

April
2003

PENWIC

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

Kayaking along Vancouver Island



Monday, April 14, 7 pm
Kitsap Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Bremerton



Ann Marshall, editor of *Pack & Paddle* for 10 years and *Signposts* for Washington Trails for 12 years, will present a slide show of her kayak trip along the west coast of Vancouver Island, British Columbia. During 10 rain-free days in mid-August of 2002, eight kayakers explored Catala Provincial Park and Nuchatlitz Provincial Park. Camps on remote beaches, encounters with wildlife, beautiful scenery and First Nations artifacts made this a memorable trip. Ann's slides will show you the beauty of the area and help you with information to plan your own expedition.

Ed Viesturs

Tuesday, April 15, 7:30 pm
Bainbridge Island

Ed Viesturs, high-altitude mountaineer, will present a benefit talk and slide show on Bainbridge Island. For more information about show, location, and tickets, please call Karla at 206-842-4966. A PWC member will try to have tickets available at the April General Meeting.

Annual PWC Open Board Meeting

Monday, April 14, 6:15 pm
Kitsap Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Bremerton

An open Board meeting has been scheduled immediately prior to April's General Meeting at the church. All PWC members are welcome. Possible agenda items include:

- 1) Annual Financial Report
- 2) Basic Budget
- 3) Ratification of proposed Board member changes—*see story below*
- 4) Concept approval for funding and purchase of a digital projector
- 5) Other topics folks think should be presented

If you have questions or suggestions, please contact President Rick Fleming at 360-779-2275.

New PENWIC Editor

Since we had no volunteers for the position of editor, some jockeying of officer and staff responsibilities has been required, but we think the new arrangement will work. The changes will be presented at the club Board meeting immediately preceding April's General Meeting, and if approved, they will go into effect in June.

Tom Broszeit—PENWIC Editor
Vicki Fleming and Tom Broszeit—Reporters
Joan Edwards—Treasurer
Vicki Fleming—Membership Database

Tom Broszeit has always expressed interest in helping on the PENWIC, but his schedule precluded a regular commitment. Now a calmer schedule has allowed Tom to step forward as editor, but he may still need help. *Please consider being a substitute editor for Tom on those occasions he is out of town. This could be a good way to test the waters of editing without full responsibility.*

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

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.

Ice Axe Practice on Mt. Ellinor

Saturday, March 29

Contact: Jon DeArman, 360-697-1352

Because Mt. Ellinor, on the southeastern flank of the Olympics, is a comparatively easy ascent, hundreds of people scramble to the top every year. The climb has been made still easier by the Olympians of Grays Harbor and other trail volunteers who extended the trail from the Chute Flats to the summit. However, in the early spring and summer, many climbers stick to tradition and go up The Chute, which is easy to ascend when covered with snow. A perfect place to practice ice axe arrest and other techniques. Wonderful views of Puget Sound and Mt. Washington and Mt. Pershing from the top.

Hike in the Lake Quinault District

Saturday, April 5

Contact: Jill Hawes, 360-275-5402

Hike the beautiful Lake Quinault area of the Olympic National Park. Coming from the southwest flanks of the mountains, the Quinault River flows through a broad, level valley to Lake Quinault. Glacial action created this lake during the Ice Age, when an alpine glacier deposited rock debris across the valley, thus damming the river. The Quinault Valley is rain forest country, with an average annual precipitation of 140 inches. Because the temperatures are mild and the rainfall is abundant, the trees grow to enormous size and the undergrowth is lush. Since this is some distance to drive in one day, participants may want to stay in the area Friday and/or Saturday nights; some suggestions are the Lake Quinault Lodge or Rainforest Hotel.

Hike the Wolfcreek Trail

Saturday, April 5

Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

This trail follows part of the old road that led from the Elwha

River to Hurricane Ridge. This road was closed to automobile traffic in the late 1950s, and in the lowlands nature quickly reclaimed the road, but at higher elevations the recovery has been much slower. The trail begins in deep forest but eventually climbs to views of the Bailey Range and the Elwha Valley. This is a strenuous day hike with an elevation gain of 4000 feet. Plan on a breakfast at the Oak Table restaurant in Port Angeles for an energy boost.

WTA Trail Maintenance on Notch Pass

Saturday, April 5

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

Washington Trails Association is now working on the last segment of Notch Pass. NP III will descend from FS Rd 27 to an intersection with the Lower Big Quilcene Trail near the bridge and across the river from the Bark Shanty campsite. Members of WTA and PWC and other volunteers began building this section this winter. Trail building is a great cure for cabin fever. Persons of all fitness and skill levels are welcome. If snowed out, we will finish rock steps on Rainbow Canyon and begin recovering abandoned Floop Creek Trail.

Spring Skiing at Stevens Pass

Friday, April 11–Sunday, April 13

Contact: Jon DeArman, 360-697-1352, or
Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Spring skiing at the Mountaineers Lodge at Stevens Pass

Beach Hike on Whidbey Island

Saturday, April 12

Contact: Rick Fleming, 360-779-2275

Third annual beach hike from the Keystone ferry terminal to Ebey's Landing on Whidbey Island. This is a wonderful walk along one of the most picturesque and undeveloped beaches in Puget Sound with spectacular views of the Olympics and Mt. Rainier. The hike is approximately 10 miles round trip.

Hike to Pyramid Mountain

Sunday, April 27

Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Steep hike to the top of Pyramid Mountain on the north shore of Lake Crescent. The elevation gain is 2400 feet in 3.5 miles. From second growth to virgin forest to a clear cut that comes right up to the ridge boundary between the Olympic National Park and National Forest, then another climb through forested slopes and finally the summit. Ahead on the narrow ridge is the summit lookout on its airy perch. Outstanding views of Lake Crescent and Mt. Storm King reward the exhausted hiker.

WTA Trail Maintenance on Notch Pass

Sunday, April 27

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

Please see WTA outing on Saturday, April 5

Hike Tunnel Creek Trail

Saturday, May 3

Contact: Joe Weigel, 360-871-0291

This is a moderate hike of 8.2 miles round-trip with an elevation gain of around 2400 feet. This hike goes along Tunnel Creek, climbs to 50-50 Pass and gives spectacular views of the east face of Mt. Constance. From the pass there are close-up views of The Brothers and, in the distance, Mt. Rainier and Mt. St. Helens.

Beach Backpack the Olympic Coast

Friday, May 9–Sunday, May 11 (dates have been changed)

Contact: Rick Fleming, 360-779-2275

The stretch of wild Olympic Peninsula beach north of Rialto Beach is often called "The Shipwreck Coast." Along the way, campsites are set next to memorials that mark the sinking of ships on this rugged, storm-wracked coastal strip. Wildlife viewing is excellent and the scenery is glorious. Depending on the tides, headlands may need to be hiked up and down by a series of cable ropes and ladders rather than walking around them on the beach. Participants should be prepared for changeable weather conditions.

Plant Identification at Guillemot Cove

Saturday, May 17, or Sunday, May 18 (your choice)

Contact: Don Paulson, 360-830-2212

Join Don Paulson for an afternoon of identifying native lowland-forest plants at Guillemot Cove County Park near Seabeck. This will be an easy, slow-paced walk through conifer forests, alder groves, and wet meadows with a focus on plant identification for beginners. The group size will be limited to 10 people for each day, so call Don to reserve your spot for either Saturday or Sunday.

Climb Glacier Peak via the Sitkum Glacier

Saturday, May 24–Monday, May 26

Contact: Mike & Elaine Raymond, 360-779-9282

Climb Glacier Peak via the Sitkum Glacier. This 10,541-foot mountain is Washington's most underrated volcano and is truly spectacular in beauty. (For those who can't make this trip and still want to see Glacier Peak, may I recommend a day hike up the Olympics' Upper Big Quilcene Trail to Marmot Pass and looking east for a beautiful framed view of Glacier Peak across the Puget Sound. [ed.])

Ski-to-Sea Race 2003

Saturday, May 24–Monday, May 26

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.

Climb Mt. St. Helens

Saturday, May 31–Sunday, June 1

Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Drive down on Saturday and car camp. On Sunday, some will ski and some will climb, with crampons and ice axes. Total elevation gain is approximately 4800 feet. Space is limited to 12 people.

Backpack to Royal Basin

Friday, June 13–Sunday, June 15

Contact: Rick Fleming, 360-779-2275

A backpack journey following Royal Creek to its headwaters in Royal Basin, one of the finest bits of high country in the Olympics. The basin, which cannot be observed in its entirety from one viewpoint, consists of several terraces or ice-carved basins, where meadows intermingle with groves of trees, forested knolls, and glacier-polished knobs.

Trail Maintenance on Wagon Wheel Lake Trail

Saturday, June 14–Sunday, June 15

Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

This trail climbing to Wagon Wheel Lake is in need of brushing—lots of lopping. Car camp at Staircase campground.

Climb Mt. Shasta

Friday, June 20–Monday, June 23

Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Space is limited to 10 people for this California climb.

Trail Maintenance on Six Ridge

Saturday, August 9–Sunday, August 17

Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Listed as Mt. Hopper but now Six Ridge. Join Doug Savage for all or part of the time (three-day minimum commitment) for trail maintenance. The Six Ridge Trail climbs from the North Fork Skokomish to the east end of Six Ridge, which it then follows to Six Ridge Pass. The many ups and downs test the mettle of the veteran hiker. Beyond McGravey Lakes, named for a prominent local pioneer of the 1890s, the trail is poor with several missing links where the route crosses meadow.

Monthly

MAP: Monthly Activity Planning

Thursday, April 10, 7 pm

Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Discuss club business and help MAP out the Outing schedule at the home of Doug Savage in the Illahee area

April Potluck!

Friday, April 25, 6:30 pm

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

Potluck at the Poulsbo home of Vicki & Rick Fleming
Please bring a dish to pass and they will provide the dessert.
(This is a change from what was announced at the General Meeting: Brenda McCormick was unable to host as planned.)

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 John Myers, at 360-782-2224. For a list of climbers, call Jim Morrison at 360-638-2705 or email jimjuliem@yahoo.com.

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April and May

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4/5	WTA Trail Maintenance on Notch Pass	Lezlie Cox, 360-479-7853	2
4/10	MAP Monthly Activity Planning	Doug Savage, 360-698-9774	4
4/11-13	Spring Skiing at Stevens Pass	Jon DeArman, 360-697-1352 Doug Savage, 360-698-9774	2
4/12	Beach Hike on Whidbey Island	Rick Fleming, 360-779-2275	2
4/14	General Meeting	Rick Fleming, 360-779-2275	1
4/25	April Potluck	Vicki & Rick Fleming, 360-779-2275	4
4/27	Hike to Pyramid Mountain	Doug Savage, 360-698-9774	2
4/27	WTA Trail Maintenance on Notch Pass	Lezlie Cox, 360-479-7853	3
4/28	PWC Climbers Group Meeting	John Myers, 360-782-2224	4
5/3	Hike Tunnel Creek Trail	Joe Weigel, 360-871-0291	3
5/9-11	Beach Backpack the Olympic Coast	Rick Fleming, 360-779-2275	3
5/17, 5/18	Plant Identification at Guillemot Cove	Don Paulson, 360-830-2212	3
5/24-26	Climb Glacier Peak via the Sitkum Glacier	Mike & Elaine Raymond, 360-779-9282	3
5/24-26	Ski-to-Sea Race 2003	Scot Fourier, 360-698-3005	3
5/31-6/1	Climb Mt. St. Helens	Doug Savage, 360-698-9774	3

Club News

PWC Welcomes New Members...

Brenda Beeley, Jack Gaudette, Leanne Ryan, Gayla Perini, and Dan Crawford.

Marine Naturalist's Workshop

Saturday April 12, April 26, May 3, May 17
Contact: 360-779-5549 or info@poulsbomsc.org

The Poulsbo Marine Science Center's popular adult Marine Naturalist's Workshop, taught by Jon Day, will be repeated this spring. If you would like to learn more about the salt water wonderland surrounding us, this 12-hour class is for you! We will cover the ocean habitat, how marine animals live, creatures of the intertidal zone, fish and marine mammals, life in a kelp forest, aquaculture and current marine issues. You will get close up to the live animals in the Center's touch trays and wet labs, and in the field. The last session is a trip to the coast during a super low tide.

Workshop participants will attend three Saturday classes at PMSC, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm, and one Saturday field trip. The tuition is \$69. The workshop is for adults. Twelve clock hours are available for teachers. For more information or to register, contact info@poulsbomsc.org or 360-779-5549.

For Sale

Women's Sportiva Super Macalu hiking boots, size 40 (US size 8), \$45. Contact Jill Hawes, 360-275-5402.

March Raffle Winner

Irma O'Brien was the lucky winner of a watch with an altimeter, trip computer, and other neat features donated by the Mt. Constance Mountain Shoppe.

Continental Divide Trail

April through October, 2004, Kevin Koski is planning on hiking the Continental Divide Trail. If anyone is interested in joining him for part of the trip, call him at 360-698-0655.

Coming This Summer!

On Monday, June 9, the annual PWC Camp Cookoff will be held, so start thinking about your delicious trail recipes now. Then on Monday, July 14, the annual PWC picnic will be held at Jackson Park.

Thanks for the Goodies!

Thanks to Bonnie McDaniel, Doug Savage, and Jon DeArman for the meeting munchies! If you have never donated, please consider contributing in April! Contact Jill Hawes at 360-275-5402, and she will be more than happy to make room for your treats.

Club Business

Joining the PWC or Membership Renewal...

The PWC General Meeting is held the second Monday of each month, 7 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 Cafe, 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...

Address changes should be sent to Tom Broszeit at Peninsula Wilderness Club, P.O. Box 323, Bremerton, WA 98337-0070, or email tom@mail123@aol.com. Members should also contact Tom if they wish to receive a new membership directory.

PENWICKLE...

Submissions to the PENWICKLE must be received by the Friday after the General Meeting to insure a place in the next issue. Contact Lezlie Cox at 4219 West View Dr., Bremerton, WA 98310, or at penwicle@hotmail.com.

PWC Online...www.pwckitsap.org

Please contact Sandie Morris at 360-792-1321 for inquiries regarding the PWC website. Submissions to the editor of the PENWICKLE will be sent to the website.

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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 ☐

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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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