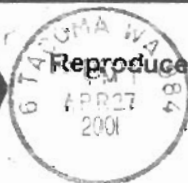
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Please mark the activities in which you are most interested...

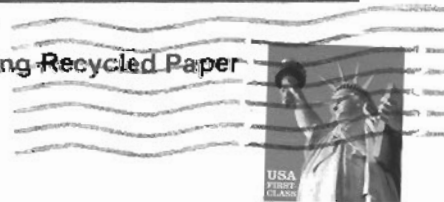
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Lowland and beach hikes | <input type="checkbox"/> Car camping | <input type="checkbox"/> Special events (parties, picnic, annual multi-day trips such as Winterfest) |
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