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NEXT MEETING

PWC Raffle and Gear Swap

Monday, May 10, 7 pm

MORE PRIZES!

The next PWC General Meeting will be a Raffle and Gear Swap. The raffle, which is being held in lieu of the entertainment, is a chance to win some great gear at a small cost and is also a fund raiser for the club to help replace the funds used for the recently purchased digital projection unit. The Mt. Constance Mountain Shoppe and Judd have generously allowed the club to purchase over \$1500 worth of gear at very minimal cost to use as prizes for the raffle. Some new great prizes have been added. See page 2 for raffle rules and a list of the over 50 items to be won. In addition to the raffle, there will also be a gear swap where you can bring your old, tired, and used gear to sell, trade or barter to members and guests. Whatever you get for your used gear, you get to keep. The gear swap will start at 7 pm.

Members are encouraged to bring hors d'oeuvres and desserts to share to help make this meeting a very social event. Join the fun as you and other members decide which prizes to choose from the great selection!

The PWC 11th Essential Contest!

Everybody knows the "Ten Essentials". Most of us put them in our packs without a second thought. But what is your 11th Essential? Besides map, compass, flashlight, food, clothing, sunglasses, first aid kit, pocket knife, matches, and fire starter, what is the MUST HAVE item that you always carry. To enter, provide a brief description of why your 11th Essential is a must along with your name and phone number. Submit it by mail to the club PO Box, by e-mail to penwicle@hotmail.com, or give it to Doug Savage at any meeting. Enter as often as you like. Everyone who enters will be eligible for a special door prize drawing, a \$75 gift certificate, to be held at the July PWC picnic. The gift certificate was to be for the Mt. Constance Mountain Shoppe, but since they are closing it will be for another store which is still to be determined. This competition is open to PWC members and their families only. The winner will be selected by random drawing from among all entries. You don't need to be present to win!! Entries will be published in the PENWICLE!



25 Years for PWC and Farewell to the Mountain Shoppe

By: Editor

"Our club is finally off the ground" were the opening words of what appears to be the first newsletter of the newly-formed Peninsula Wilderness Club. That was January 1979, over 25 years ago! It was the previous year that brothers Judd and Pete Flynn opened the Mt. Constance Mountain Shoppe in a portion of the Wheaton Mall where Pat's Restaurant & Bakery (a.k.a. Pat's Cookie Jar) is now located. With the Mountain Shoppe closing soon and PWC passing its 25-year anniversary, it seems like a good time to take a glimpse back at the early years.

The two institutions that contributed most to setting the stage for the club's formation were Olympic College and the Mt. Constance Mountain Shoppe. In the 1970s, interest in wilderness backpacking and climbing was growing rapidly. In the spring of 1978, the college offered a Basic Mountaineering class that was popular with the local outdoor enthusiasts wanting to learn the techniques of backcountry travel and climbing. That same year the Mountain Shoppe opened and became a natural meeting place for the backpackers and climbers to find the latest gear that was becoming available. With the classes at Olympic College completed, many in the group wanted a way to keep in touch and continue their outdoor adventures together. And so, in the fall of 1978, the idea of forming a club was born. Pete Flynn's outgoing nature was instrumental in bringing everyone together in the formation of the club. He had a knack for getting people excited about activities the club could do and obtaining renowned climbers and adventurers to come speak at their meetings. The first few meetings were held in the back room of the Mountain Shoppe after the store was closed for the day. The group quickly outgrew the back room and started meeting at Olympic College. Craig Martin was elected as the first club president, club by laws were adopted, and a newsletter was started with Marty Kaminskus as the editor. See page 7 for a copy of the cover page from the three-page, hand written, Peninsula Wilderness Club newsletter (Vol. 1 No. 1), which appears to be the first one sent out to members.

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PWC Raffle

Raffle Rules:

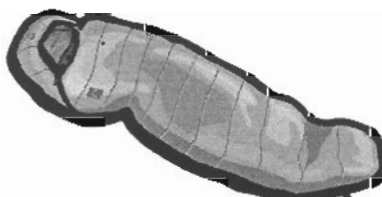
1. Tickets will be for sale at the April 12 PWC General Meeting and the May 10 PWC General Meeting.
2. Tickets are \$1 each.
3. You may purchase as many tickets as you want. (Hey, this IS a fund raiser!) You may win as many prizes as lady luck allows, so the more tickets you buy, the more you can win!
4. Raffle tickets will be drawn at random. If the number drawn matches the number on one of your tickets, you get to choose a prize from among those not already won.
5. Once a number has been drawn, it will NOT go back in the bowl to be re-drawn.
6. **YOU MUST BE PRESENT AT THE MAY 10 GENERAL MEETING TO WIN!** (Otherwise, how would we know what prize you want?)
7. The raffle is opened to all PWC members, their guests, and the general public. Membership in the PWC is not required to buy tickets or to win.
8. Winners may exchange a prize at the Mt. Constance Mountain Shoppe for a different, color, size or style, (i.e. if you pick up a woman's style glove, you may exchange them for a men's style glove.) Any cost incurred by the exchange is the responsibility of the prize holder.
9. Club members are invited (and encouraged) to donate additional prizes. No alcohol or tobacco products may be awarded as a prize (The state of Washington makes us say this!).

Item	Value	Item	Value
Mountain Hardware Phantom 32 Reg Sleeping Bag	\$240.00	Petzl Spinball Locking Carabiner	\$16.50
Vertech II Ski Altimeter watch **	\$159.95	Petzl Spinball Locking Carabiner	\$16.50
ARC'TERYX Hybrid Jacket, Men's Large **	\$135.00	Dahlgren Trekking Alpaca Cashmere Socks	\$14.50
Mountain Hardware Grade 5 Lightweight Rain Jacket	\$105.00	Dahlgren Trekking Alpaca Cashmere Socks	\$14.50
Helly Tech Packable Rain Pants	\$89.95	Dahlgren Trekking Alpaca Cashmere Socks	\$14.50
ThermaRest GuideLite Mattress	\$75.00	MSR Fuel Bottle 33 oz	\$11.95
MSR 2 Liter Titanium Pot	\$74.95	Nalgene 96 oz Bottle	\$10.96
SenSulation High Loft Vest (med)	\$69.95	Woman's Skiing Earband Orange **	\$9.99
Leki Panorama Trekking Poles	\$59.95	Woman's Skiing Earband Red **	\$9.99
Mountain Hardware All Season's Glove Woman's	\$59.00	Nalgene Bottle 1 qt	\$8.99
Mountain Hardware Gravity Glove Woman's	\$49.00	Nalgene Bottle 1 qt	\$8.99
Crazy Creek Chair **	\$49.00	Nalgene Bottle 1 qt	\$8.99
Seattle Sombrero Hat (XL)	\$52.00	Peregrine Outfitters Standard Stuff Sack 9x19	\$7.99
Smith Cascade Pro Ski Goggles	\$45.00	Fox River Poly Pro Glove liners (med)	\$7.95
MSR Pocket Rocket Stove	\$39.95	Peregrine Outfitters Standard Stuff Sack 8x18	\$6.50
Titanium Silverware Cutlery Set	\$36.95	Log House Designs Head Net	\$5.99
Victorinox Swiss Army Knife (Climber)	\$34.99	Biwell Classic Boot Sealer	\$5.99
Black Diamond Moonlight Headlamp	\$34.50	Green Ban for People Herbal Insect Repellent	\$5.99
Super Feet Boot Liners	\$30.96	Peregrine Outfitters Standard Stuff Sack 6x13	\$4.99
Outdoor Research PS 150 Polar Tec Gloves	\$29.99	ISOPRO net wt 8oz Isobutene/Propane Blend	\$4.99
Outdoor Research Expedition-wt Balaclava **	\$29.50	ISOPRO net wt 8oz Isobutene/Propane Blend	\$4.99
Bunting Fingerless Gloves (Lrg) **	\$29.00	Dermatone Lip Balm w/ carabiner	\$4.99
Silva Trekker Compass	\$27.50	Mountain Suds 8 fl oz	\$3.49
Outdoor Research Fahrenheit Balaclava	\$25.50	Camp Inn Nylon Mesh Bag	\$3.25
Mountain Hardware Windstopper Microdome Hat	\$24.00	Grabber Mycoal Hand Warmer	\$1.39
Outdoor Research Blister Med Resister Kit	\$21.00	Grabber Mycoal Hand Warmer	\$1.39
The Original Candle Lantern	\$19.99	Grabber Mycoal Hand Warmer	\$1.39
Book, Olympic Mountains Trail Guide by R. Wood	\$18.95	Carmex Lip Balm	\$1.29
Book, 100 Best Cross-Country Ski Trails Washington	\$16.95		

** indicates new prize



A special thank you to the Mt. Constance Mountain Shoppe in Bremerton and Judd for generously helping with the prizes for the raffle.



25 Years for PWC and Farewell to the Mountain Shoppe

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In January 1981, PWC gained its incorporation with the State and a club logo was selected from a number of entries by a vote at the General Meeting. Club membership continued to grow and many great adventures were shared together, creating a strong bonding friendship amongst the members. A core group stepped forward to handle club business and organize many of the trips. A few of these founding members are still active with the club today. Outings included many of the same destinations in the Olympics and Cascades that we enjoy visiting today as well as some more distant trips like climbing in the Tetons of Wyoming and white-water rafting in Oregon. PWC special events included an annual Washington's birthday climb of Mt. Washington, a summer picnic, and a marathon-type run from Deer Park to Hurricane Ridge co-sponsored with the Mountain Shoppe. Trail maintenance work parties were organized as a way for the club to give something back to the trails everyone enjoyed. The group also shared some emotional times together. On one ascent of Mt. Washington, a member of the party died of a heart attack en route to the top. Later, the wife asked if any PWC members would be willing to take her husband's ashes to the summit of the mountain. A large group of family, friends, and PWC members honored her request. While those that could not make the final ascent waited at Lunch Rock, about 30 people continued to the summit for an emotional farewell.

The club continues today in much the same style of member-organized trips and camaraderie. Meetings are still a time to socialize, share information about outings, and enjoy entertaining presentations given by members or guest speakers. With the help of dedicated individuals who volunteer to organize club functions and members who sponsor trips, PWC is sure to continue for many years, providing enjoyment to those who want to share outdoor adventures together in good fellowship.

With Judd Flynn's business know-how, the Mountain Shoppe also continued to grow. After 1-1/2 years, it moved from the Wheaton Mall location to one section of the new Redwood Plaza. The store expanded later to incorporate several sections of the plaza to occupy the space it does today. Pete stayed in the business for about three years, then sold his share to Judd and went on to other ventures. In addition to the high quality backpacking, climbing and ski equipment, the store broadened its inventory to include equipment for other outdoor sports such as bicycling and kayaking. In 1990, Judd opened a second Mountain Shoppe in Gig Harbor, which remained open for 10 years.

Over the years, Judd and his Mt. Constance Mountain Shoppe have been very supportive of PWC. He has generously donated the great door prizes given at the General Meetings as well as items used for prizes at special events and for PWC contests. PWC members were given a ten percent discount on purchases made in the store. Once the liquidation sale is over and the Bremerton store is closed, Judd will be able to spend more time with his family at their home in Montana. Thank you Judd for all the great years; we wish you well.

South Mountain Day Hike

By Kevin Kilbridge

I had never heard of South Mountain before, nor was it in my Olympic Trails book. But there it was, on my big Forest/Park fold-out map, on Simpson Timber Co. land, as it turned out. Sixteen of us carpoled to a fork in the road on the south side of the mountain and did the steady hike up the road to the west peak. It was warm, and some folks— even one expatriate Midwesterner— found it a bit too warm for brisk hiking. The road actually goes all the way to the top, and we could have driven up. A group of motorcycles roared by as we were on top, but other than that, we heard only some coyotes howling—maybe complaining that we cheapskates hadn't left them any food scraps.

The sky was hazy, unlike the crystal clear winter day when trip sponsor Barbara Hager was up there before; we could barely make out the cooling towers at the Satsop power plant and we could only imagine the ocean. But there were decent views north across the spaghetti-bowl of logging roads in the national forest into the park and, over lunch, we tried to make out which snowy peak was which. After hiking over to the east peak, which was bristling with communication towers, a few of us hatched a hare-brained scheme of taking a different, very iffy road down, but fortunately for us, it dead-ended and we back-tracked to join the others.

NOVA Reform Campaign Victory

By Lezlie Cox

Washington Trails Association's campaign "to reform the Non-highway and Off Road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Program finally reached closure. House Bill 2489, which reallocated the program's funds . . . has passed the Washington State House of Representatives. The bill was signed by Governor Gary Locke on March 21."

For those unfamiliar with NOVA and why it needed reform, a summary. In the early 1970s, a fund was enacted wherein a portion of gas tax revenue generated on non-highway roads (Forest Service, DNR, State Park, and National Park roads) and motorized trails was devoted 100% to finance motorized—dirt bikes and ORVs—recreation facilities and trails. Consequently all people using these roads, whether to hike, bike, fish, ski, berry pick, sightsee, camp, or dirt bike, were contributing to this ATV fund.

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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 for some reason. Your consideration will be greatly appreciated.

Hike to Camp Pleasant

Saturday, May 1

Contact: Molly Deardorff, 360-373-0114

Hike along the North Fork of the Skokomish River to Camp Pleasant on an easy and delightful trail through a deep forest consisting of fir, hemlock, and western red cedar.

Hike / Explore Fort Worden

Saturday, May 1

Contact: Venita Goodrich, 360-698-9774

Join Venita for a hike/exploration through Fort Worden State Park in Port Townsend. Fort Worden was a U.S. Army post from 1902 to 1953, and the headquarters post for fortifications protecting Puget Sound. The hike will be in the area known as Artillery Hill. At the time, there were no trees or vegetation to obstruct the view. On a clear day observers could see the Strait of Juan de Fuca, 31 miles northwest to Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. There are some man-made caves in the area so bring a flashlight if you would like to do some exploring.

After a day of hiking, join Doug and Venita at the Ajax Café for a leisurely dinner with friends. If you opt not to join the hike, dinner at the Ajax Café is still an option. If you plan to have dinner at the Ajax Café, whether you hike or not, please let Venita know by April 20 so she can make the appropriate reservations.

A park pass is required for parking at Fort Worden. A \$5 daily permit is available at the park. A Washington State Park \$50 annual permit is available for purchase at the State Parks headquarters in Olympia, at regional offices, on-line, and at State Parks when staff is available.

Bike Olympic Discovery Trail

Sunday, May 2

Contact: Rick Fleming, 360-779-2275

Easy bike ride on portions of the Olympic Discovery Trail between Deer Park Road and Ediz Hook.

Kayak Trip & Camp on Blake Island

Friday, May 7 - Saturday, May 8

Contact: Barney Bernhard, 360-479-3679

Join Barney for a kayak trip and overnight camping on Blake Island. Will launch boats at Manchester. The camp is located near Tillicum Village and has showers available.

Hike Mashel River Trail

Saturday, May 8

Contact: Steve Vittori, 253-858-8191

Hike the Mashel River Trail in the Pack Forest near Eatonville. The trail has some flat sections, some moderate slopes, and some short rock scrambles. Length of roundtrip hike is about six miles with views of three waterfalls.

Hike Mt. Rose

Saturday, May 15

Contact: Jill Hawes, 360-275-5402

This is a strenuous roundtrip hike of 6.4 miles and 3500 feet of elevation gain. The trail starts off with almost two miles of very tedious switchbacks to a low saddle in the ridgeline and then follows the ridgeline to the summit. Weather permitting, the summit provides great views of Lake Cushman, Mt. Ellinor, and the North Fork of the Skokomish.

Hike Gold Creek Trail

Sunday, May 16

Contact: Lezlie Cox, 360-479-7853

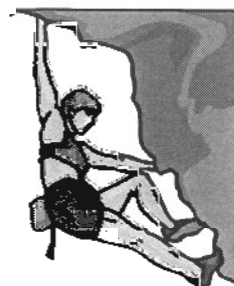
This begins my series of "Trails I've Never Hiked," which includes most all of the Olympics' trail system. People new to the club or to the peninsula, why not begin here? Now this hike is 12.8 miles roundtrip, and the book says it will take seven hours; I figure eight at least on my legs. The trail climbs moderately and parallels the Dungeness River, offering views of the valley for a total gain of 2000 feet. If we are lucky, the rhododendrons will be blooming.

Rock Climbing near Leavenworth

Saturday, May 22 - Sunday, May 23

Contact: Tony Abruzzo, 360-871-5754

Rock climbing near Leavenworth. Contact Tony in advance for details regarding equipment and experience level required.



Outings

Climb / Ski Mount Saint Helens

Sunday, May 23

Contact : Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Climb / ski Mount Saint Helens. Total elevation gain is approximately 4800 feet. Party size limited to 12 people with priority given to PWC members (then guests).

Backpack Barnes Creek Trail

Saturday, May 29 - Monday, May 31

Contact: Kevin Kilbridge, 360-871-2537

The trail, continuously in forest, goes from Barnes Point on Lake Crescent to Lookout Dome, at 3500 feet, 9.4 miles to the east. Our first day will be only 3.5 miles, to 2,000 feet, and will include some muddy sections and some invigorating switchbacks. Sunday we'll go 3.3 miles, pitch camp, then do 2.6 miles of gentle ups and downs to the dome and back to camp. Monday we'll hike the 6.8 miles out. Be ready to ford a stream or two.

Hike / Ski to Anvil Rock

Saturday, June 5 - Sunday, June 6

Contact: John Knott, 360-792-2440

Hike / ski to Anvil Rock at 9600 feet on Mount Rainier and bivi for the night. Not too far from Camp Muir, Anvil Rock provides great views but without the crowds. Trip is dependent on clear weather.

Canoe / Kayak & Camp at Lake Ozette

Friday, June 11 - Sunday, June 13

Contact : Rick Fleming, 360-779-2275

Canoe or kayak on Lake Ozette to a camp site at Erickson's Bay and spend two nights. Day hike about two miles through the coastal forest out to the ocean beach.

Backpack to a Hidden Lake

Saturday, June 12 - Sunday, June 13

Contact: John Knott, 360-792-2440

Backpack up a short but steep trail to a hidden lake located near Mt. Tebo, southwest of Lake Cushman. Camp for one night with tent or bivi.

Backpack to Toleak Point

Friday, June 18 - Sunday, June 20

Contact: Lynn Howat, 360-598-3087

This is a 6-1/2 mile backpacking trip (each way) at the ocean (Olympic National Park Beach). We will start at 3rd Beach, near LaPush, and hike along beaches and over headlands. There are tide pools to explore at Toleak Point, and we usually see lots of eagles, seals, deer, and the occasional otter. On Saturday we will have the opportunity to day hike further south toward Mosquito Creek, or just relax at Toleak and explore the tide pools. Because we need to hike with the tides, we will be leaving early on Friday morning. This can easily be done as a two-day hike, if you want to hike out on Saturday and meet us

Hike the Lower Dungeness

Saturday, June 26

Contact: Lezlie Cox, 360-479-7853

Part II of "Trails I've Never Hiked" series. Because the upper trails may still be under some snow, I elected another lower valley hike of 12.6 miles up and back with about 2500 feet elevation gain. A shaded conifer forest will cool us as we head up. Mossy rock outcrops and steep side slopes are found in the Three O'Clock Ridge area as well as some mountain and valley views.

Climb Mount Hood

Saturday, June 26 - Sunday, June 27

Contact : Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Climb Mount Hood. At 11,237 feet, this is the tallest mountain in Oregon.

Backpack to Sundown Lake

Saturday, July 3 - Monday, July 5

Contact : Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Backpack to beautiful Sundown Lake via the Six Ridge Trail.

Climb Mt. Adams

Saturday, July 10 - Sunday, July 11

Contact : Doug Savage, 360-698-9774 or

David Boyde, 360-692-9325, theboyde@aol.com

Climb one of two routes to the summit of Mt. Adams. David will lead one group up the popular South Spur route which has a great glissade on the way down. Participants will need to be able to use an ice axe for self arrest. Doug will lead a group up a more technical route on the White Salmon Glacier. Previous glacier travel experience is advised for anyone participating on this route.

Backpack the Timberline Trail

Monday, July 19 - Saturday, July, 24

Contact: David Boyde, 360-692-9325, Theboyde@aol.com

Take a five-day backpacking trip around Mt. Hood on the Timberline Trail. The Timberline Trail is similar to the Wonderland Trail (around Mt. Rainier), but only 45 miles long. The hike will begin at Cloud Cap, on the northeast shoulder of Mt. Hood and continue in a clockwise direction. The high point on the trail is 7320 and the low point is 3200, with many ups and downs along the way. Several day hikes and side trips are available along the route. Maximum party size is 8 people.

Climb the Three Sisters

Friday, July 23 - Tuesday, July 27

Contact : Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Climb the Three Sisters peaks. The Three Sisters are a cluster of three volcanic peaks, North Sister 10,085 ft, Middle Sister 10,056 ft, and South Sister 10,358 ft, located in central Oregon. They are the third, fourth and fifth highest peaks in Oregon.

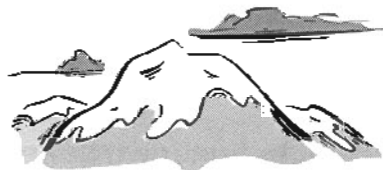
Outings

Climb Mount Whitney & Lassen Peak

Mid-August

Contact: David Boyde, 360-692-9325, theboyde@aol.com

David was not selected through the lottery system to receive one of the overnight wilderness permits for climbing Mount Whitney. He is still planning on going in mid-August for a one-day, 22-mile 6,400-foot elevation gain climb of the mountain. Day permits would still be required. Five people have already said they would be willing to attempt the one-day assault on Whitney. During the transit to or from Mt. Whitney, a side trip will be made to climb Lassen Peak. That summit is reached by a trail, and no reservations or permits are required. Contact David when he returns from the Grand Canyon about May 12 for the latest details.



Trail Maintenance on Six Ridge

Saturday, August 7 - Sunday, August 15

Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

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 of the Skokomish to the east end of Six Ridge, which it then follows to Six Ridge Pass. Horses will carry much of the gear in to camp and back out at the end of the trip.

Hike the Skyline Trail

Wednesday, August 18 - Wednesday, August 25

Contact: Molly Deardorff, 360-373-0114

The Skyline Trail and North Fork Quinalt Trail will be combined for a 47-mile, 6-to 7-day backpack with over 8,000 feet of elevation gain. This is a strenuous hike with lots of ups and downs, but beautiful scenery.

NOVA Reform Campaign Victory

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Government agencies could compete for grants from the fund, but only if they submitted motorized use projects. Thus funds could be awarded to maintain a motorized trail or convert a hiking trail to a dirt bike trail but not to improve campgrounds or maintain horse trails.

Incensed by this unfair distribution and use of monies, Ira Spring, backcountry enthusiast and co-author of the "100 Hikes" series, pushed Washington Trails Association into fledgling advocacy: reform the fund. An all-volunteer effort faced stiff opposition from the Northwest Motorcycle Association, ORV dealers, and others.

Finally in 1986, the ATV fund was unsatisfactorily replaced by the NOVA Program wherein allocation of funds was arbitrarily decided at 80% for motorized and 20% for all non-motorized recreational activities. Certain that 80/20 allocation did not accurately reflect the tax contributed by each user group, WTA pressed for a fuel use study. The Interagency Committee which administered the NOVA Program promised to fund a study. Year after year passed and no study.

In 1999, WTA hired a full-time staff member to lobby Olympia. Also, the Fair Trails Coalition was formed, dedicated to reforming NOVA. It included the Sierra Club, the Mountaineers, the Issaquah Alps Trails Club, Washington Wilderness Coalition, and WTA. With a coordinated campaign pressing hard, a fuel use study finally occurred in 2002. A survey of 7000 statewide vehicle users revealed their activities on non-highway roads.

50% were camping, fishing, hunting, bird watching, Sunday driving, etc.

30% were hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding, or goat packing.

20% were dirt biking, quad riding, or 4x4ing.

With results in hand, an advisory committee of all user groups was formed and reached consensus on reallocating NOVA funds.

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30% to go to general recreational facilities—non-trail opportunities such as campgrounds, toilets, and scenic turnouts.

10% to be open to the above categories and awarded to projects that serve the largest number of users.

These recommendations became part of HB 2489. With roughly \$5 million generated annually by the gas tax revenue into NOVA, agencies with recreational projects which have languished for lack of funding now can apply to NOVA.

"The bill represents a huge, historic victory for hikers and other non-motorized trail users. It is the result of 30 years of hard work on the part of WTA members, volunteers, and our partner groups." Particular thanks go Ken Konigsmark, Karl Forsgaard, Representative Mike Cooper, and to the memory of Ira Spring.

(Thanks to Jonathan Guzzo and Andrew Engelson of Washington Trails Association for their help. Excerpts taken from the magazine Washington Trails.)



Newsletter

Vol. 1 No. 1

Our club is finally off the ground with a donation at the last meeting ~~and~~ and a newsletter has been created. The donation amounted to \$35⁰⁰. At the next meeting I will give you a statement about mailing costs etc.

Still working on by-laws, we will have something in January. These are important and everyone will see what we have, then they will be voted on.

Next meeting will be at Olympic College in Box 103 on January 8th at 8 p.m.

Attached is a calendar showing the dates of our activities.

The following is a brief description of trips, for more information call group organizer:

Snow camping. Roger Gray, John Ineson and Jerry Smith are going to Corral Pass Jan. 6 & 7th on snow shoes or skis. Meet at High Climber Restaurant on Hwy. 410 in Chumley at 9 AM

Monthly

MAP: Monthly Activity Planning

Thursday, May 6, 7 pm

Contact: Kevin Kilbridge, 360-871-2537

Discuss club business and help schedule outings at the home of Kevin Kilbridge in Port Orchard.

May Potluck

Friday, May 21, 6:30 pm

Contact: Sandie Morris, 360-792-1321

Sandie Morris will host this month's club potluck dinner at her home in Bremerton. As hostess she provides 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 e-mail mntnmiker@aol.com.

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5/8	Hike Mashel River Trail	Steve Vittori, 253-858-8191	4
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5/23	Climb / Ski Mount Saint Helens	Doug Savage, 360-698-9774	5
5/29 - 5/31	Backpack Barnes Creek Trail	Kevin Kilbridge, 360-871-2537	5
5/31	Climbers Group Meeting	John Myers, 360-782-2224	8

Club News

PWC Welcomes New Members...

Karen Anderson and Robert Mircheff.

April Door Prize Winner

Dave Cossa won an LED headlamp 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 the anonymous donors who brought treats to share at the April meeting. The May meeting will be the PWC Raffle and Gear Swap. To help make this a fun event, members are encouraged to bring hors d'oeuvres and desserts to share for an evening of socializing. For information regarding refreshments, please contact Jill Hawes, 360-275-5402

Tip of the Month

Thank you to Jon DeArman for showing the self-arrest grips used with ski poles at the April meeting. If any member has an outdoor-related subject they would like to present in a short (5-minute) talk, please contact Jon DeArman, 360-697-1352, dearmans@comcast.net.

Club Special Events Planning

If you would like to help with planning for the Cook-Off Contest in June or the Picnic in July, please contact Molly Deardorff at 360-373-0114. This is a great chance for anyone who can only help out for a once-a-year event. It's also time for everyone to be thinking about recipes for the Cook-Off Contest next month.

PENWICLE On-Line

The PWC Board decided at the March 8th meeting to add the electronic version of the 'PENWICLE' newsletter to the club's website 'pwckitsap.org'. This will provide club members and interested community members the opportunity to access current and accurate information about the club's activities on the internet. In the future, any club member submitting articles or information for inclusion in the PENWICLE should only submit information that they are comfortable having posted on the club's website. If you would like to submit an outing announcement, but prefer that certain information be left off the web page copy, please be very specific about which information should be left out. We will try to ensure the information is deleted from the web page copy of the PENWICLE. Future outings already listed in previous issues of the newsletter will be included on the web page copy unless requested otherwise. The electronic version of the May 2004 PENWICLE will be posted on the website.

"Going Out of Business" Gear Sale

The following gear is for sale at about half-price or less by Roger Gray, 360-373-6642:

Whisperlite Stove
Walrus One-person Tent
Moss Olympus Three-person Tent
McKinley Four-person Tent
Pack Raft and Paddles

Shortie Wet Suit
Dry Bags
Ice Axe
Crampons
Snow Shovel

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 Ajax Café and the 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:
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