

October 2001

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.

Giving Something Back

Over the years three PWC members have enabled over three dozen individuals to be able to give something back to Olympic National Park by providing leadership in doing volunteer work on various trails. Kevin Kilbridge was the first to begin doing trail maintenance, followed about 10 years ago by Doug Savage and Joe Weigel. Each is a member of Washington Trails Association, with Kevin being a certified trail foreman and all have received training from Olympic National Park.

Each year the number of volunteer hours has increased -1000 hours this year, 800 hours in 2000, and 600 in 1999. In 1999 the Backcountry Horsemen of Mason County began packing gear in and out for extended trail maintenance trips, allowing for lighter packs and more "creature comforts" for everyone.

Numerous trails have been worked on over the years. Black and White Lakes Trail was neglected until about seven years ago and now is largely a distinct and easy-to-follow way trail. Lake Constance Trail has had work done on it the last few years—a few weeks ago over two dozen downed trees were removed from across the trail. Barnes Creek Trail, with hundreds of downed trees, was reclaimed after not having any major maintenance for a couple of decades. Wagonwheel Lake Trail has been brushed and downed trees removed over the years. Members of the PWC have helped brush and clear the lower trails in the Staircase area several times over the years.



Dinner after a day of trail maintenance

The biggest project of all has been Six Ridge Trail. Doug first hiked this trail in 1992 and saw that no maintenance had been done for years and decided that this was a trail worth saving. This effort began in 1998 and continues. To date, about six miles of trail have been reclaimed, with over half of the work having been completed. "Old-growth huckleberry" describes some of the vegetation found. And then there are the many downed trees that have been removed, some of which have "Joe cuts" (describes the neat and tidy way Joe cuts a downed tree from the trail). This reclamation project should be complete either next year or in 2003.

Besides Six Ridge Trail, coming up for 2002 is West Fork Dosewallips Trail—the bridge has been out since the extreme snowfall in early 1999 and is now in the process of being replaced. There are washouts, slides, downed trees, overgrown brush (maybe even the beginning of "old-growth huckleberry"), and lots of hard work to be done.

Cross-Country Downhill—A New Way of Skiing

October 8th, 7:30 pm

PWC welcomes Pete Ruff, alpine and telemark ski expert. Ruff will present a history of all types of cross-country skiing, from light touring to mountaineer telemarking, with a look at today's randonee alpine touring. Although the presentation will not include slides, there will be lots to look at. Ruff will bring along examples of the newest equipment so we can see what's available for XC adventures. Don't miss this meeting -you just might find something to add to your Christmas list!

Ron Writes... About Knowing Your Limits

Several incidents on club hikes point up how important it is for all of us to know our limits when choosing outings. Recently, a member chose a hike that was much too long and strenuous. The sponsor described the difficulty to her personally beforehand, but she was convinced she could do it. Everyone completed the hike well within daylight, except the one who could not keep up. Fortunately, some backcountry horsemen were in the area and kindly brought her off the trail by horseback. In this case, no accident was involved and no one's safety was jeopardized. But the sponsor and others carpooling with the slow hiker were severely inconvenienced—they didn't leave the trailhead until after 9 pm, while everyone else was on their way by 5 pm!

In two other instances, members participated in hikes knowing they had injuries that could, and actually did, cause problems. In neither case did they tell the trip sponsor about their condition before the hike. One required a horse evacuation and return to the trailhead after dark. The other resulted in the trip not being able to be completed as planned.

Our outing sponsors are not responsible for the comfort and safety of participants beyond what would normally occur among friends looking out for each other. Sponsors are not guides or leaders in the sense sometimes used by other clubs. They are members who agree to invite other members to join them in the hikes and outings they plan to do. We do not teach courses that members must pass in order to demonstrate their qualifications, so it is the responsibility of each participant to know his or her own limits. We are each responsible for ourselves and need to recognize that it is possible to risk the safety of the group if we're not up to the demands of the outing. This applies equally to hikes as well as technical mountain activities.

Before signing up for an outing, you should be prepared and willing to discuss your physical abilities and experience with the organizer. Ask questions. If you haven't done a particular hike or outing before, it's best to be conservative in estimating your abilities so others will not be inconvenienced if you judge wrong. In some cases a sponsor may be willing to accommodate the limitations of an individual participant, but don't be offended if the sponsor suggests an outing that may be less demanding. Keep in mind that sponsors plan outings intended to be enjoyable for themselves and everyone who comes along. It is not fair to the others if carpooling arrangements are disrupted and sponsors do not get to enjoy an outing they planned because one participant is unprepared.

One thing that could help prevent such problems is a greater number of easy to moderate hikes in our schedule for those not yet up to the demands of more ambitious outings. PWC has members with a wide range of outdoor experience, and a major value of membership is the chance to meet others with similar interests and abilities so we can arrange to do things together. Any member can sponsor outings. We try to make it easy by having the monthly meeting and publishing the newsletter that will allow any member to describe something they'd like to do and invite others to join them. By sponsoring the kinds of outings that fit your skill level, you will be able to meet others who want to do those same things. I urge more members to try sponsoring something and will be happy to provide suggestions and support to anyone who is interested.

Walk softly in the wilderness and have fun.

In friendship,

Ron Croft, President



A PWC Tradition...THE ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARTY

*VFW Hall, 9981 Central Valley Road NE, Silverdale
Saturday, October 27, 6–9:30 pm (Cleanup at 9:30 pm)*



Mark your calendars now! This month the potluck becomes an evening of costumed PWCers partying incognito. Bring the family and join the goblins and ghosts for a festive evening. Cook up a favorite concoction for the potluck dinner, and masked or not, be part of this ghoulish affair. We won't have a live band, but there will be music, so if the spirits move you, you can get up and dance. The kids can look forward to special Halloween treats just for them.

Outings

A Word About Outings

The persons sponsoring trips should not be considered instructors or leaders. If you are unsure of your abilities, skill level, or equipment, discuss the trip thoroughly with the organizer. Remember that each participant is responsible for his or her own comfort and safety on any outing. Please always carry the 10 essentials.

Pet Policy...

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

Backpack Golden Lakes via Lake Chelan

Friday, October 5–Tuesday, October 9

Contact: Kevin Koski, 360-698-0655, koskik@msn.com

Please contact Kev in for more information.

Hike Lake of the Angels

Saturday, October 6

Contact: Kevin Kilbridge, 360-871-2537

A short, steep day hike of 3300 feet of elevation gain in 3.8 miles. Graze on blueberries along the way to this lovely lake nestled between Mt. Stone and Mt. Skokomish.

Rock Climbing at Peshastin Pinnacles

Saturday, October 6–Sunday, October 7

Contact: Tony Abruzzo, 360-871-5754

Join Tony for the annual Oktoberfest rock climbing outing to Peshastin Pinnacles near Leavenworth. Members of all skill levels will enjoy the climbing opportunities during the day and the festive atmosphere among friends during the evening. Bring rock climbing shoes. (They can be rented.) More experienced climbers will provide ropes and friendly guidance. Contact Tony for more details and to arrange camping accommodations.

Hike South Fork Skokomish

Sunday, October 7

Contact: Lori Hudson, 360-697-1281

A reprise of the hike Lori sponsored last spring, but this time we will see the vine maples coloring the fall forest. This 9-mile roundtrip, river hike has 3000 feet of elevation gain, with a net gain of 512 feet.

Hike Grand Ridge

Saturday, October 13

Contact: Kevin Kilbridge, 360-871-2537

This 7.6-mile trail follows the ridge from Deer Park to Obstruction Point and is one of the most spectacular day hikes in the Olympics. We will walk above the timberline for most of the way, and if the day is clear, we will be treated to stunning views of the major Olympic peaks and the Strait of Juan de Fuca. With drivers starting at both ends, we'll meet midway for lunch and key exchange.

Bike the Iron Horse Trail

Saturday, October 20

Contact: Rick Fleming,
360-779-2275



Come join this bicycle trip on the Iron Horse Trail in the Snoqualmie Pass area of the Cascades. We will ride over the improved gravel path through tunnels and over trestles on the gentle grade (2% max.) of the old Milwaukee Railroad. The trip

length will be approximately 30 miles. Avid cyclists may wish to travel further (the trail has a total length of over 100 miles). The fall colors in the mountains should be at their peak.

Hike Heather Creek Trail via Upper Dungeness

Sunday, October 21

Contact: Ron Croft, 360-779-6250

Beginning as a sidepath on the Upper Dungeness Trail near Camp Handy, the route ends near the park boundary, with remnants of a hunters' camp and old cabin along the way. There is no bridge, so this 14.4-mile roundtrip hike will include fording the creek.

McCormick Woods Stroll & Brunch

Sunday, October 28

Contact: Alan Searle, 360-876-3070

After a leisurely 6-mile stroll to whet our appetites (Alan promises we won't get lost this year!), we will enjoy a pleasant Sunday brunch together at Mary Mac's Restaurant.

Advance Notice

MTTA 11th Anniversary Gala

Saturday, November 17

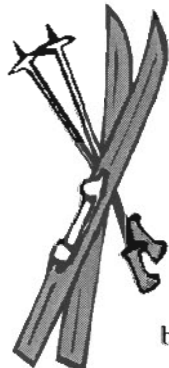
Contact: Judy Scayone, 360-569-2878

Join us for Mt. Tahoma Trail Association's anniversary party. The Gala will be held at the South Park Community Center, 4851 South Tacoma Way, Tacoma, from 5:30–9:30 pm. First chance at hut reservations, dinner, raffle, outdoor equipment auction, and much more! A \$5 entry fee covers main hall admittance and dinner.

Cross Country Ski in Yellowstone Park

February 28–March 4, 2002

Contact: Alice Savage, 360-638-2597



We are repeating the Yellowstone yurt ski trip of 1999. We will travel by snow coach to a yurt camp in the middle of Yellowstone's beautiful canyon area. There will be ample opportunity for wildlife viewing of bison, elk, and trumpeter swans, as well as coyotes, and maybe even a wolf if we are lucky. This also will be the time of a full moon for night skiing.

Camping by yurt: two large yurts are set up for kitchen and eating areas and six small yurts are the sleeping quarters holding two people each. The yurts have kerosene heaters and lamps. A heated outhouse, sauna, and hot water showers are provided for our comfort along with all bedding.

The camp holds 12 guests and there are three spaces yet available. The cost is \$791 per person, \$10 less if you have a National Park Pass. The price seems high but it is a beautiful trip, and everything is provided (wonderful meals), along with entertaining ski guides who take us out each day on the trails and travel into and out of the park. Try it, you'll like it.

Big Mountain Ski Trip

March 3 or 10, 2002 (*You help decide the exact dates!*)

Contact: Pat Gleason, 360-862-8926, PGZyzz@cs.com

It's time again to prepare for Pat's annual trip to ski the powder of Big Mountain, Montana. This year, he's considering extending the trip by a day. The return train doesn't leave until 9 pm, which will allow five days to enjoy all that the trip offers—alpine and nordic skiing, backcountry snowcat skiing, and side trips to Glacier National Park. Packages are available with or without lift tickets, various room configurations at the slopeside hotel, and coach or sleeper accommodations on the train, with discounts available for seniors and young folks. The "Think Snow"

party, as always, will be on board the sleeper car! Tentative dates are Sunday, March 3, through Friday or Saturday, March 8 or 9; or Sunday, March 10 through Friday or Saturday, March 15 or 16. Examples of prices, which include hotel, Amtrak Coach fare, all transfers, and lift tickets, are:

3 Nights/3 Lifts

4 Nights/4 Lifts

ALPINGLOW INN

Two per room:

\$440 per person

\$546 per person

Four per room:

\$370 per person

\$448 per person

HIBERNATION HOUSE

Two per room:

\$398 per person

\$485 per person

Four per room:

\$346 per person

\$415 per person

Alpinglow Inn offers ski in/ski out accommodations, outdoor hot tubs, and its own restaurant (good food, reasonably priced). Room configurations include one king, two queens, one queen and one set of bunks, or one queen and two sets of bunks. At the Hibernation House, all rooms have one queen and one set of bunks. There is an indoor Jacuzzi, and a hot breakfast is included in the price. You can ski into the hotel, but must walk a short distance to the nearest lift.

Add \$114 per person for a standard sleeper room on Amtrak. Upgrades are available at extra cost. All sleeper car accommodations include everything you eat in the dining car.

Help Pat decide (as soon as possible!) whether to plan for 4 or 5 days, whether to depart on March 3rd or the 10th, and whether to book rooms at Alpinglow Inn or Hibernation House. Call *now* so Pat can get things moving!

"The more civilized man becomes, the more he needs and craves a great background of forest wildness, to which he may return like a contrite prodigal from the husks of an artificial life."

~ Ellen Burns Sherman ~

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. How can I participate in an outing?

A. It's simple. Just contact the sponsor whose phone number is listed in the trip description in the PENWICLE. The sponsor will provide more information: where to meet; what to wear; special equipment you will need, etc., as well as the level of difficulty so you can be sure the trip fits your own skill level.

Sometimes a sponsor may recommend another outing as more appropriate for you. PWC has members who are just breaking in their first pair of hiking boots, members with extreme mountaineering experience, and every level in between, so you're sure to find some outings that fit your capabilities. The sponsor will want your phone number so you can be contacted in the event of a last-minute cancellation or change in plans. You should also be prepared to let the sponsor know of any special circumstances such as a physical condition you may have.

Participants agree not to hold the outing sponsor or the club responsible for their comfort and safety.

Q. What is my responsibility as participant in a PWC outing?

A. All participants are responsible to be adequately prepared with the appropriate clothing and equipment for the outings they choose to participate in. For most mountain hikes in the Pacific Northwest, wool or polypro clothing, rain protection, and sturdy, waterproof hiking boots are required. Running shoes and blue jeans are inappropriate for most hikes. Your trip sponsor will advise on special equipment or experience level that may be necessary for specific outings, especially important for winter outings.

To help minimize our impact on the environment, carpooling is arranged for most outings, and courtesy calls for a donation to the driver whose vehicle suffers more than normal wear and tear on our rough mountain roads. The suggested amount is \$2 per hour of driving time.

Each participant is responsible for his or her own safety and should always carry ten essentials.

Q. What are ten essentials?

A. These are things that will enable you to *survive the night out* should an emergency require you to do so. This list varies somewhat from individual to individual, based on the kinds of hikes and backcountry trips they generally pursue. Enclosed are the lists of PWC members Joe Weigel and Tom Banks. Tom's ten essential list is included in his Northwest Hiking & Backpacking Checklist. With experience, you will develop your own list, which may change depending on the season and the location of your hike.

Q. Does PWC have rules that must be followed on outings?

A. PWC thrives on informality, without cumbersome rules and regulations. The purposes of the club are to promote the enjoyment, exploration, conservation, and protection of the wilderness, and toward those ends, Leave No Trace principles provide good guidelines for members to follow in the wilderness.

Q. What are Leave No Trace principles?

A. Leave No Trace depends more on attitude and awareness than on rules and regulations. The Leave No Trace program teaches practical conservation techniques that minimize our impact on the wilderness environment. Impact refers both to the physical changes our visits can create in the backcountry and to behavior that disturbs wildlife or diminishes the wilderness experience of fellow participants and other visitors. Trips are even more enjoyable when we know we are minimizing our impact on the land, on wildlife in the area, and on others.

Effective minimum-impact practices are incorporated into the Leave No Trace principles, which are:

- Plan ahead and prepare
- Travel and camp on durable surfaces
- Dispose of waste properly
- Leave what you find
- Minimize use and impact of fire
- Respect wildlife
- Be considerate of other visitors.

Here are a few examples of how our actions can impact the wilderness environment: cutting switchbacks, hiking off designated trails, and camping in non-designated camp sites can trample fragile vegetation that sometimes takes years to recover; careless disposal of waste water and/or human waste can result in water pollution (pit toilets are there to be used, and otherwise select locations well away from water courses); cell phones and radios disturb wildlife and other visitors (appropriate use requires they be turned off, packed away, and made available for emergencies only).

For more information on the seven basic, minimum-impact principles, see the enclosed sheet, "Principles of Leave No Trace: Outdoor Skills & Ethics."

Q. Are children allowed on outings?

A. Participants under 18 should be accompanied by someone who is responsible for the child's safety and behavior. Exceptions should be discussed with trip sponsor.

Q. What about pets on outings?

A. In consideration of others and to minimize impact and increase the chances of viewing wildlife, members are asked not to bring pets on most outings. When sponsors plan trips to include pets, "pets welcome" will be part of the trip description in the PENWICLE.

Q. Does PWC teach outdoor skills?

A. No. The PWC does not teach, outfit, or provide guide services. It simply provides opportunities for people who enjoy outdoor activities to meet and organize outings and to share information. If individual members give lessons, they are acting on their own and do not represent PWC when doing so.

It is best to seek instruction from trained,

professional instructors. Olympic College offers backpacking and mountaineering classes and many members have taken such classes. Private lessons and clinics are also available, and members working to improve their skills often participate in them. Often, when members find classes that are beneficial, information is shared at general meetings and contact information provided.

Q. How are outings organized?

A. Outings are planned and organized by individual club members and preparation is the responsibility of each participant. Many outings are scheduled at the IMM, but sponsorship is not limited to those who can attend that meeting. All members can sponsor outings and are encouraged to do so. When you want to do a particular outing and would like to share the experience with your PWC friends, get the word out to other members, and you'll be a sponsor.

You can let others know about the outings you have planned by adding them to the schedule that is posted at the monthly General Meeting, or you can contact the PENWICLE editor. You should include your name and phone number, a brief description of the outing, the date you plan to do it, as well as specific skills and/or equipment that is required, if any. For those with e-mail, the most efficient way to submit your trip description is to e-mail it to penwicle@hotmail.com.

Q. What is my risk as a trip sponsor?

A. PWC succeeds because its members are willing to sponsor trips. The continued willingness of members to organize outings depends on everyone's accepting responsibility for himself or herself and not relying upon someone else for their safety. This is fully explained in the article, "Your Risk as a Trip Leader," by Chris Bell, which is reprinted on the following page, along with the liability release statement which all members should read and agree to.

Monthly

Interested Members Meeting

Thursday, October 4, 7 pm

Contact: Charlie Pomfret, 360-479-7820

Discuss club business and help map out the schedule of November outings. Charlie will be hosting this month's meeting at his home in Bremerton.

No Friday Potluck this Month!

It's "trick-or-treat" month and the potluck is upstaged by witches and monsters, goblins and ghouls at the annual PWC Halloween Party on Saturday, October 27. Details are on page 2.

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, call Jim Morrison at 360-638-2705 or email: jimjuliem@yahoo.com.

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10/6-7	Rock Climbing at Peshastin Pinnacles	Tony Abruzzo, 360-871-5754	3
10/7	Hike South Fork Skokomish	Lori Hudson, 360-697-1281	3
10/8	General Meeting, Unitarian Church	Ron Croft, 360-779-6250	1
10/13	Hike Grand Ridge	Kevin Kilbridge, 360-871-2537	3
10/20	Bicycle the Iron Horse Trail	Rick Fleming, 360-779-2275	3
10/21	Hike Heather Creek Trail	Ron Croft, 360-779-6250	3
10/27	Halloween Party, VFW Hall	Ron Croft, 360-779-6250	2
10/28	McCormick Woods Stroll & Brunch	Alan Searle, 360-876-3070	3
10/29	PWC Climbers Group Meeting	Tom Banks, 360-697-7708	5

Club News

PWC Welcomes new members...

George & Kathleen Kerin,
Joe Irwin, Norman Levinsky

Officer & Board Member Nominees

The September meeting was convention night for PWC, with nominations taken for officers and board members to serve for the coming year. Ron Croft and Gail Gross were nominated to continue in their roles as President and Treasurer. Rick Fleming was nominated for Vice President, and Lori Hudson for Secretary. For the Board, Joe Weigel was nominated to continue, and Barney Bernhard and Teresa Sayers were nominated to replace Lynn Howat and Kevin Kilbridge who are stepping down after serving this past year. The election will take place at the October general meeting to confirm this slate of officers and board members.

Trail Tips and Helpful Hints

Hunting Season is On!

Members planning hikes from now through November should keep in mind that they will be sharing the woods with hunters. Here are the dates and locations where rifle hunting will occur:

October 6–12	Northern Olympic Peninsula
October 13–31	North, East, South Olympics
November 3–11	Northern Olympic Peninsula
November 15–18	North, East, South Olympics

Remember that no hunting is ever allowed in the Olympic National Park, which makes park trails the safest place to be during the above dates.

Last Month's Door Prize:

Roger Gray took home the prize in September—a super pair of ski goggles! Once again, our thanks to Mt. Constance Mountain Shoppe. Lots of us have added valuable items to our outdoor gear, thanks to the Mountain Shoppe's continuing generosity to PWC.

Thanks for the Cookies!

Thanks to Joan Edwards and Doug Savage for their cookie contributions in September. Because a few people bring goodies each month, we all get to munch while socializing. If you are coming to the meeting, and you can bring refreshments this month, *please* contact the refreshment coordinator, Laura Croft at 360-779-6250 or llcroft@earthlink.net

Call for Volunteers!

The Native Plant Society is looking for people who can help with it's Olympic National Park Re-vegetation Project. In mid-September, plants were packed up for lifting to the backcountry where they will be planted in the Royal Basin and Pot Holes areas of the park. Planting will take place in early October. If you think you can help, call Ruth Scott at the society's Resource Management Office to get the details. The number is 360-565-3071.

Annual Board Meeting To Be Scheduled

An open board meeting will be scheduled to take place during the month of November. The meeting date and venue will be published in next month's *PENWICK*. At the last board meeting it was agreed that to help keep these meetings running smoothly, items submitted in writing will be included on the agenda. If you have a proposal that you would like the board to consider, please write it up and give it to the club secretary between now and October 31.

Meeting Cancellation Policy

In instances of bad weather or other calamity, all the officers will be involved with or informed of any decision to cancel. Their numbers are printed in the newsletter. Please call one of them if you want to confirm if the meeting will be held.

Find Your Inner Martha!

Each and every month, the club's IMM and potluck dinner need volunteer hosts with the mostest. If you can handle a small home invasion, please contact Kathy Weigel, the club secretary, at 360-871-0291.

Club Business

Joining the PWC or Membership Renewal...

See back of newsletter for membership form.

Address Changes...

Please contact Venita Savage at 3661 Hyak Way, Bremerton, WA 98311, or email: vmnotbf@ix.netcom.com.

PENWICLE...

Deadline for articles, trip descriptions, and announcements is the 15th of the month prior to publication. Send to Lezlie Cox, editor, at 4219 West View Dr., Bremerton, WA 98310, or email: penwicle@hotmail.com.

All are welcome to join the monthly soiree to prepare the newsletter for mailing. To help, contact mailing hosts Joyce Kimmel, 360-876-1497, or Doug Savage, 360-698-9774.

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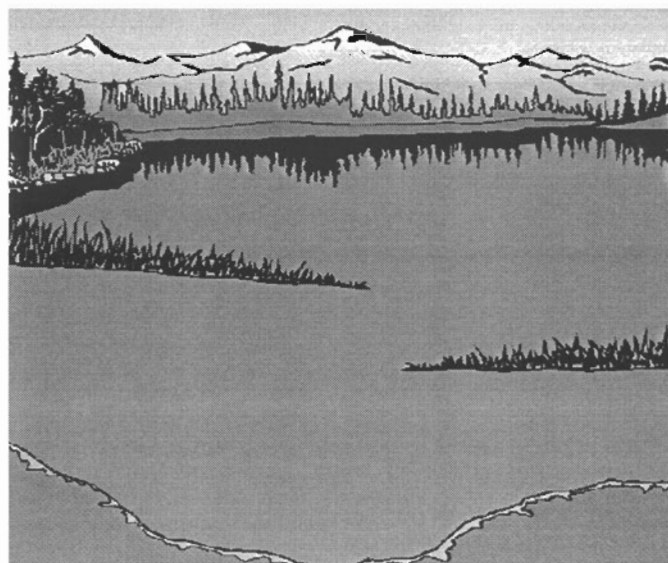
Check out the PENWICLE online and links to other sites of interest to outdoor enthusiasts. Bert Cripe maintains the club email list and website and can use your photos. Mail photos to 2398 Jefferson Ave. SE, Port Orchard, WA 98366, or email: bcripe@telebyte.com.

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Not in Boxes

In boxes, in my closet, maps and books
And photographs, painstakingly acquired
Can only give a hint at what is here:
The high country, rocks bare and warm and cold,
Tough plants with tangy odors, brilliant lichens,
Deep sky on blinding snowfields, mountains folding
In planes beyond planes, green, gray, blue, white, purple.
On stems as short as alpine summer, flowers
By millions prodigally throw their sparks of life
Into thin air. How could we not be here
To breathe that life, to love that breath, to share it...

Ah, yes, to share it. No, it will not do
To pull those boxes out every few years
And pass them round so friends can get a glimpse.
Come, Amy, Charlie, come up here, climb with me
Pant, sweat, and scratch your legs on outcrop shale
And snags of krummholz—anything it takes
To see these sights, to smell these scents, to be here.
This is the gift I really wanted for you
Not those I gave you yesterday, in boxes.

~Kevin Kilbridge

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

Membership is open to anyone interested in muscle-powered outdoor sports. Dues are \$18 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, The Ajax Café, and Commander's Beach House Bed & Breakfast.

New Member? ☐

Renewing Member? ☐

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone*: _____ Email*: _____

☐ I do not wish my information to be included in the distributed membership list.

** Optional*



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