

March  
2002

# PENWICK

Peninsula Wilderness Club meets on the second Monday of every month at 7:30 pm at the Kilsap Unitarian Fellowship Church on Perry Avenue in East Bremerton. The public is cordially invited.

## A Summer Sojourn in Peru

General Meeting, March 11, 7:30 pm

Club member Paul LaBarre is the featured March speaker. Paul spent three months last summer travelling through southern Peru. His talk and slide presentation will include Macchu Picchu, the Manu rain forest, Paracas National Park, and the Cordillera Blanca.

The January PENWICK featured two of Paul's email postcards from Peru. Here is a third email dispatch plus photos taken on the trip.

### Auzangate!

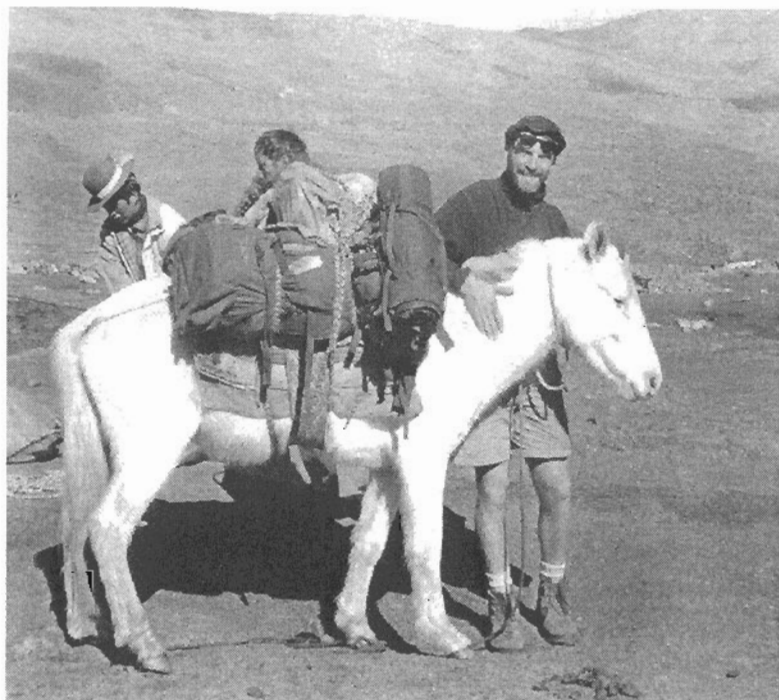
Hello from Ica, an oasis in the desert, south of Lima! If you were wondering what ever became of Rubik's Cubes and music from the 1980s, look no further...it's all here in Ica! Thanks for the news from back home in the US. Here's another update...

Sitting in the "Mama Africa Internet Cafe" in Cuzco a few weeks ago, I watched a spectacular, alpenglow sunset on a mountain range 60 kilometers southeast of the city. I decided right then to plan a trek to these mountains called Auzangate. Unfortunately, my trekking partners from Macchu Picchu had other plans, so I set out to find someone who wanted to join me on the six-day, high-altitude trek.

I posted a message on a gringo message board at the South American Explorers Club that read: "Experienced climber looking for Auzangate trekking buddy from August 3 to August 10." I received just one serious reply from Kate, a Peace Corps volunteer, who had spent the last 26 months in Ecuador. I arranged to meet Kate in Puno after my week in Amantani.

Upon meeting Kate, two things became immediately apparent: first, she was sick as a dog with gripe, the common cold virus that had struck half the gringos in Cuzco; second, she had a climbing resume far more extensive than mine that included the more than 20,000-foot South American peaks of Aconcagua, Chimborazo, and Alpamayo. Additionally, she had recently led the first, indigenous-female climb of Cotopaxi in Ecuador. Humbled, I gladly accepted her suggestion to wait another day, so she could recover, before setting out.

Two days later the journey to the trailhead town of Tiqui was filled with mishaps and lucky breaks. Seven hours into the trip, en route from Puno to Urcos, I just happened to ask the bus driver how far it was to Urcos. Turns out that he had passed Urcos five kilometers back and had forgotten to stop altogether. After a quick, five-sole (\$1.50 US) taxi ride back to Urcos we started to inquire about transportation to Tiqui. One lady offered us an eight-hour truck ride for 150 soles but we settled for the five-sole truck instead.  
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# Auzangate!

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*(continued from page 1)* We later saw her on the same truck...apparently she was trying to take advantage of the gringos!

With a big sign on the grill that read Peligro Combustible, our enormous truck headed up bumpy, narrow switchbacks. Occasionally, we had to back up dangerously close to the cliffside to allow an oncoming Peligro Combustible truck to pass. At one point we passed a group of 20 or so locals scavenging the remains of a truck that came too close to the edge and slipped over. Filled with 25 jungle-bound Peruvians, two gringos, and who knows what type of combustibles, our own Peligro Combustible continued to climb toward the windswept, dusty, 13,500-foot pass. From the pass, Auzangate finally came into view, and shortly after, we enjoyed an up-close alpenglow.

Arriving in Tinquí, we quickly found the Tinquí Hostel. There, we were shown our private room with 13 rickety beds. The extra beds proved useful when I discovered that two 1.5-thick mattresses sandwiched together are more comfortable than one. Kate doubled hers up too.

At breakfast, the next morning, I mentioned the name "Teofilo" who was a well recommended arriero (horseman). The waitress overheard me and called him on short wave radio. Within five minutes, he was sitting in front of me and we were discussing trip logistics, including how many horses we'd need for the trek. We decided on one horse for \$6 US a day, but he said he'd bring a second one along to keep the first one company.

So, the next morning, we started out toward our first camp in the Upis valley: Kate, myself, Teofilo (Teo), two packhorses, and...oh yeah...Teo's wife. That was a little strange, but we really didn't object to the family outing.

Ten minutes later, our highly recommended arriero disappeared, and we continued up to Upis with his two horses and wife, who spoke only Chechua. Later, we found out that Teo had been hired for a 16-day, 10-horse engagement and was ditching us for this more profitable opportunity. In his place, he offered his arriero brother-in-law, Fidel, and if we wanted, his wife. We chose Fidel and sent the Chechua speaking (but very pleasant) woman back to Tinquí!

At 14,500 feet, Upis was literally and visually breathtaking. A hanging glacier above us calved school bus-sized chunks of ice into a frozen, gray lake. From the lake, a river flowed into the valley, its marshy embankment lined with 250 grazing alpaca and several pairs of Andean geese. To the sides of the valley, high up on the lateral moraines, we could see the highland farmers' (campesinos') fortress-like, stone haciendas. Below us, the scent of sulfur revealed another of the valleys secrets...

We had heard positive reports about the Upis hot springs. So, when Fidel showed me a lukewarm, cement tub with less than a foot of water, I was disappointed. On the way back to camp, however, I noticed the afternoon sun catching the steam rising out of the marsh. As I got closer, the stench of sulfur grew stronger, and I stumbled on some shallow, bubbling, orange pools filled by a superheated, subterranean source. A few minutes later, across the river, I spotted the most incredible hot tub I could imagine: rock-lined, six feet by eight feet by three feet deep. The hand-made pool was fed by two diverted streams: one stream glacier cold, and the other too hot to stick my hand in! At the junction of the two streams, a flat rock diverted water either to the river or to the hot tub. By slight movements of the rock, I could precisely control the water temperature. I couldn't believe the luck of these mountain campesinos: no electricity or indoor plumbing, but they can enjoy a 103° F bath in the valley any time they want! That night, as the full moon rose and lit up the Auzangate glaciers, we enjoyed the first of several hot baths on the trek.

The next morning when we broke camp and headed out of the valley, we met up with the aging, toothless campesino who had apparently built the bath and the thousands of feet of diverted water channel. He suspected we had found his bath and wanted a small token of appreciation for his efforts, but, unfortunately, all our money was ten minutes ahead with our horses. When we finally caught up with our arriero, we found out that he had been warned by another campesino of a hungry puma in the area. Four llamas had been disembowelled the previous night in the valley! I'm glad that the puma didn't mistake us, walking back from the bath, for alpaca! Maybe it was best that we move on to the next valley!

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A two-hour hike to the next pass revealed several more emerald and sky-blue lakes. We headed down to our campsite by the largest lake on the south side of Auzangate. Cooking our dehydrated mashed potatoes, sautéed onions, and garbanzo nature burgers, we could hear the giant frozen séracs crashing down from the glacier high above.

I was purifying stream water the next morning when Fidel was approached by a campesina. Apparently, she needed his help rescuing an alpaca stuck in the lake. Fidel grabbed his llama wool-braided rope then expertly lassooed the cameloid and pulled it to safety. During the entire rescue, he wore his very proper, brown felt hat with a colorful beaded belt just above the brim. This fancy sombrero is the uniform of the arriero and it distinguishes him one notch above the other campesinos and common highlanders. Accompanied by his gold tooth smile, fluorescent pink jacket, and ever present, shiny transistor radio, Fidel made quite an impression. The radio, with glittery stickers and a two-foot antenna, is another arriero status symbol. No self-respecting arriero would be caught dead without one, even though channel reception in the highlands is limited to just one radio station that plays the same three Chechua songs over and over.

After the rescue, we continued on toward the highest 17,000-foot pass. There, we celebrated with Peruvian chocolate and leftover Chilean Gato Blanco then headed down. From our campsite, that night, we could see the standard climbing route up the seemingly vertical southeast face. Over the next two days, two alpine teams on that route forfeited their summit attempts to bad weather and deep, loose snow. At 20,945 feet, Auzangate does not give up its summit very easily.

The low point of the trek occurred on day five during the 45 minutes when we lost Fidel, the two horses and all of our gear. Arrieros are not guides. They don't like to read topographical maps and are prone to following their own itinerary—not necessarily that of their clients. After showing Fidel on the topo where we wanted to camp, he promptly took off toward an entirely different lake. Frantically scrambling up a scree slope in the direction we'd last seen him, I wondered if I would ever find my gear again. Once we were finally reunited, I, as politely as possible, reinforced the importance of keeping the gringo clients within view at all times.



At camp that night, we were visited by a half dozen hungry dogs and two local women selling their wares of knit wool hats. We fed the dogs leftover rice and bought a few ridiculous hats with bright beads and three pompoms. The next morning, waking up to an inch of fresh snow, we were met by more hungry dogs and the women's children who were selling their wares—more hats, slings and bags. Of course, we again fed the dogs and bought more souvenirs.

The rest of the trip was a downhill hike out of the mountains with an adopted companion. The friendliest dog, nicknamed Tinquí, followed us for the next day and a half. I pledged to bring him back to Seattle if he actually made it back to the town but three hours before we arrived at the hostel, he mysteriously disappeared. Back in town, we said adiós to Fidel and boarded another

Peligro Combustible back to Cuzco. Tired from six days of hiking, I was just about to fall asleep on the truck when I looked up and saw yet another perfect alpenglow sunset on Auzangate...an appropriate ending to a great trip!

I'm heading up north to Huaraz and the Cordillera Blanca. Hope your summer is going well.

Ciao amigos!

Paul

# 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.*

## Snowshoe the Wonderland Trail

Saturday, March 2

Contact: Steve Vittori, 253-858-8191

Open to beginner and intermediate snowshoers, this 6-mile round trip will begin near Longmire on Mt. Rainier and follow the Wonderland Trail.

## Hike Guillemot Trail

Saturday, March 2

Contact: Joe Weigel, 360-871-0291

This is an easy one-mile hike from trailhead to Frenchman's Cove on the Hood Canal just south of Seabeck.

## Backpack Quilomene/Schaake Wildlife Area

Saturday, March 2–Sunday, March 3

Contact: Kevin Koski, 360-698-0655

Backpack Quilomene/ Schaake Wildlife Area in the Columbia River gorge area with Kevin. The hike is approximately 16 miles with a possibility of camping beside the Columbia River.

## Contradancing in March

Saturday, March 2, Silverdale Community Center

Saturday, March 9, Palindrome, Port Townsend

Friday, March 22, Palindrome, Port Townsend

Contact: Tom Banks, 206-842-3650,

Lori Hudson, 360-697-1281

Saturday, March 16, Wells Hall, Tacoma

Contact: Matt Temmel or Bob Holden, 253-752-6483

Contradancing is folk dancing, similar to square dancing, but more fast-paced and freewheeling. If you haven't tried it, you should! All dances are taught and beginners are welcome. A dance workshop is held at

7 pm, Silverdale, or 7:30 pm, Port Townsend; dances begin at 8 pm. Cost is \$5 or \$6 for the evening. Wear smooth-soled shoes, loose-fitting clothes, and be prepared to hear great live music and enjoy fun, social exercise for all ages. For more information or to find out who's carpooling, contact Tom or Lori.

Every third Saturday of the month, there is contradancing in Tacoma at Wells Hall, 310 North K Street. Workshop 7:30 pm, dance 8–11 pm. Admission \$7, usually. All welcome and no experience needed. For more information, call Matt or Bob.

## Walk the Spruce Railroad Trail

Saturday, March 9

Contact: Venita Goodrich, 360-698-9774

The Spruce Railroad was built by the government in WWI to obtain spruce from the Olympics for airplane construction. Now an easy, level trail follows the old railroad grade along Lake Crescent near Port Angeles. About 4 miles each way, the trail offers views of the lake and Mount Storm King.

## Trail Maintenance on the Lower Graywolf

Saturday, March 9

Contact: Lezlie Cox, 360-479-7853

The Washington Trail Association's February work party was a no go because of snow. Alright here's hoping for a thaw in March. There is much to do in the first mile of this trail, primarily reworking unsafe gully crossings and preventing trail erosion. This is a great way to work off holiday thighs and winter blahs. No special skills or extraordinary fitness required. Give us your time and enthusiasm and the work gets done. For further information on the WTA's trail advocacy and maintenance programs, go to [www.wta.org](http://www.wta.org). Sign up on the website or contact me.

## Rock Climbing at Frenchman's Coulee

Saturday, March 9–Sunday, March 10

Contact: Kevin Koski, 360-698-0655

Rock climbing at Frenchman's Coulee near the Columbia river with Kevin Koski.

## Ski Big Mountain

March 10–16

Contact: Pat Gleason, 360-377-0987, new number, PGZyzz@cs.com

Not going? Don't despair...there's always next year.

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## Hike the West Elwha Trail

Saturday, March 16

Contact: Ron Croft, 360-779-6250

West of Port Angeles, the Elwha River valley provides a natural pathway into the interior of the Olympics. Throughout the Elwha River's course, the bottom and canyons are bordered by steep mountainsides. Paralleling the river, this trail goes through a mix of virgin forest and second growth but primarily the latter. The trail climbs around a bluff overlooking the river. Here one has a splendid view upriver, with the Elwha River Range rising beyond.

## Walk Theler Wetlands

Sunday, March 17 (rescheduled from the 24th)

Contact: Diana Cripe, 360-895-8213

Because of a scheduling conflict, this walk has been moved to Sunday, March 17. Easy walk in the Theler Wetlands in Belfair. The trails wander along peaceful waterways and meadows. They are level and well maintained and provide about four miles round trip of leisurely walking. Expect to see wintering birds.

## Hike Fort Flagler

Saturday, March 23

Contact: Rick Fleming, 360-779-2275

Near Port Townsend, Fort Flagler State Park on Marrowstone Island is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Surrounded on three sides by Puget Sound, we will hike approximately four miles of beach and trail in the park.

## Ivy Removal on Bainbridge Island

Sunday, March 24, Noon

Contact: Lisa Younger, 206-343-4345 x 331 or  
lyounger@tnc.org

The Puget Sound Environmental Learning Center in conjunction with the Nature Conservancy of Washington is looking for volunteers to tackle some very tenacious, non-native English ivy invading parts of the center's 255 spectacular acres of wetlands and second-growth forest. *Please note that to participate in a Conservancy work day, you must have a volunteer application on file.* For more information or to register for a work day, please contact Lisa Younger of the Nature Conservancy.

## Tree Planting at Dogfish Creek

Saturday, March 30

Contact: Barney Bernhard, 360-479-3679

On Saturday, March 30th, beginning at 10 am, come join other volunteers, for a couple of hours, in planting native trees and plants along Dogfish Creek near Poulsbo as part of the Native Plant Salvage Program. The Native Plant Salvage program takes volunteers to parcels of property to be developed. We salvage native plants from those parcels and use them in restoration projects throughout Kitsap county. Using salvaged native plants in a conservation setting can reduce or eliminate the need for pesticides and fertilizers and the need for irrigation. Salvage programs preserve native seed stocks and utilize plants to provide food and habitat for birds, fish and wildlife.



## Climb Mount Walker

Saturday, April 6

Contact: Joe Weigel, 360-871-0291

Near Quilcene on the Hood Canal, the trail to Mount Walker's summit is a broad, smooth, moderately steep climb of two miles. The trail begins in a stand of Douglas firs with an undergrowth of salal, red huckleberry, vine maple, and rhododendrons, and ends on a windswept knoll which overlooks the Olympics to the north and west and the lowlands to the east.

## FOR SALE

TUBBS SNOWSHOES—Mountain series, 30", brand new, \$170. Contact Al Rogers at 360-895-8494.

BLUE SYNERGY SEA KAYAK by Northwest Kayaks. New, plastic hull with rudder, 17'4" in length. Contact Russ Hallsted at 360-895-9281.

COLEMAN CANOE—excellent condition—with paddles. \$150. Contact Leslie Ring at 360-373-0946 or Leslie.Ring@METROK.COV

# Outings

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## Hike Whidbey Island Beach

Saturday, April 20

Contact: Rick Fleming, 360-779-2275

We will take the Port Townsend/Keystone Ferry to Whidbey Island. Then from Fort Casey State Park to Fort Ebey State Park, we will walk along one of the most picturesque and non-developed beaches in Puget Sound. This hike is approximately ten miles round trip.

## Olympic National Park Beach Cleanup

Saturday, April 20 *or longer, you decide*

Contact: Jan Klippert, 206-364-2689 or  
jpklippert@aol.com

You are invited to participate in a grand project—join others in removing debris from 60 miles of Olympic National Park beaches on the weekend of April 20th.

The clean up is energized by a partnership of community service organizations, businesses, and government agencies. Volunteers will comb 60 miles of the Olympic National Park coastline from Shi Shi Beach on the north to South Kalaloch Beach. Marine debris will be hauled off the beaches and piled at trailheads or cache sites for disposal. This community/volunteer effort will help preserve the natural beauty of this unparalleled Washington wilderness resource. Last year, volunteers removed more than 14 tons of debris!

*Volunteers are urged to select a beach and register their participation before April 5.* Beach access will be from the usual locations thus respecting the wilderness character of Olympic National Park. Beaches easily accessible by car or a short hike are appropriate for a one-day outing. Some beaches will require a single overnight stay. More remote beaches will require a commitment of several days from volunteers with no-trace wilderness backpacking skills. Emphasis of the 2002 clean up will be on remote, difficult-to-reach wilderness beaches. Because of their remoteness, many of these beaches have never had a thorough clean up before. Hardy wilderness-savvy volunteers are needed. Volunteers will cache debris at sites identified by ONP staff. ONP will manage removal of debris from the cache sites at a later date. Low tide on April 20 is 1pm.

Volunteers will register at one of four field operation sites including the Forks Information Center and ONP Ranger Stations at Mora, Ozette, and Kalaloch where volunteers will receive information about the beach they will be working. Volunteers entering the park from Shi Shi Beach are to register at the ONP Visitors Center in Port Angeles.

Volunteers will record data about the debris they collect. The information will provide a snapshot record of the coast and help identify sources of the debris. The data will be used for oceanographic research of interest to naturalists and marine scientists from the Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary and Olympic National Park.

Volunteers should attend one of two orientation meetings: Thursday, March 28, 7 pm, at REI Seattle or Tuesday, April 2, at the Sequim Audubon Center. To register or receive more information, please contact Project Coordinator Jan Klippert at 14036 Meridian Ave. N., Seattle, WA 98133, or 206-364-2689, or jpklippert@aol.com.

## Hike Grand Canyon

Tuesday, April 23–Monday, May 6

Contact: David Cossa, 360-871-5577

This is a strenuous backpack adventure in the Grand Canyon! I have obtained a permit that is good for six people from April 25 to May 7. (The comment from the ranger who issued the permit—Great! Great! Great!) The plan is to hike 87 miles in nine days from Hermit's Rest on the South Rim to Supai in Havasu Canyon. The journey will connect the Boucher, Tonto, and Apache trails to Apache Point. From there we will travel cross country to Topocoba Hilltop and down the Topocoba Trail to Supai. We will leave Seattle, April 23, and arrive back in Seattle, May 6. This trip will be through, wild isolated areas of the G.C. that are seldom visited. Hopefully, seasonal water will be "plentiful." The pace will be approximately 10 miles a day. I will avoid hiking between 10 am and 3 pm. The trip includes long travels on the Supai Esplanade and Tonto Platforms—each a different life zone—as well as the riparian/true desert zone of the Colorado River. A seven-mile trailless traverse via compass on the 6000-foot Colorado Plateau through pinyon and juniper forest tops it off. I plan getting to and from the Grand Canyon entirely by rail (coach class) to avoid hassles with dropping off and picking up vehicles. (Amtrak will be used to Williams, Arizona, and then the 70-mile Grand Canyon Historic Railroad to the Rim.) I estimate the cost of the trip to be \$500 for food, lodging, transportation (from Seattle), and permit fees. Because of the remote, extremely isolated nature of this trip, and the very real possibility of unexpected trouble for those not versed in desert hiking—severe blisters that can lift off toenails, dehydration, getting lost, etc.—I am going to limit this trip to those experienced desert hikers who really, really like to backpack.



Familiarity with the many different layers of the G.C. (Kaibab, Toroweap, Coconino, Hermit shale, Supai, etc.) is desirable as well as compass know-how and route-finding abilities. It will be much more difficult than hiking in Havasu Canyon or the maintained Bright Angel/Kaibab trails. Expect temperatures ranging from 20° to 105° F. The G.C. ranger says they have had cases of heat stroke and hypothermia on the SAME day!

There are other far less severe options for this trip including simply sight seeing and day hiking using one of the lodges or campgrounds as a base or starting the trip with me for a four-day in and out backpack to Boucher Creek (20-mile round trip). If I haven't scared off you desert rats and this trip sounds intriguing (it will be one hell of a trip), contact me at 360-871-5577 or Cmountaindave@aol.com.

### Rock Climbing at Frenchman's Coulee

Friday night, April 26–Sunday afternoon, April 28  
Contact: Tom Banks, 206-842-3650, new number

If you've done some rock climbing before and would like to try some moderate-grade climbing in a beautiful, high-desert setting, you may want to join us on this annual spring climb near Vantage, Washington, about two and a half hours east of Seattle. The columnar basalt columns offer climbing from 5.0 to 5.12a (i.e., easy to difficult), with the vast majority of climbs in the 5.7 to 5.9 range (moderate to advanced). Required gear: climbing harness, climbing helmet, climbing shoes, Washington Department of Fish and Game "Access" parking sticker for each car (available where fishing licenses are sold). Saturday night dinner will be potluck; bring utensils and items to share. Primitive car-camping only; you'll want to arrange to bring water, folding chairs, tent/RV, food, etc. Optional departure time for carpooling: after work on Friday (there's a full moon), or early Saturday morning. Most participants tend to climb Saturday morning through Sunday early afternoon, returning to Kitsap County by dinnertime on Sunday. Prepare for fun!

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lyounger@inc.org

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growth forest. *Please note that to participate in a Conservancy work day, you must have a volunteer application on file.* For more information or to register for a work day, please contact Lisa Younger of the Nature Conservancy.

### Ski-to-Sea 2002

Memorial Day Weekend, Bellingham  
Contact: Scot Fourier, 360-698-3005

Looking for Ski-to-Sea race participants. The race is an 85-mile relay from Mount Baker ski area to Marine Park on Bellingham Bay. All race legs are individual with the exception of the canoe. Participants are needed for the following legs: cross-country ski–4 miles, downhill ski–2.5 miles, running–8 miles, road bicycle–36 miles, canoe–18 miles, mountain bicycle–9 miles, sea kayak–5 miles.



### Journey to the Himalayas

Mid-May–mid-June, 2002  
Contact: Roy C. Smith, 803-604-8228

As a member of PWC, who gets back to Heaven (great Northwest) as often as possible, I would like to challenge some of the members to a trek next summer to the Himalayas – either Annapurna Base Camp or Everest Base Camp; Nepal or Tibet, or both with parts of China, the Great Wall, included. I have spent a great deal of time in the Far East (Japan, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Philippines, South Korea), but never got to the Himalayas or India. If someone would like to take off for about a month, say mid-May to mid-June, to sightsee, backpack and bum around that part of the world, give me a call in South Carolina. Now is the time to start working on passports, visas, shots, etc.

*A club member suggested checking for travel warnings from the State Department at [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov). (Ed.)*

### Climb Mt Rainier

Friday, June 14–Sunday, June 16  
Contact: Dave Cossa, 360-871-5577

Tentatively scheduled for June 14–16, the participants will follow the Inter-Emmons Glacier route. Group limit is 12. Glacier experience desirable, but not necessary. Ice axe, crampons and harnesses required.

# Outings

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## Danskin Women's Triathlon Training

August, date TBD, Lake Washington

Contact: Sue Felix, 360-895-3264

Lori Hudson, 360-697-1281

PWC has it's own women's triathlon training group. We will be training throughout the spring and summer for the Danskin Triathlon, a sprint-distance, women's triathlon for charity. Participants compete in a half-mile swim in Lake Washington, a 12-mile bike ride, and a 3.1-mile walk/run. While most people do this individually, some choose to race as a team, each taking a leg of the race.

This race is a unique opportunity to contribute to cancer research while participating in a fun, exciting, and challenging event. Last year over 3,300 women participated, and we had a great time! Some women do this for competition, but many are there for the companionship, the accomplishment, and the great treats afterwards!

*Lori and Sue will host an informational session at Sue's home in Port Orchard on March 24 at 2 pm. Come and ask questions; we'd love to share our experiences with this race. Please call Sue for directions.*

## Events and Classes

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### John Muir—A Performance by Tom Banks

Saturday, April 20, Poulsbo

Contact: Tom Banks, 206-842-3650, new number

Save the date—"John Muir" will be paying a visit to Poulsbo (location and time to be determined) on the evening of April 20th. In a performance lasting 40–45 minutes, Tom will tell stories from the great conservationist's life and answer questions from the audience. Tom has portrayed Muir since 1983 in performances at Redwood National Park, John Muir National Historic Site, and Muir Woods National Monument, California. Donations will be accepted to raise funds for the Great Peninsula Conservancy, a merger of four local land trusts whose mission is to preserve open space, wildlife habitat, wetlands, and land with scenic or educational value in the greater Kitsap County area. Additional information to follow next month.

## 13th Annual Seattle Paddle Fest

Sunday, April 28, 10 am–4 pm, Lake Washington

Contact: Judy Moyer at Pacific Water Sports,

206-246-9385 or pws@pws kayaks.com

Pacific Water Sports invites you to come paddle the latest models at the 13th Annual Seattle Paddle Fest to be held at Stan Sayres Memorial Park on Lake Washington. Participants will have the opportunity to test boats, attend clinics, and talk with factory representatives.

The entry fee is \$10.00 per person; kids under nine years of age are free. Participants under 18 years of age must have a parent's signature on the liability release form. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Washington Water Trails Association and the Puget Soundkeeper Alliance. For more information and half price tickets, contact Pacific Water Sports.

## ONP Announces "Perspectives" Series

Second Tuesday of month, November–April, 7 pm

Contact: ONP, 360-565-3138

Olympic National Park's third annual "Perspectives" series, at the ONP Visitor Center in Port Angeles, explores the diversity of the park and the surrounding area.

## A Course in Sea Kayaking

March 2002

Contact: Russ Hallsted, 360-895-9281

Longing to learn more about sea kayaking on the Puget Sound? Consider signing up for "Sea Kayaking the Puget Sound." This course is an overview of sea kayaking equipment, marine weather, currents, kayak navigation, rescue techniques, and specific skill-building day paddles. Students will be responsible for their required text/charts plus pool costs, about \$70, and must provide their own single sea kayak and paddling equipment. The course includes three evening classes, one pool session and three day paddles. At the end of the course, students will kayak Deception Pass.



# Monthly

## Monthly Activity Planning/MAP

Thursday, March 7, 7 pm

Contact: Lezlie Cox, 360-479-7853

Discuss club business and help MAP out the schedule of April's outings. Lezlie will be hosting this month's meeting at her home in East Bremerton.

## March Potluck!

Friday, March 22, 6:30 pm

Contact: Judy and Dick Nerf, 360-792-2843

Judy and Dick will host this month's club potluck at their Bremerton home. As hosts they provide the dessert and guests bring a dish to pass.

## PWC Climbers Group

An informal gathering of climbers meets the last Monday of the month at 7 pm, the location to be determined. All are welcome to join us for general

socializing and discussions about past and future mountaineering excursions. For directions, call Tom Banks at 206-842-3650. For a list of climbers, call Jim Morrison at 360-638-2705 or email [jimjuliem@yahoo.com](mailto:jimjuliem@yahoo.com)

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3/2	Snowshoe the Wonderland Trail .....	Steve Vittori, 253-858-8191	4
3/2	Hike Guillemot Trail .....	Joe Weigel, 360-871-0291	4
3/2-3/3	Backpack Quilomene/Schaaake Wildlife Area .....	Kevin Koski, 360- 698-0655	4
3/2, 3/9, 3/22	Contradancing in March .....	Tom Banks, 206-842-3650	4
	.....	Lori Hudson, 360-697-1281	
3/7	MAP: Monthly Activity Planning .....	Lezlie Cox, 360-479-7853	9
3/9	Walk the Spruce Railroad Trail .....	Venita Goodrich, 360-698-9774	4
3/9	Trail Maintenance on Lower Graywolf .....	Lezlie Cox, 360-479-7853	4
3/9-3/10	Rock Climbing at Frenchman's Coulee .....	Kevin Koski, 360- 698-0655	4
3/11	General Meeting .....	Ron Croft, 360-779-6250	1
3/16	Contradancing in Tacoma .....	Matt Temmel, 253-752-6483	4
3/16	Hike the West Elwha Trail .....	Ron Croft, 360-779-6250	5
3/17	Walk Theler Wetlands (new date) .....	Diana Cripe, 360-895-8213	5
3/22	March Potluck .....	Judy and Dick Nerf, 360-792-2843	9
3/23	Hike Fort Flagler .....	Rick Fleming, 360-779-2275	5
3/24	Ivy Removal on Bainbridge Island .....	Lisa Younger, 206-343-4345 x 331	5
3/25	PWC Climbers Group Meeting .....	Tom Banks, 206-842-3650	9
3/30	Tree Planting at Dogfish Creek .....	Barney Bernhard, 360-479-3679	5

## PWC Welcomes New Members...

John Allen, Wayne & Vivian Bernhard,  
Brian Downey, Diane Haas, Cathie Heather,  
Diana Jackson, Deborah Jesewitz,  
Linda Lee, Kathleen Vassar,  
Karl & Michael Weidenbacher

## DUES INCREASE

Effective March 1st, PWC annual dues will increase from \$18 per year to \$25 per year. The last dues increase was in 1990 and many costs, especially printing and postage, have risen considerably since then. The \$25 annual fee will still cover all family members and others living in your household. Here is how each dollar of your dues is spent:

PENWICKE	\$13.93
New member packets	0.51
Membership lists	0.43
Meeting place rent	2.14
Meeting refreshments	0.86
Meeting speakers	1.79
Misc. meeting expense	0.64
Social events	2.49
Donations/remembrances	0.54
P.O. box rent	0.23
Corporate license fee	0.11
Miscellaneous	1.17
<b>TOTAL per membership</b>	<b>\$24.84</b>

## Have You Expired?

Well PWC certainly hopes not! Check for your membership expiration date on the address label on the back of your latest issue of the PENWICKE.

## We Need COOKIES For the March Meeting!

A BIG THANK YOU to Beth Harter, Alice Savage, Vicki Fleming, Kathy Weigel—and someone else who secretly added to the refreshment table in February! Thank you all. If you haven't brought cookies in a while, and will be coming to the March meeting, why not bring some this time? If you can help in this way, please call Laura Croft at 360-779-6250 or email [llcroft@earthlink.net](mailto:llcroft@earthlink.net).

## New Treasurer

At the February 11th General Meeting, Kevin Kilbridge was elected Treasurer to fill the remaining term of Gail Gross.

## Parking For Monday General Meetings

*We need parking volunteers!* Each month we need a person to don a reflective vest and stand at the church driveway entrance to direct members to non-fire code violating parking. Teresa Sayers braved the cold night in February. Consider the benefits of helping the church and PWC stay on good terms. Please contact Lori Hudson at 360-697-1281 to volunteer.

The church has pointed out that we are not observing safety regulations regarding parking. Going down, it is OK to park on the right side of the downhill driveway approaching the lower lot, but parking is NOT allowed on the left side. Parking on the left side causes a violation of the fire code for which the church can be cited and fined. The upper parking lot is for the use of the preschool and day-care center, even at night. There is a grass field overflow parking lot for our use that is accessed by the first driveway to the south, on Perry Avenue, on the same side as the church. We should not park on Perry Avenue itself. Please observe these parking regulations so we can keep our good relations with the church.

## Last Month's Door Prize

Laura Croft won a \$25 gift certificate from the Mountain Shoppe. Thanks once again to the Mt. Constance Mountain Shoppe of Bremerton for donating the prize.

## PWC Scrapbook!

Share the memories of a great outing! Bring in photos of any event related to PWC, or a recent outdoor excursion. Bring them to the next PWC meeting! The scrapbook will be on display at meetings with a basket for photo donations alongside it. Please provide:

- Three to five photos of a given event
- On the back of each photo include the names of people, location, and date of event
- A brief synopsis or description (20 words or so)
- Your permission for that photo to be cropped and permanently donated to the scrapbook
- Place your photos in a ziplock bag or similar

For more information, please contact Linda Fourier at P.O. Box 2521, Silverdale, WA 98383, or 360-698-3005.

# Club Business

## We Need You!

Each and every month, the club's MAP meeting, potluck dinner, and PENWICLE mailings are in need of homes and volunteer hosts with the mostest! If you can handle a small home invasion, please contact club secretary Lori Hudson at 360-697-1281.

## Roller Skating in Bremerton

Bremerton Skateland reserves Sunday night, 7-9:30 pm, for adults! Contact Kevin Koski at 360-698-0655 or Skateland at 360-479-7655 for details.

## Address Changes...

Our club database is only as good as the information received. Delivery of the PENWICLE particularly depends on up-to-date addresses. If your address, email, or phone number has changed, please contact Venita Goodrich at [vmnotbf@ix.netcom.com](mailto:vmnotbf@ix.netcom.com) or 3661 Hyak Way, Bremerton, WA 98311.

## Trail Tips and Helpful Hints

- Battery replacement for Avovcel and Sunnoto altimeter watches cost \$50-\$75 dollars and take up to four weeks to ship and receive; however, I located Alberto Duque, Certified Watchmaker, working at Fred Meyer Jewelry, who can do it for \$10 while you wait. He can also pressure test dive watches. He is the only person in Kitsap County I've found that will even touch them. You can contact him at Fred Meyer's of Bremerton at 360-792-2815. (This tip from Jon DeArman.)
- According to a ranger met at a trailhead, the Dosewallips River Road is impassable due to a slide. For those trying to get to Mt. Constance this summer, this slide may still be a problem. Thanks Jim Morrison for the info.
- Road to Staircase Rapids Trail is closed due to an active slide above the road.

"For me, and for thousands with similar inclinations, the most important passion of life is the overpowering desire to escape periodically from the clutches of a mechanistic civilization. To us the enjoyment of solitude, complete independence, and the beauty of undefiled panoramas is absolutely essential to happiness."

~Bob Marshall~

## Joining the PWC or Membership Renewal...

See back of newsletter for membership form. A PWC membership card insures a 10% discount at Mt. Constance Mountain Shoppe, the Ajax Café, and Commander's Beach House Bed and Breakfast. The membership cards are available at the monthly General Meeting. New members will receive a card with their New Membership packet.

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## PENWICLE...

*Deadline for submissions is the 15th of the month or the Friday after the General Meeting, whichever comes first. Mail to Lezlie Cox, editor, at 4219 West View Dr., Bremerton, WA 98310, or email [penwicle@hotmail.com](mailto:penwicle@hotmail.com).*

## PWC Online...

<http://kendaco.telebyte.com/~bcripe/>

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](mailto:bcripe@telebyte.com).

## Officers & Staff

President:	Ron Croft .....	360-779-6250
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## Join or Renew Membership

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*The Peninsula Wilderness Club is an informal organization for persons interested in active outdoor pursuits. Main activities include hiking, backpacking, mountain climbing, rock climbing, and skiing. All outings, from casual hikes to technical mountain sports, are initiated by individual members. These members are volunteers who generously offer to make minimal arrangements so an outing can take place. They do not accept responsibility for the safety or care of any participant. The PWC does not conduct instructional programs and members are expected to have whatever clothing, equipment, skills, and physical conditioning are appropriate for the outing they wish to join. Members are expected to practice responsible environmental stewardship and must accept that there are dangers and a risk of injury in most outdoor activities.*

Dues are \$25 per household per year. Send a check or money order to:  
**Peninsula Wilderness Club, P.O. Box 323, Bremerton, WA 98337-0070.**

Please check if:      New Member(s) ☐      Renewing Member(s) ☐      Change of Address ☐

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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