

September
2002

PENWICK

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

Washington Trails Association

Monday, September 9, 7:30 pm
Kitsap Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Bremerton

In September, please welcome Dan A. Nelson. His talk and slide presentation will primarily focus on the work of the WTA. Since Mr. Nelson was on vacation at presstime, this bio has been taken from *Pacific Northwest Hiking—The Complete Guide to 1000 of the Best Hikes in Washington and Oregon*, a book he co-authored with Ron C. Judd.

Dan A. Nelson has been hiking, biking, fly-fishing, and skiing throughout the wild lands of Washington and Oregon since the age of 16. During his adventures, whether reeling in cutthroat trout in high Cascade lakes or hiking through the sands of the Juniper Dunes desert, he has acquired a familiarity and respect for the diverse environments of the Pacific Northwest.

He is now the editor of *Washington Trails*, the monthly magazine of the Washington Trails Association, as well as an outdoor columnist for *The News Tribune*, the daily newspaper of Tacoma. He is a member of Outdoor Writers of America and editor of the book, *85 Accessible Trails in Washington*, published in 1995 by The Mountaineers.

Over the years he has shared his outdoor adventures with others through articles and photographs published in *American Hiker*, *The Mountaineer*, *Western Angler*, *Pacific Northwest*, and *Medio* magazines.



Proposed Bylaws

The vote on the proposed modifications to PWC bylaws has been postponed until October when the regular election of officers and board members will also take place. Enclosed with this issue of the *PENWICK* is an annotated copy of the bylaws showing the current language and proposed new language. Proposed deletions are shown with a strikethrough and proposed additions are double underlined. Following any section that includes a proposed change, an explanation for the change is given in bold type. Members may contact any board member if additional information is needed. This should give everyone time to carefully consider the changes before deciding how to vote. Whatever bylaws are in place, PWCers will continue to enjoy the club as they always have—participating in planned and informal outings, socializing at potlucks, and sharing stories and slide shows at monthly meetings.



Bee Stings

At the last general meeting someone mentioned that a bee had stung her, and she had an allergic reaction. If a person has a systemic allergy and is stung in the wilderness, where Emergency Medical Services are not quickly available, it could be very serious. Bee stings usually result in just a local reaction, usually swelling around the sting area. That is *not* the same as a systemic allergy. Less than one percent of the population has a systemic allergy to bee stings. Because such a small portion of the population is allergic, doctors don't recommend that everyone has an allergy test, but you can have a test if you want to make sure. If you are allergic, your doctor may prescribe an Epi-Pen (a self-administered auto injection syringe containing Epinephrine) for you to carry with you. (Rumor has it that a pill will be coming out soon for this.) If you are stung by a bee, remove the stinger quickly. Use a sideways motion with a fingernail, knife blade, credit card or something to scrape off the stinger. Seek medical attention if you shows signs of a systemic allergy or if swelling extends beyond the local area. If you are allergic, always carry the bee sting kit prescribed by your doctor. Ice packs or snow packs may reduce swelling. Do not let stingers remain in the skin, because venom can continue to pump into the body for up to 10 minutes. Do not use tweezers or pinch stingers when removing. That will probably squirt more venom into the body if you do.

~Jim Morrison, EMT

Ron Writes...about upcoming elections

In September, we'll nominate candidates for PWC officer and board positions. New officers and board members will serve a very different membership than was started 23 years ago. I was recently talking to a long time member about the demographic changes that have taken place in the club. He recalled much fondness for the early days of camaraderie when everyone knew each other but expressed that "change is continuous and relentless." Starting out as a group of a few good friends, we now have about 350 members. A solid core of original members is still active but now represents a relatively smaller proportion of the total.

In just the last two years, 180 new names have been added to our roster, and the turnover of members results in a continually changing mix. Total membership rises only slightly year to year. People leave for a variety of reasons: relocation, marriage, divorce, changing interests, desire for more instructional programs, we're not what they expected, etc. Newer members don't have the same common bond of long term friendship as club founders, but they still want to make new friends and share the experiences that are part of belonging to a group.

PWC's informal style still can accommodate older and newer members equally and can serve a wide range of outdoor interests. The essential nature of the club can stay the same even though member demographics change. PWC can remain unique as an organization that provides a gathering place for people who enjoy wilderness pursuits to network, plan activities, share adventures, and see programs. New officers and board members will inherit a solid tradition.

Candidates are needed. If you would like to nominate someone for an officer or board position, first be sure they are interested in being nominated. There is a certain time commitment required for each position. If you would like to be nominated yourself, you can ask any other member to place your name in nomination. Next year the club will have mostly new people with different styles serving as officers and board members. Change is continuous and relentless.

Walk softly in the wilderness and have fun!

In friendship,

Ron Croft, President



Your outdoor photograph or artwork here! The staff of PENWICK would be happy to feature an outdoor adventure or moment captured by a club member. For more information, please refer to Club Business on page seven.

Outings

A Word About Outings

All PWC outings and other activities are open to anyone, but if you enjoy our company and what we do, we would like you to become a member.

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.

Midweek Hikers' Registry

For those who wish to make their own midweek hiking arrangements with others, the club will maintain an email registry to facilitate communication between members. Send your name, email address, and phone number to twocrofts@earthlink.net asking to be put on the midweek hikers' list. As members are added, this contact information will be updated and sent to all other members on the list.

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.

Windsurf Buck Lake

Saturday, August 31

Contact: Dale Boyle, 360-792-1714

Windsurf Buck Lake near Hansville at the north end of Kitsap County.

Hike Mink Lake Trail

Saturday, August 31

Contact: Steve Vittori, 253-858-8191

Hike approximately five miles roundtrip from Sol Duc Hot Springs to Mink Lake and back. Mink Lake is a good example of a lake that is slowly destroying itself. Bordered by forest and half-choked with vegetation, it is in the late stages of lacustrine evolution. The lake contains Eastern brook and rainbow trout. Bird life is abundant. A predawn visitor would hear the mournful warble of loons. After the hike, enjoy a soak in the hot springs.

Hike High Divide-Bailey Range Trail

Friday, September 6

Contact: Barney Bernhard, 360-479-3679

A 20-mile loop day hike with 3200 feet of elevation gain. This trail provides the hiker with vistas that are among the best in the Olympics. The route is noted for its succession of spectacular views of Mount Olympus, the Bailey Range, and the valleys of the Bogachiel, Hoh, and Sol Duc. Inclement weather will cancel this hike.

Clallam Bay Fossil Trip

Friday, September 6–Sunday, September 8

Contact: Jon DeArman, 360-697-1352

On the northwest corner of the Olympic Peninsula, Clallam Bay is located on the Strait of Juan de Fuca; to the north is Canada's Vancouver Island. Camp at Salt Creek campground and collect 30-million year old fossils on a -1.0 tide in Clallam Bay.

WTA Maintenance on the Big Quilcene

Saturday, September 7–Sunday, September 8, near Quilcene

Contact: Lezlie Cox, 360-479-7853, or www.wta.org

Work projects on both Lower and Upper Big Quilcene trails. We will encounter the usual suspects— mud holes, river undercutting trail bed, brush work. Consider working one day and hiking the next day or working both. All volunteers will receive a Custom Correct map of the Buckhorn Wilderness trails. Those who volunteer two days (need not be consecutive) will also receive an annual Forest Service pass. Car camp for those staying, with burgers provided by WTA.

9/11 Observance Hike

Wednesday, September 11

Contact: Ron Croft, 360-779-6250

Several members have expressed interest in a day hike to commemorate the tragic events of last September 11. Please call for location and details.

Hike on Hurricane Ridge

Saturday, September 14

Contact: Teresa Sayers, 360-895-8769

Moderate day hike in Hurricane Ridge area in Olympic National Park (exact trail to be determined). Just south of Port Angeles, this area has a multitude of trails with grand vistas.

WTA Maintenance on Notch Pass Trail

Saturday, September 14, near Quilcene

Contact: Lezlie Cox, 360-479-7853, or www.wta.org

Please join a Washington Trails Association's work party. Notch Pass is a very old, historic trail. It may have been a Native American trade route across the Olympics. It was rebuilt by the CCC in the 1930s, then rediscovered by Scott Burgwin, NFS land manager, several years ago and re-opened from the Quilcene side through the notch in the Quilcene Range (easily seen from Hwy 101). It climbs steeply through the notch and traverses along the range. Phase II of this project will follow this traverse. Expect a hike up with tools, but our pace will be slow and steady.

Outings

Hike to Tolmie Peak

Saturday, Sept 14

Contact: Steve Vittori, 253-858-8191

Day hike to Tolmie Peak in Mt. Rainier National Park. Round trip is 6.5 miles and about 1400 feet of elevation gain. Trail passes and overlooks Eunice Lake.

Climb Mt. Baldy

Wednesday, September 18

Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Joe Weigel, 360-871-0291

Climb Mt. Baldy and environs.

Full Moon Hike at Fort Flagler

Saturday, September 21

Contact: Tom Leurquin, 206-842-5906

The sun sets at 7:09 pm and the moon rises at 7:42 pm, so this should be a perfect situation for a full moon beach hike. The hike is only about 5 miles long with minimal elevation gain. Come and explore the fortifications during the daylight, then walk down to the beach and watch the moonrise, and finally continue with our walk on the beach and enjoy the moon and waves. Don't forget your flashlights! Call Tom for meeting time and place.

FOR SALE

WHITEWATER KAYAKS -1) Lettman hull design. Excellent beginner boat has great stability. Looks bad, runs great. \$200. 2) Seda Climax. High performance, medium-low volume boat. Looks good, runs great. \$300. Both come with float bags, spray skirt, and Yakima foot braces. Tom Leurquin, 206-842-5906, TRLBI@msn.com.

CANOE—Solo Wenonah, kevlar. Great boat for trips, good capacity. 17 feet. Good condition. \$1375. 360-582-1106

EASY RIDER SEA KAYAK—"Eskimo" double, fiberglass, take-apart, 22'6" x 29", white with red trim. A great kayak for exploring and camping around Puget Sound and the San Juans. Includes paddles, sprayskirts, and more. \$2900. Ann Marshall at 360-871-1862 or ann@packandpaddlemagazine.com.

BLUF 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

Car Camp at Dungeness Spit

Friday, September 27—Sunday, September 29 (Two nights)

Contact: Joe & Kathy Weigel, 360-871-0291

Car camp at Dungeness Spit County Park. Day hike the beach to the lighthouse. This is a beautiful hike along a curved sand finger formed by the Dungeness River as it meets the Strait of Juan de Fuca near Sequim. This saltwater beach walk extraordinaire is hidden from view by massive sandy cliffs separating the rural farmland from the strait. On the inside curve, waterfowl play. At the end of the 5-mile spit is an 1874 lighthouse.

Backpack the Dungeness River Trail

Saturday, September 28—Sunday, September 29

Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Backpack the Dungeness River Trail to Boulder Shelter. The Dungeness River is beautiful, unsurpassed in clarity because it is not a glacial stream. The gradually ascending trail follows the river to the meadows of Camp Handy at the center of the breeze-swept river valley, then climbs above the valley to the subalpine Boulder Shelter camp. A day hike up to Charlia Lakes along ridges and through meadows will offer splendid views of interior peaks and valleys of the Olympics.

Backpack to Appleton Pass

Saturday, October 12—Monday, October 14

Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Joe Weigel, 360-871-0291

Backpack to Appleton Pass, then hike along Cat Creek Way trail, a splendid high-country route, noted for rugged terrain and glorious views from Appleton Pass to the High Divide: Oyster Lake and Cat Creek Basin, Mt. Carrie and Mt. Tom, Mt. Olympus and the Blue Glacier, and Cat Peak. Return via Sol Duc Park.

Winterfest 2003

February 14–17, Stevens Pass

Contact: Jon DeArman, 360-697-1352

Jon DeArman is sponsoring Winterfest 2003. This year's Winterfest will be held at the Stevens Pass Mountaineers' cabin, February 14–17. The cabin is located at the 4061-foot summit of Stevens Pass. The cabin is four stories high, sleeps 55 people, and has a men's, women's, families', and couples' dorm plus kitchen, dining, and living areas.

The cost is *approximately* \$20 Friday night and \$25 Saturday/Sunday nights—this includes breakfast and dinner.

For a guaranteed reservation, Jon DeArman must receive money by January 1, 2003, or people can take a chance and make their own reservations by calling 800-573-8484 on or after January 28, 2003. More details to come in December *PENWICKLE*.

Monthly

MAP: Monthly Activity Planning

Thursday, September 5, 7 pm
Contact: Tom Leurquin, 206-842-5906

Discuss club business and help MAP out the schedule of October's outings. This month, members will meet at Tom Leurquin's home on Bainbridge Island.

September Potluck!

Friday, September 20, 6:30 pm
Contact: Cheryl Gudger, 360-876-3035

Potluck at the home of Cheryl Gudger in Port Orchard. The host provides the dessert and the guests bring a dish to pass. For those who want to help, newsletter folding will take place at 5:30 pm, preceding the potluck.

PWC Climbers Group

An informal gathering of climbers meets the last Monday of the month (Check calendar for date changes.), 7 pm, at the Silver City Brewing Company, Silverdale. All are welcome to join us for general socializing and discussions about past and future mountaineering excursions. For directions, call Tom Banks at 360-352-4154. For a list of climbers, call Jim Morrison at 360-638-2705 or email jimjuliem@yahoo.com.

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Club News

PWC Welcomes New Members...

Steve Anderson, Irene Bach,
Bonnie Scott, Ellen Watkins

9/11 Observance Hike

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CORRECTION

Tom Banks' new phone number is 360-352-4154 not 4159. The number was incorrectly listed in the August PENWICKLE. Please note the correction.

PWC Halloween Party

The annual Halloween party and potluck is scheduled for Friday night, October 25, from 6:30 pm on, at the Waterman Hall in Port Orchard. Once again this will be a costumed event with fun and activities for all ages. More details will be in the October PENWICKLE.

Olympic National Park Plant Restoration

Olympic National Park's wilderness restoration program will again be at Royal Basin this year. Beginning September 14 and ending with the first snowfall, volunteers are needed to help with planting at Royal Basin. Please call to ensure your space as the number of volunteers is limited to 12 at any given time in order to stay within the park's backcountry group size limit. Call Matt Albright, 360-565-3072, or Ruth Scott, 360-565-3071. You will need to get a backcountry permit to stay overnight during these projects. A reservation should be made with the Wilderness Information Center at 360-565-3100.

Key Exchange

Searching for party to exchange keys with on Sand Point/Rialto ocean trip. Leaving Friday, September 20, or Saturday, September 21. Vehicle(s) must be able to accommodate five adults and gear. We are hoping to tackle the trail from north to south. If you are interested, please call Molly Deardorff at 360-373-0114.

Attention Cookie Bakers!

We need cookie contributions for September's meeting. If you can help in this way, please contact Laura Croft at 360-779-6250 or llcroft@earthlink.net.

Door Prize

Willie Willette won a \$25 gift certificate at the August meeting. Thanks again to Mt. Constance Mountain Shoppe for their gift donation.

Theft at Hood Canal Bridge Park 'n' Ride!

There have been several instances of members' cars being broken into and even one member's car stolen, at the Hood Canal Bridge Park 'n' Ride lot. A safer parking area is at the fire station on South Point Road to the west of the Hood Canal Bridge. Cross the bridge, drive three miles to South Point Road and turn left. The parking area is about 50 yards down the road on the left, next to the gray buildings of the fire station.

Trailhead Shuttle Service

Members who may need a shuttle from trailhead to trailhead, anywhere in the Olympics, can find information at www.windsox.us or e-mail Cate DeShazer at windsox@centurytel.net. PWC members will receive a discount.

Newsletter Folding

Each month, a group of PWC members fold, staple, and stamp the PENWICKLE to get it ready for mailing. This usually takes place at the home of the potluck host, an hour before the potluck. Members who have indicated an interest in participating are contacted by email. To add your name to the list, contact club secretary Lori Hudson at 360-697-1281, or sign up on the volunteer sign-up sheet when you come to a general meeting. If the newsletter isn't ready by the date of the potluck, or if the potluck host can't accommodate the folding, it is scheduled for another time and place and volunteers are notified by email.

Member Address List

PWC members may receive a member directory containing names, addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses, by sending a request to Bert Cripe. He will send you the latest list in PDF file format. Those without email may request a printed copy from Membership Coordinator, Tom Broszeit, at 360-830-5774.

From the Archives...

"Tent Straight into the Wind," PWC newsletter, August 1985

Point the door of your tent straight into the wind and leave an opening. The wind will blow into the tent and inflate it. Once filled with air, the tent will remain tight, and the flutter of the tent walls will be reduced. If your tent walls flap all night, the bellows action will pump air in and out of the tent, never giving it a chance to warm up.

~Anon

"Keeping Warm," PWC newsletter, April 1988

A sure fire way to remember a camping trip is to spend the night in your sleeping bag shivering from the cold weather. With the exception of your tent partner assaulting your olfactory sensors with the byproducts of freeze dried Mexican Bean Tostadas, nothing will make your trip more miserable. Your body's metabolism affects how well you

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respond to the cold weather, but you can improve your level of comfort by remembering the following tips:

1) Sleep on a pad. Sleeping pads provide both insulation and added comfort. Therm-a-rest pads are very good, but they are not cheap and do not work if punctured. (Carry a Therm-a-rest repair kit.) Ridge Rest pads are lighter and cheaper but more firm than Therm-a-rest. Blue lite foam are even lighter and cheaper than the Ridge Rest, but not nearly so comfortable. Whatever type of pad you buy, get a full length (six foot) pad rather than the 3/4 (four foot) length. This keeps your feet warm.

2) Drink lots of water. Dehydration causes poor circulation to your hands and feet. Keep a water bottle handy at night, and drink whenever you feel thirsty.

3) Eat before bed. Your stomach's metabolism of food generates heat, helping to warm your cold body.

4) Go to bed warmed up. Moderate exercise prior to sleeping will raise your body's latent heat. (Doing pushups by moonlight may look weird, but what the coyotes think of you really doesn't count.)

5) Wear a hat or bac'lava to bed. Over 40% of a body's heat loss is through the head. Wearing a hat retards this loss.

6) Wear extra (dry) clothes to bed. (The sweaty duds you wore all day just add to the moisture inside your bag. Waterproof barriers will provide extra warmth, but will cause your perspiration to condense next to your body. Pile or polypropylene will work best.

7) Get out of the wind. Wind blows your body heat away. Use of tents, bivy sacks, tarps, snow caves, or any other type of shelter will keep in the warmth.

8) Use a hot water bottle in your sleeping bag but make sure that it does not leak.

9) Sleep close to another person (a significant other is best).

10) Buy a warmer bag than you think you need. Temperature ratings of bags are subjective at best. Ask a salesperson for advice on which bag is best to suit your type of camping.

~Doug Savage

"What would the world be, once bereft
Of wet and of wildness? Let them be left,
O let them be left, wildness and wet;
Long live the weeds and the wilderness yet."

~Gerard Manley Hopkins

Joining the PWC or Membership Renewal...

PWC General Meeting is held the second Monday of each month, 7:30 pm, at the Kitsap Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in East Bremerton. To join or renew, please see form on back of newsletter. Receive a 10% discount at the Mt. Constance Mountain Shoppe, the Ajax Café, and Commander's Beach House Bed and Breakfast with your membership card. New members will receive a card with their New Membership packet. All members can pick up a card at the monthly meeting.

Address Changes and Member Address List...

For address changes, contact Bert Cripe at 2398 Jefferson Ave. SE, Port Orchard, WA 98366, or bcripe@telebyte.com.

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PENWICLE...

Deadline for submissions is the 15th of the month or the Friday after the General Meeting, whichever comes first. Contact Lezlie Cox, editor, at 4219 West View Dr., Bremerton, 98310, or penwicle@hotmail.com.

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

PENWICLE is online and has 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.

Officers & Staff

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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: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

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☐ Check here if you do not wish any information to be included in the list distributed to members.



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NO CHANGES **Article I -- Name**
This club shall be known as the Peninsula Wilderness Club.

NO CHANGES **Article II -- Purpose** The purposes for which this club is formed are: To promote the enjoyment, exploration, conservation and protection of the mountains, forests, and water courses through a spirit of good fellowship among lovers of the outdoors. The purposes of the club shall be promoted by meeting monthly to conduct business and share information through slides, movies, demonstrations, and speakers, and by providing paths of communication between members.

Article III -- Membership Members are defined as those who pay all fees or dues and accept the ideals and purposes of the Peninsula Wilderness Club anyone living in their household.

(Proposed changes reflect the way the club actually runs. There are no fees required for membership, only dues. We do not ask members to state their acceptance of club purposes, and we welcome as members anyone living in the household of a paying member.)

Article IV -- Organization *(Much of the wording of the existing Article IV is retained, but is divided into different sections for clarity. Existing bylaws include reference to elections here. It is proposed that elections be covered in a new Article V.)*

NO CHANGES **Section 1:** The club shall be a nonprofit corporation. The board of directors shall set club policies and dues. The board shall consist of seven directors. The board directors shall be the club president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer and three additional club members-at-large. A quorum shall exist when at least five directors are present. A resolution or appointment shall pass when at least four directors vote in the affirmative.

Section 2: The board shall meet at least once per year. The frequency of board meetings shall be determined by the board. The board shall have the option of meeting in open or closed sessions, depending on the nature of the matters discussed. However, At least one annual board meeting per year, in the month of March, shall be open to attendance by all members and announced in advance in the club newsletter (Penwick). The annual board meeting may be moved to another month at the discretion of the board. The minutes of the board meetings shall be furnished to any interested member. Policies enacted by the board shall be published in the Penwick club newsletter.

(Proposed changes specify a suggested month for the open annual board meeting so members know when the meeting will typically occur. The requirement that board meeting minutes always be available for general review has been removed. This will allow the board to use discretion in the event that sensitive issues are covered in a closed meeting.

Section 3: Club members may submit a written proposal at any time via the club secretary for consideration and response by the board.

(Existing bylaws don't provide a way for all members to have their suggestions heard. This proposed new section provides for a written record of any member's proposal and requires the board to consider and respond to the ideas and suggestions of all members. It does not preclude any member from making informal suggestions to board members at any time.)

NO CHANGES **Section 4:** The names and telephone numbers of the officers and board members shall be carried in the club newsletter. The officers and board members shall attend all meetings and functions to the best of their ability.

Section 5: The duty of the office of president shall be to preside at club meetings, ensuring a smooth and efficient dispatch of club business. The president shall function as the chief executive of the club. The president shall have the authority to appoint and replace other officers, staff members, and ad hoc committees as necessary to fulfill the administration and purpose of the club.

(Proposed change removes from the president authority to appoint other officers and committees. Authority to appoint committees is given to the full board in section 9 of this article. Authority to appoint officers if vacancies occur midterm is given to the full board in Article 5, section 3. However, because it is the president's duty to ensure club business runs smoothly, this keeps responsibility with the president for appointing staff as needed, such as scrapbook keeper, entertainment coordinator, refreshment coordinator, member coordinator, etc.)

Section 6: The vice-president shall assume the presidential duties in the absence of the president. In addition, the vice-president shall coordinate club special events. ~~be designated as chairman of the bylaws committee. A bylaws committee shall be appointed from time to time, as deemed necessary by the president, to review the current bylaws and make recommendations to the club for action.~~

(Proposed changes incorporate a change approved by members and implemented in the club two years ago, i.e. special events coordination a duty of the V.P. Reference to bylaws is moved to a proposed new Article VI--Bylaws/Amendments.)

NO CHANGES **Section 7:** The secretary of the club shall be responsible for recording the minutes of the monthly meeting and board meetings; maintaining a record of official club correspondence, and keeping written reports from committees.

Section 8: The treasurer shall be the custodian of all funds of the club, keep records of the club's financial transactions, deposit, invest, and disburse club funds in a timely manner, maintain a list of paid up members,

collect dues, and maintain the club's post office box. ~~The president shall ensure that the treasurer's records are audited annually.~~ The treasurer shall make records available when requested by the board, and at least once per year for an audit.

(Proposed changes will ensure that club financial records are always open to the board, that deposits are timely, and club bills paid when due.)

Section 9: The board may appoint and dissolve committees as necessary to fulfill the administrative purposes of the club.

(Proposed change removes the discretion to appoint committees from the president in Article IV, Section 5 and gives that discretion to full board)

Article V -- Elections *(Although this is a new article, some wording is picked up from Article 4 of the existing bylaws.)*

Section 1: The ~~officers shall be~~ following positions will be filled by annual election: a president, a vice-president, a secretary, and a treasurer and three board members-at-large. Officers and board members shall serve one-year terms from November 1st through October 31st. Officers and board members shall not serve more than two consecutive terms in the same position unless no other nomination is made for the position. Nomination of an incumbent who has already served two consecutive terms in a position will be allowed only after the regular nomination process shows no other nominees. ~~be nominated in September by the general assembly, voted on by~~ secret ballot at the general meeting in October, and shall serve for one year from October to October.

(Proposed changes reflect the reality that board members, as well as officers, are nominated and elected annually, and establish that terms begin Nov. 1 to help ensure a smooth transition. In addition, new names will be accepted as nominees before accepting the name of an incumbent having already served 2 terms. This is to encourage new volunteers to participate in the running of the club but this does not preclude officers or board members serving more than 2 terms.)

Section 2: For election purposes, each paid membership will be allowed one vote for each adult in the household, up to a maximum of two votes per paid membership. Nominees and anyone making nominations must be voting members of the club. Nominations shall have the prior approval of the person being nominated and may be accepted by any board member up to and including the September general meeting. Nominations by mail must be received at the club's post office address (ATTN: Secretary) prior to the September general meeting. Nominations will be announced in the club newsletter prior to the election process. Elections shall be held at the October general meeting and will be by secret ballot unless there is only one nominee per position, in which case a show of hands or vocal consensus may be called. Members who cannot attend the meeting may vote by sending written, signed correspondence to the club's post office address (ATTN: Secretary) indicating their choices. Mailed-in votes must be received by the October general meeting.

(Proposed change gives definition to our current practice of allowing one paid membership to provide voting rights to both members of a couple. It also provides a method for members to vote if they are unable to attend the October meeting. This change was strongly recommended by legal counsel.)

Section 3: ~~Board~~ vacancies that occur partway through the year, or position(s) not filled during the election process shall be filled by appointment through a majority vote of the remaining board directors. ~~as soon as possible, through the regular elective process,~~ and the persons appointed ~~elected~~ shall serve through until the following October 31st.

(Proposed change is typical of nonprofit bylaws, and removes the complication of midterm elections which intrude upon the normal meeting agenda.)

Section 4: Officers or board members not fulfilling responsibilities inherent to their position to the extent the club or club members are detrimentally affected may be removed from their position by the majority vote of the full board of directors.

(Proposed new section is a normal part of nonprofit bylaws and fills a gap in the existing bylaws as advised by legal counsel. To ensure complete fairness, a vote to take such action cannot be taken by a simple quorum, but from the FULL board.)

Article VI -- Bylaws/Amendments ~~A bylaws committee shall be appointed from time to time, as deemed necessary by the president, to review the current bylaws and make recommendations to the club for action.~~ Interpretation of these bylaws shall be at the discretion of the board. Amendments to the bylaws may be proposed by the board or by any member by written proposal to the board. Amendments shall require a majority vote of the full membership for approval. Any amendments to the bylaws will be announced in the club newsletter.

(Proposed change makes it possible for ANY member, not just the board, to propose an amendment to the bylaws at any time.)