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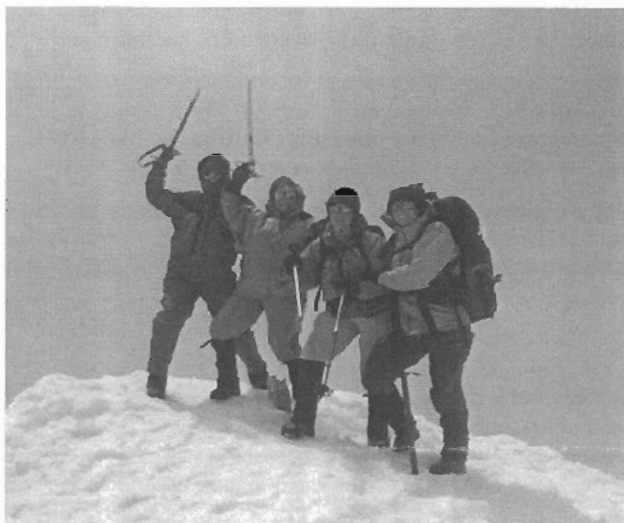
Peninsula Wilderness Club meets on the second Monday of every month at 7 pm at the Kitsap Unitarian Universalist Fellowship on Perry Avenue in East Bremerton. The public is cordially invited.

A Tour of Turkey

Presented by: James & Martha Kelly

Monday, January 12, 7 pm

The Kellys lived in Turkey for three years and have returned there often on trips. Their slide show will cover many areas of the country, from the western border with Greece at the Aegean Sea to the eastern border with Iran. Turkey (Turkiye in Turkish) is located at a point where the three continents of Asia, Africa and Europe are closest to each other, and actually straddles a point where Europe and Asia meet. It also has coastlines on three prominent bodies of water; the Black Sea in the north, the Mediterranean Sea in the south and the Aegean Sea in the west. Inland are mountain ranges, vast plateaus and plains. Turkey is a real crossroads of civilization with a rich culture and history dating back centuries. Some more well-known places that will be shown include Istanbul, Ankara, and the Cappadocia region.



Climbing Mt. Adams

By: Doug Savage

Twelve PWCers spent a summer weekend in mid-July 2003 climbing Mt Adams via the South Spur Route. This was roughly my 15th trip to the summit of Mt. Adams, and I never get tired of the challenge of that mountain, or one of the country's best glissades!

On Friday night at about 6, I picked up Andrew Higgins and left Bremerton for the 4-hour drive to the rendezvous point at the Gueler County Campground in Trout Lake, Washington. It was decided the best way to get to Trout Lake was by taking Forest Service Road #23 out of Randle; all but about 10 miles is paved and even the gravel part is in good shape. It beats the 5-hour drive through the Columbia Gorge.

Arriving close to midnight, we set up our tents by the light of our headlamps, then crashed, leaving no time to socialize. Usually, the campground is quiet, but that night there was quite a festive group of out-of-tune hippies completely destroying every song that Simon and Garfunkel ever wrote. We were so tired that we all slept pretty well anyway.

The alarm went off way too early, about 5:30 am. I jumped out of bed and headed out for a quick shower. By 6 am most of us were at Bonnie's Place, the one local restaurant open at that hour. They have a reputation for serving absolutely the best blueberry pancakes. Even Bob Dormaier was full by the time we left. Making our way back to the campground, we packed our tents, stuffed the last of our goods into our packs, and headed to the Ranger Station to register. We were at the Cold Springs trailhead by 10 am and on the trail by 10:30.

It was a spectacular morning. I was hiking with Irma O'Brien and Nancy Meyer, some of our Club's seasoned peak baggers. Much to my surprise, Nancy had never been up Mt Adams. With the forecast calling for blue sky and the temperature a balmy 70 degrees, we didn't anticipate any problems on the climb. We followed the traditional summer route, heading up the rock outcroppings on the west side of the Crescent Glacier.

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Where the route bends back to the east on the glacier's headwall, we regrouped and decided to set up camp at about 8400 feet. This is a pretty low camp; most parties attempting the South Spur continue up to the Lunch Counter on Suksdorf Ridge, but three in the party, Dan Froese, Bob and Andrew, wanted to try their luck on the Southwest Chute route. Had we gone any higher they would not have been able to traverse the mountain to the bottom of their route. Nobody complained about dropping our packs early.

The weather went from great to fantastic. While Dan, Andrew, Irma and I went exploring, Bob stripped to his shorts to work on his tan and P.J. Le Texier panhandled a steak from the climbers in the next camp over. Nancy, Irma, Roy Smith, and Karla Piecuch found a well-sheltered platform that accommodated all of their tents. Cathy Palzkill and Tom Rogers found the best camp, a rock perch with a view from their tent door of the entire Columbia River Gorge from Mt. Hood to The Dalles. We all ate an early dinner, drank lots of water and hit the sleeping bags early. Dan and Bob were having so much fun they decided to climb Kilimanjaro together later that summer.

As the sun sets on a big volcano, it gets very windy. So, nobody was surprised when the wind picked up at sunset. The fact that at midnight it was gusting over 40 miles an hour with no let-up was a surprise. At 3:30 am, I heard Dan, Bob & Andrew get up and start their breakfast. The wind was still howling. At 5:30, Roy and Tom woke us up. The wind, never abating, was still blowing hard; all of our tents and cookware were covered in grit. We ate a quick breakfast and started for the summit.

The wind was incessant, while the temperature was warm and there was not a cloud in the sky. I have been in my share of storms and unusual weather, but nothing like this. We took breaks every 1000 ft, hiding in the rocks for protection. As we reached the false summit, we ran into the Southwest Chute party; the winds were so bad, they had decided to follow the standard route. We were warned that the winds at the summit were probably pushing over 50 mph.

As we left the protection of the rocks at the false summit, we were literally blown to our knees by the gusts of wind. Normally, the climb from the false summit to the top takes about 45 minutes, this day it was closer to two hours. As we made the summit, a classic lenticular cloud started to form all around us. Except for the howl of the wind, it was very pleasant. We took our summit picture and got out of there.

The glissade, to say the least, was great! The troughs were deep and the snow soft. Down low you hardly noticed the wind. The vertical drop is about 2800 feet and it only takes about eight minutes to descend. We paired off and raced down to the Lunch Counter. By the time we got back the wind had died down to a gentle breeze. We packed our camp and left with the satisfaction of another successful climb.



Trip Reports

Snowshoeing at Heart O' the Hills

By: Tiffany Royal

About a dozen of us set out on the morning of November 29 to work off our Thanksgiving dinners by snowshoeing in the Olympics. Our original attempt was to get to the top of Hurricane Ridge, but because of the storm the night before, the road was closed at the gate. So, alas, it was Heart O' the Hills instead.

While we bundled up at the trailhead due to the chilly, misty conditions and took a picture in front of the wrong sign (we took the trail to Lake Angeles, not the Heather Park Trail), we all knew we'd be shedding layers within 10 minutes. The first 2/3 of the trail was nothing but rainforest-like conditions while climbing over, under and around fallen timber. Most of us strapped our snowshoes on to our packs, hoping to find snow somewhere thick enough to use the feather-light gear. However, given that this was my first snowshoeing trip ever, I soon found the light gear to become heavy.

After about two hours of trekking through gravel, raging ravines and even some spooky and oddly dark woods, we finally hit snow (albeit a light layer, it was slick on the boots). After about 100 feet in, I got frustrated and thought, heck, the gear is supposed to be used in the snow (although I didn't know how deep or thin it was supposed to be) and so I stopped on the trail and strapped those suckers on. What a difference!!! I felt like I could practically run the rest of the trail! Since I was having so much fun clomping through the snow, I barely heard members of the group call me over to their lunch spot by the lake. Finally, our destination!

While it was only 12:30 pm or so, the sun was falling fast behind the snow-covered ridges that loomed over us. After about a half an hour of picture-taking, snacking and stomping around on a foot-and-a-half of snow, we decided to head back to the more moist conditions we all know too well. I was quite sad to have to leave the snow on the trail and have to take the snowshoes off, but thank goodness it's early in the winter season!!!



Goat Rocks Wilderness

By: Kevin Koski

A great two-day hike, only 35 miles, with 10,500 feet of elevation gain is waiting to be discovered by someone else other than Kevin Koski next summer or fall. You ask, where can I find a high mileage, high elevation gain hike? The answer is the Goat Rocks Wilderness! OK, I will be honest you may not actually be asking these questions, but I often do and the answer this time was the Goat Rocks Wilderness. What a splendid place for fall hiking. I have lived in this state for five years, and after visiting this wilderness area, I know I should have visited much sooner. On October 25th I hiked from White Pass south along the PCT for about 13.5 miles with 3,500 feet of elevation gain. There was only three people early in the day, but I hiked to see the lakes, trees, goats, and rocks, not the people. After hiking an excellent night was spent sleeping on a ridge under my little green tarp around 5,500 feet. This ridge was warm because the cold air descended to the valleys below. On the 26th a much earlier start was needed than the 11:30 am start the prior day. Hiking commenced at 7 am and at 4 pm I was finished with a magnificent 22 mile, 7,300-foot trek across ridges that guided my feet above Packwood Lake while enjoying stunning views of Mt. Rainier. After traveling through a forest fire burn area, I reached my final "summit" of the day to find myself rapidly descending into the old growth forest below. The trip finished with some eastbound Highway 12 road hiking to the undisturbed car patiently waiting to be driven down the road to civilization. Ah - The Goat Rocks, a good place to visit.

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, discuss the trip thoroughly with the organizer. Each participant is responsible for his or her own comfort and safety on any outing. Please always carry the 10 essentials.

Pet Policy

Please leave pets at home when attending PWC outings unless the trip is specifically listed as welcoming them.

Please Call Early

As a courtesy to the sponsor of an outing in which you are interested, please try to call at least two days before the trip for single-day outings, and as soon as possible for overnight outings. This allows the sponsor time to make necessary arrangements, or alternate plans should a trip be canceled due to lack of participation. Your consideration will be greatly appreciated.

Stevens Pass Skiing

Tuesday, December 30 - Friday, January 2
Contact: Jon DeArman, 360-697-1352

Join Jon and Sue DeArman for skiing from the Mountaineers Cabin located at the 4061-foot summit of Stevens Pass. Contact Jon ahead of time if interested in staying overnight at the cabin to see if there is space available. For more details about the cabin, see the Winterfest 2004 description on page 5.

Hike to Camp Pleasant

Thursday, January 1
Contact: Kevin Kilbridge, 360-871-2537

A New Year's Day hike through lowland forest along the North Fork Skokomish River, from Staircase trailhead to Camp Pleasant. What better way to start the New Year and burn off some of those holiday calories.

Climbing at Vertical World

Friday, January 2
Contact: Barney Bernhard, 360-479-3679

Try some Friday evening climbing indoors at the Vertical World climbing gym in East Bremerton. This is for PWC members' families and friends. Some experienced belayers would be helpful. Please contact Barney Bernhard by December 20 so the Vertical World staff can accommodate the group. Exact time for outing to be determined.

Backpack at Banks Lake

Friday, January 2 - Sunday, January 4
Contact: Kevin Koski, 360-698-0655

Backpack the NW side of Banks Lake in the Grand Coulee area. Leave Friday evening and car camp near trailhead. Hike in 6-to-7 miles on Saturday and camp for the night. Please call Kevin at least three days before the hike if interested.

X-Country Ski Iron Horse Trail

Saturday, January 3
Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Cross-country ski along a section of the Iron Horse Trail near Snoqualmie Pass. This trail is good for beginners since it follows a gently-sloped old railroad grade.

Hike Gold Creek Trail

Sunday, January 4
Contact: Barney Bernhard, 360-479-3679

Bring your pet along as we day hike through the forested Gold Creek Trail, to the top of Green Mountain. This 1-1/2+ mile, one-way trail with over 1000 feet of elevation gain, offers the hiker a rewarding experience. Views at the top include: Kitsap County and the Puget Sound basin, snow-covered foothills and peaks of the Olympic Mountains. A picnic table at the top provides a nice spot to eat and visit while taking in the views. So will there be snow at the top?

Snowshoe / X-C Ski to Kachess Lake

Saturday, January 10
Contact: Rick Fleming, 360-779-2275

A mid-winter outing to Kachess Lake, just east of Snoqualmie Pass. This is approximately an 8-mile round trip through heavy evergreen forests at an elevation of 2500 feet. There is very little elevation gain since we travel on the mountainside just above the shoreline. It is a good trip for beginners as no technical skills are needed and the route doesn't cross any avalanche chutes.

X-Country Ski to Copper Creek Hut

Saturday, January 10 - Sunday, January 11
Contact: Tony Abruzzo, 360-871-5754

Cross-country ski outing to Mount Tahoma Trail Association's Copper Creek Hut near Mount Rainier. Skiing to the hut is easy enough for most beginners. Overnight accommodations limited to 12 people. Reservations required.



Outings

Methow Valley X-Country Ski

Saturday, January 17 – Monday, January 19
Contact: Molly Deardorff, 360-373-0114

Join us for great groomed or ridge climbing cross-country skiing in beautiful Methow Valley east of the Cascades. The trails offer skiing for all ability levels, although some stamina will help to get the most out of the miles of trails. Participants shall make their own lodging reservations for the nights they wish to stay. Contact Molly for coordinating meeting places for skiing and socializing, and if you would like to find names of others wishing to share accommodations in the Mazama or Winthrop areas.

Hike Griff Creek Trail

Saturday, January 24
Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

The Griff Creek Trail begins near the Elwha Ranger Station and offers a round-trip hike of 5.6 miles with many steep switchbacks and an elevation gain of 2900 feet. Rising from river level, the trail passes through old growth forest then crosses a ridge and ends with a view of Griff Creek Valley, Unicorn Peak, and Griff Peak. Along the route a short side trail leads left to a lookout with views of the Elwha River, Highs Creek Valley, and Lake Mills.

Bike Burke Gilman Trail

Sunday, February 1
Contact: Rick Fleming, 360-779-2275

The Burke Gilman Trail is a popular paved recreational trail for walkers, runners, cyclists and skaters. The trail begins in Ballard and follows an old railroad right-of-way along the Ship Canal and north along Lake Washington. At Blyth Park in Bothell the trail becomes the Sammamish River Trail and continues to Marymoor Park in Redmond. The total combined trail length is 32 miles. Length of our ride to be determined.

X-Country Ski Cabin Creek Trail

Saturday, February 7
Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Cross-country ski from the Cabin Creek Sno-Park in Mt Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest on 10 miles of groomed trails with a good variety of difficulty levels.

Hike on the Island of Kauai

Mid-February
Contact: Tom Leurquin, 206-842-5906

Hike Kauai in mid-February (dates to be determined). After four months of rain and darkness, I'll be ready for some sunshine and warm weather, so what better place to go than the premier hiking island in Hawaii? Airfare is under \$600, cars go for about \$200/week, and a bed for \$20/night and up. Since it's never more than an hour's drive from the airport, pick-ups can be easily arranged if we don't travel on the same day. Also, since everyone has different interests and may want to partake in different activities, it's not necessary to spend the entire time together.

Winterfest 2004

Friday, February 13 - Monday, February 16
Contact: Jon DeArman, 360-697-1352

This year's WINTERFEST will be held at the Mountaineers Cabin 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, family and couples dorms, plus kitchen, dining and living areas.

- Ski from the cabin door to the lifts, and from the lifts to the door.
- X-C ski / skate ski / snowshoe 25 miles of groomed trails in Mill Valley.
- Ski / snowboard mountaineering climbs to Skyline Peak, located directly across the road from lodge.
- Back-country ski / snowshoe miles of Forest Service trails in the immediate area. Sno-Park pass required at some trailheads.
- Snowshoe PCT located on ridge above cabin.
- Hike into SCENIC HOT SPRINGS 4 miles west of pass.
- Shop in Leavenworth located 20 miles east.
- Drink HOT TODDIES with Jon and Sue each evening in the Stevens Bar.

COST: \$20 Friday and \$35 Saturday / Sunday nights, includes breakfast and dinner. Bring your own lunch. Kitchen available for use includes microwave.

- No alcohol permitted in cabin.

The bar is a romantic 5-minute walk through the snow. Doug invites everyone to BE HIS VALENTINE on Saturday.

FOR A GUARANTEED RESERVATION: Give money to Jon DeArman by January 12. Or take a chance and make your own reservation by calling 800-573-8484 on, or after, January 26.

Hog Loppet Trek X-Country Ski

Friday, February 20 - Saturday, February 21
Contact: Barney Bernhard, 360-479-3679

Join the Hog Loppet Trek cross-country ski event, a high traverse from the top of Mission Ridge Ski Area to Blewett Pass. This 21-mile event is not a race but a Hog Loppet (rough Swedish for "citizens' high country ski trek"). The route begins at the top of the Mission Ridge Ski Area after a chairlift ride from the base. The route is generally level with some ups and downs for 15 miles, then a long descent to 4100-foot Blewett Pass. There will be three aid stations with snacks, water and emergency equipment. The route includes steep terrain and a mix of groomed and ungroomed backcountry trails. Experience level: Intermediate or better skiers with backcountry experience. Leave Friday evening and stay in Wenatchee for the night, then ski on Saturday.

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Trip Reports

The Monday Hikers

Another very active hiking group in Kitsap County are the Monday Hikers. As their name would imply, they normally take their hikes on Mondays during the week. They also meet sometimes for special events but do not hold monthly meetings. Some PWCers also participate on these hikes. The size of their group has become large enough in recent years to cause them to split their hikes up into smaller groups based on a preference toward certain types of hiking, such as easy lowland or more strenuous mountain trails. The Monday Hikers do not publish a newsletter but do send trip reports via e-mail. Occasionally, excerpts from these trip reports will appear in the PFWWICLE as space permits so that PWC members can read them and possibly want to sponsor a PWC outing on the same trail.

Gibbs Lake

By: The Monday Hikers (12/1/03)

Hi Hikers, Some of us met at Poulsbo at 8:00 AM and some met at 9:00 AM, but we all went to Gibbs Lake. It was kind of a drippy start for a hike and it seemed cold, but after ten minutes of vigorous hiking, the sweat was running down my back. The trails around this county park lake are nice, and are well identified. Although there are quite a few slippery roots lurking under the wet leaves. They can give you quite a little start. We took all of the left hand turn options for our first loop and all of the right hand options for the second loop. The later group hiked in the opposite direction, so we got to greet each other. Lunchtime! We all met at the picnic area by the lake. There is only one table in this picnic area and so the first people arriving gathered there. There is a flat something or other about sixty feet away from the table that the rest of folks sat on. I think that everyone got a little chilled there by the lake. So no one stuck around for more laps around this small lake in the afternoon. Some of us went to the Port Gamble Company Store to warm up with a cup of coffee and cookie.

Lower Dungeness

By: The Monday Hikers (11/10/03)

The Lower Dungeness trail starts where FS Road 2870 is closed. However, there have been a lot of trees fall across the first half mile of the trail and it would be better to start at a small auxiliary trailhead a half mile earlier on the road. The trees probably went down with whatever wash took out the nicely repaired road. Beyond that, the trail is very nice. It gets a little steep up to Three O'clock Ridge, but nothing that switch backs can't make reasonable. From there, you are about halfway to the River Shelter and it cost you nearly half of your hard earned altitude to get there. The River Shelter has been restored not too long ago and is a very pleasant place by the river. Some thoughtful person(s) left a large wood pile and even covered it with a blue poly tarp. It was cold there and some old snow was still on the ground. Knowing that we had to regain our altitude to Three O'clock Ridge, we chose to only eat half of our lunch. We met up with the rest of our hikers on a small rock outcropping on the ridge where you have good view of the valley and a rather sharp little mountain peak up the valley. The knobby peak up the valley at 160 degs. was Buckhorn Mountain. There were a lot of deer tracks on and crossing the trail. On the way back from Three O'clock Ridge there were grouse feathers scattered in a five or so foot radius in the trail. They were not there on the way in. Bobcat? We all took the easy way out where the trail comes close to the road, rather than climbing through all the fallen trees once again. It is a nice hike that can be done from the other direction too, starting from the same parking lot where you go to Camp Handy/Royal Basin. Happy Hiking!

Notch Pass

By: The Monday Hikers (6/2/03)

This is a reconstructed trail that was abandoned by the Quillayute Indians a couple of centuries or so ago. Ellen has been working with the Washington Trails Association for over a year on this trail. The trail starts at Penny Creek, just out of Quilcene and terminates at the Bark Shanty camp on the Lower Big Quil Trail. Legend has it that the Quillayutes would trek all the way from their coastal villages across the Olympics and sell/trade their wares with the Quilcene Indians.

The first phase of the reconstruction probably required the least work. It is a moderate slope that twists and turns through a second growth timbered area. It is not the steady up-up-up like the Mt. Walker trail. You get one view out through the timber of the head of Hood Canal. Maybe you see more on a clear day, but at this early morning hour there were some low hanging clouds. You will have gained about the same elevation as Mt. Walker when you arrive at the Notch. Just beyond the Notch is a gravel road that you cross and that begins Phase II of the project. The crew had to move a lot of broken rock here so that you could traverse a rock slide. You lose some elevation on this phase and it terminates on a "paved road" (why didn't we just drive up here?)

Phase III, you walk on the road for about a block northerly, then on your left are some ribbons marking the trail. This part of the trail I suspect has a lot of revision to it, because the crew had to do a lot of work and it twists and turns a lot down to Townsend Creek where there is a single log bridge. The trail follows along Townsend Creek on down to The Big Quil where you have crossed the nice bridge at Bark Shanty camp. It took one hour to get to the summit of Notch Pass, and another hour down to Bark Shanty camp.

Outings (continued)

Snow Caves at Mount Rainier

Saturday, February 28 - Sunday, February 29
Contact: Rick Fleming, 360-779-2275

Join us for a 0.5-mile hike above the Paradise area of Mount Rainier to "Home Snow Home", where the group will construct snow caves or quincys and then spend the night in their new abodes. No special skills are required, just the physical ability to do a lot of digging in the snow. Participants will need to be prepared for winter weather conditions.

X-Country Ski to Snow Bowl Hut

Saturday, April 10 - Sunday, April 11
Contact: Tony Abruzzo, 360-871-5754

Cross-country ski outing to MTTA's Snow Bowl Hut. Intermediate level skiing. The hut sleeps 8. Reservations required.

Backpack the Continental Divide Trail

April - October
Contact: Kevin Koski, 360-698-0655

Join Kevin for a part of the Continental Divide Trail (CDT). The CDT generally follows the rugged Continental Divide from New Mexico to Montana.

Backpack the Tonto Trail

Late April or early May
Contact: David Boyde, 360-692-9325, theboyde@aol.com

Take an 8-12 day, backpacking trip in the Grand Canyon, along the Tonto Trail. The first option is starting in late April and the second starts in early May. One option is from the New Hance (Red Canyon) Trail westwards to Bright Angel Campground and then back to the South Rim. This trip is approximately 65 miles, including two days of optional exploring and/or side trips. The second option is from the South Rim at Grand Canyon Village westwards to Hermit Rapids and then out of the canyon at Hermits Rest. Either trip can be done east to west, or west to east. The routes are isolated, extremely rough in places and some route-finding may be required. Group is limited to six experienced backpackers, and the trip is currently full. Contact David Boyde for more info and date/route selection.

Climb Mount Whitney & Lassen Peak

Saturday, July 17 - Sunday, July 25
Contact: David Boyde, 360-692-9325, theboyde@aol.com

Climb Mount Whitney, the highest peak in the lower 48. Follow this with a climb of Lassen Peak and exploring the Lassen Volcanic area. Trip will take two days travel time each way, 2-3 days for the climb of Whitney, and an extra day for Lassen Peak for a total of 7-8 days. Both peaks are basically high altitude trails. Reservation request will be submitted on February 1, 2004 so contact me if interested. Depending on the exact dates of the permit, Lassen Peak may be climbed on the way down to Mt. Whitney, rather than on the return trip. Reservations for Mt. Whitney require a \$15 fee per person, payable when the reservation request is made, not when you actually arrive for the climb. Group size is limited to 12.

Outdoor News

Olympic Trails Spreadsheet

For some time now, Doug Savage and Joe Weigel have been on a quest to hike every known trail in the Olympic Mountains. To keep track of the trails and mileage completed, Doug developed a spreadsheet based on Robert L. Woods book Olympic Mountains Trail Guide, 3rd addition. Doug has found this to be one of the most comprehensive inventories of trails in Olympic National Park and Olympic National Forest. His spreadsheet is now available on the PWC web page (www.pwckitsap.org) in the section under 'PENWICL'. Anyone may download it for their own use to record the trails they have done or to browse through looking for a new trail to hike.

Poulsbo Marine Science Center

The Poulsbo Marine Science Center (PMSC) will have Dr. Peter Harris as a guest speaker on January 31. Dr. Harris is a coral researcher based in Australia and has made an astounding discovery in Australia's Gulf of Carpentaria; a coral reef larger than the Great Barrier Reef, in waters over 800 feet deep! Until now, corals were associated with warm shallow water. However, unique species of living corals are evidently thriving in the dark depths. Dr. Harris attended North Kitsap High and credits the PMSC for his current career. Doors open at 7 pm; speaker at 7:30. Info from one source is that admission would be free to the public. Contact PMSC at 360-779-5549.

Good Links

Know a good outdoor-related web site that may be of interest to other PWC members? Send the link to PENWICL@hotmail.com and it can be listed in the newsletter for all to use. A short description of the site would be especially helpful. (No retail sales web sites please.) Check out the following web pages:



<http://emerald.gameworkshop.com/~adoss/>

On the first day of our PWC hike on the Wonderland Trail in the summer of 2000 we met Aaron and Jason, two brothers that were very enthusiastic about their adventure on the trail. We shared the same itinerary for the next few days. They later put together a great web page about their trip. Their trail journal and photos provide a good view of what you can expect along this 93-mile loop trail in Mount Rainier National Park. The route takes a hiker through old growth forests and flowering alpine meadows, past glaciers, lakes and waterfalls.

<http://www.nps.gov/mora/recreation/wic.htm>

The Mount Rainier National Park Wilderness Information Center provides information and permits for all backcountry camping within the park. To prevent overuse of wilderness areas, backcountry camping is very regulated and permits are required in all areas year-round. Camping along trails is confined to designated trailside camps and limited cross country camping is permitted at least 1/4 mile from trails or roads. However, parties hiking the Wonderland Trail are required to use the designated camps only. The use of cross country zones is not permitted to fill itineraries when the designated camps are full. This can sometimes make getting a permit for this popular trail the first challenge of your hike.

Monthly

MAP: Monthly Activity Planning

Thursday, January 8, 7 pm

Contact: Charlie Pomfret, 360-479-7820

Discuss club business and help schedule outings at the home of Charlie Pomfret in Bremerton.

January Potluck

Friday, January 23, 6:30 pm

Contact: Scot & Linda Fourier, 360-698-3005

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

PWC Climbers Group

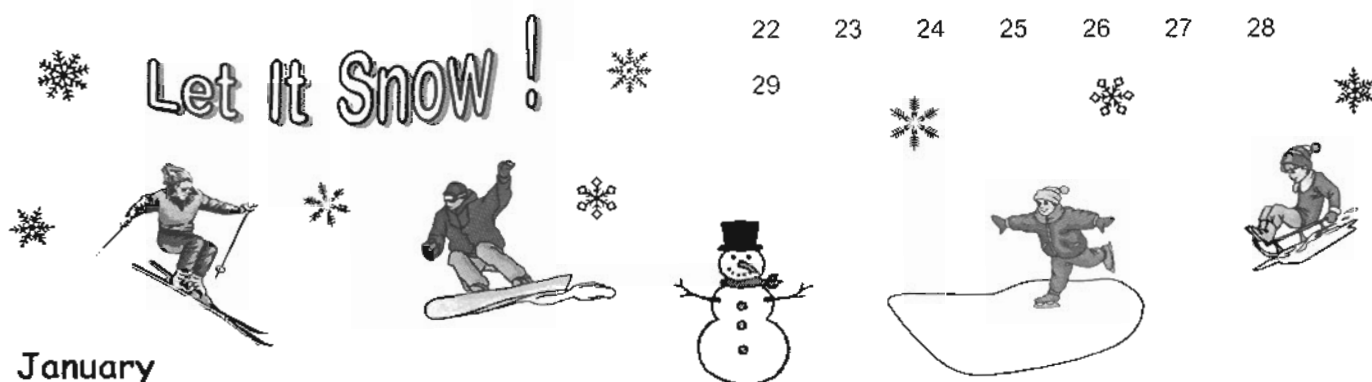
An informal gathering of climbers meets the last Monday of the month (check calendar for date changes), 7 pm, at the Silver City Brewing Company, Silverdale. All are welcome to join us for general socializing and discussions about past and future mountaineering excursions. For directions, call John Myers at 360-782-2224. For a list of climbers call Mike Raymond at 360-779-9282 or email mntnmiker@aol.com.

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1/24	Hike Griff Creek Trail	Doug Savage, 360-698-9774	5
1/26	Climbers Group Meeting	John Myers, 360-782-2224	8

Club News

Fall Colors Contest Winner

Jean Knox won a \$75 gift certificate to the Mt. Constance Mountain Shoppe. The Fall Colors Contest was a random drawing at the December meeting from among all members that submitted a description of their favorite places to see fall colors. The entries will be published in the *PENWICLE* later in the year before autumn.

December Door Prize Winner

Joe Weigel won a snow shovel, useful for avalanche rescues or building snow caves, donated by the Mt. Constance Mountain Shoppe. Thanks once again to the Mt. Constance Mountain Shoppe of Bremerton for donating the door prize.

Thanks for the Treats!

Thank you to Doug Savage, Tom Rogers, Barbara Hager, and any anonymous donors for the delicious treats at the December meeting. If you have never donated a snack, please consider contributing in January. If you have questions, please contact Jill Hawes, 360-275-5402

Wanted: Digital Projection Unit

Digital cameras have become very popular recently and many people are now taking digital rather than film photos on their trips. To enable the club to show presentations with digital photos at our General Meetings we would need to acquire a digital projection unit. If any member would be able to help the club find a good deal on a digital projection unit please contact one of the PWC Officers or Board Members.

We Need You!

Each month the club's MAP meeting and potluck dinner are in need of volunteer hosts willing to share their home for an evening. If you can handle a small home invasion, please contact the club secretary, Kathy Weigel, at 360-871-0291.

Receive Your Newsletter by E-mail

PWC members now have the option of receiving their *PENWICLE* by e-mail. Members who select this option will receive their newsletter as an Adobe PDF document via e-mail rather than receiving a printed copy by US Postal Service mail. If you do not yet have Adobe Reader software on your computer to view PDF files, it is readily available for free on the internet. To request the e-mail option, please send an e-mail message to penwicle@hotmail.com. The PWC membership form also now has a check box for the newsletter by e-mail option. The electronic newsletter should be sent out before the printed copies and any photos will be viewed in color.

Magazine Swap

PWC members are invited to bring any outdoor-related magazines they no longer want to the General Meetings to swap for magazines brought by other members. A box will be in the lobby during meetings where you may leave magazines or take one home to read.

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 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.

Has Your Membership Expired?

Check for your membership expiration date on the address label of your latest issue of the *PENWICLE*.

Address Changes and Member Address-Phone List

Address changes should be sent to Vicki Fleming at Peninsula Wilderness Club, P.O. Box 323, Bremerton, WA 98337-0070 or call 360-779-2275. Members should also contact Vicki if they wish to receive a new membership directory.

Penwicle Submissions

Submissions to the *Penwicle* must be received by the Friday after the General Meeting to insure a place in the next issue. Contact Tom Broszeit at penwicle@hotmail.com or 360-613-9573.

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 *PENWICLE* will be sent to the website, unless requested otherwise.

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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

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