

FEBRUARY  
2005

# WILDERNESS

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

Mike Brisbane: Climbing in Washington

## **Polar Dream: Achieving Your Highest Goal**

Presented by: Helen Thayer  
Monday, February 14, 7 pm

In 1988, at the age of 50, New Zealand-born Helen Thayer became the first woman to travel alone to any of the world's poles when she walked to the magnetic North Pole. Imagine trekking hundreds of miles across a perilous, frozen world with all of your life-support, food and shelter on a sled that you must pull over the rugged terrain while making slowly-measured steps on skis. Hear the dramatic and inspiring story of her struggle to reach her goal despite ice storms, unstable sea ice and polar bear encounters, and how her loyal dog Charlie saved her life from these awesome but dangerous animals. Helen hopes that her slide program and story will not only show the beauty of the polar ice cap and the creatures that live there, but will also inspire and motivate others to reach for their own goals and push their horizons to the limit.

Helen also has an incredible list of other accomplishments completed alone or with her husband Bill, including walking 1,500 miles through the deserts of the United States and Mexico; walking across the Sahara Desert following an ancient, 2,400-mile trade route; trekking almost 1,500 miles across the Mongolian Gobi Desert; walking alone for 450 miles in Antarctica, during which she celebrated her 60th birthday; walking 1,200 miles through New Zealand; kayaking 1,200 miles along two rivers in the Amazon rain forest; twice trekking hundreds of miles through the arctic following the caribou herds; spending a year in the Canadian wilds studying three families of wolves; and a second walk to the North Pole with her husband, becoming the first married couple to walk to any of the world's poles.

## **Polar Bear Adventure**

By Alice Savage

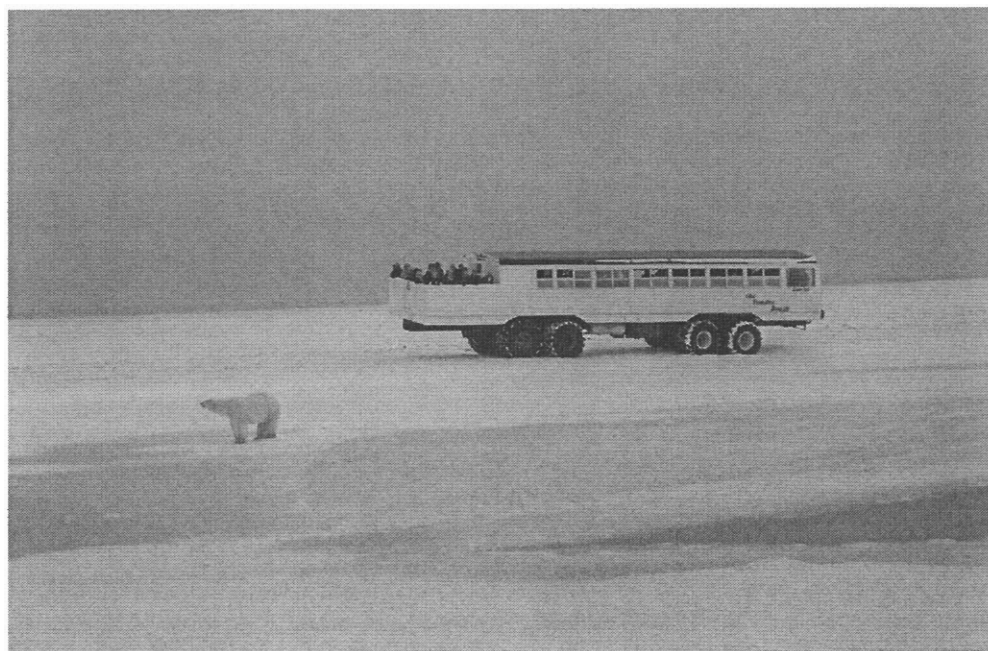
They are big and look like huge, soft, white teddy bears one would like to cuddle up with. This is not advised, as polar bears roaming the western Hudson Bay area are fierce predators, the top of the food chain. Adult males weigh from 660 - 1760 pounds and the smaller females a mere 550 - 880 pounds. A large male can measure 12 feet standing up on his hind legs.

The bears hang around the Churchill area, usually from late September through November, or until Hudson Bay freezes over. They then spend winter out on the frozen ice hunting seals to replenish the fat they lose from July, when they are back on shore after the ice breaks up, until they again can go out on the ice to hunt. They only eat the fat and skin of the seals.

Gary and I left October 18, 2004, flying first to Vancouver, B.C., then on to Winnipeg, Manitoba, where we spent the night. Here we met our group of 15 and two guides for our tour to Churchill, the polar bear capital of the world.

The next morning we flew in a 20-passenger plane through clouds blocking any views, but as we neared the Hudson Bay area, it cleared. The sun was shining, giving us a good look at the frozen tundra and Churchill itself. A delightful young lady met us with a bus at the airport and took us on a tour of the town and surrounding area.

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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.

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## X-Country Ski on Cabin Creek Trail

Sunday, February 6

Contact : Molly Deardorff, 360-373-0114 or Barney Bernhard, 360-479-3679

Second annual Super Bowl 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.

## X-Country Ski to Copper Creek Hut

Sunday, February 6

Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Cross-country ski to the MTIA's Copper Creek Hut near Mount Rainier for a delicious gourmet lunch with a great mountain view.

## Hike the Lower Duckabush Trail

Saturday, February 12

Contact: Charlie Pomfret, 360-479-7820

Hike about 10 miles round trip on the lower Duckabush Trail.



## Winterfest 2005

Friday, February 18 - Monday, February 21

Contact: Mountaineers, 800-573-8484 or Jon DeArman, 360-697-1352

This year's WINTERFEST will be held at the Stevens Pass Mountaineers Cabin, located at the 4,061-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.
- Cross-country 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 on Pacific Crest Trail located on ridge above cabin.
- 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 in the cabin. The bar is a romantic 5-minute walk through the snow.

Make reservations for Winterfest by calling the Mountaineers clubhouse at 800-573-8484. Tell them you want space at the Stevens Lodge for the nights you plan to stay. For more details, call Jon DeArman.

## Backpack the Arizona Trail

About February 20 - ?

Contact : David Cossa, 360-871-5577

David Cossa is looking for a hiking companion(s) for the Arizona Trail. The journey will be starting approximately February 20 - 25, and will end whenever it ends. The trail is 780 miles long. Only 30 people have thru-hiked the 10-year-old trail to date. From what I have read and been told by those who have done it, the trail winds from Mexico to Utah going through lots of good stuff -- the desert at its best, (including the Grand Canyon), aspen forests, cactus forests, pine forests, high mountain ranges (such as the Superstitions and the San Francisco Peaks) and Anasazi ruins galore. If you are afraid of lions, bears, spiders, illegal aliens and my oh my, then this is not your trip. Ditto if you have to beg some boss for time off because I don't want to be on a schedule. Ditto if you are a prisoner of preconceived notions about Arizona because you won't consider it anyway! But if you have a sense of wonder, adventure, and mystery, love the desert as much as I do, have a can-do attitude coupled with a sense of commitment, and are pragmatic and flexible, then by all means call. I guarantee a great adventurous trip. I expect to hike 90 to 120 miles per 6-day week, about 15 to 20 miles a day, NOT 30 miles a day or 5 miles a day -- I'm a moderate.

## Outings

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### Snow Caves at Mount Rainier

Saturday, February 26 - Sunday, February 27  
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 igloos 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-C Ski at Edith Creek / Dead Horse Creek

Sunday, February 27  
Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Ski trip to Edith Creek basin and/or Dead Horse Creek near Paradise at Mount Rainier.

### X-Country Ski at Amabilis Mountain

Saturday, March 5  
Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Intermediate level cross-country ski at Amabilis Mountain near Snoqualmie Pass. It will be about nine miles round trip with 2,154 feet of elevation gain.

### Hike at Fort Flagler

Saturday, March 12  
Contact: Joe and Kathy Weigel, 360-871-0291

Hike on the beach and through the woods at Fort Flagler near Port Townsend. Dogs are welcome on this hike, so bring along your four-legged friends also.

### X-C Ski / Snowshoe to High Hut

Saturday, March 12 - Sunday, March 13  
Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

An overnight X-C ski or snowshoe outing to Mount Tahoma Trail Association's High Hut. Intermediate level skiing, about 3.5 miles with 1,500 feet of elevation gain. The hut sleeps eight. Reservations required. A \$25 dollar deposit is required; \$20 is refunded as long as you go on the trip. The trip is already filled, but may be taking names as alternates.

### Mystery Olympic Hike

Saturday, March 19  
Contact: Molly Deardorff, 360-373-0114

Enjoy breakfast at the Oak Table Café in Sequim followed by an eight-mile round trip, 2,500-foot elevation gain hike on a trail in the northern Olympics. Exact location to be a mystery until the day of the hike!

### Bike the Spruce Railroad Trail

Saturday, March 26  
Contact: Rick Fleming, 360-779-2275

Bicycle along the Spruce Railroad Trail near Lake Crescent from the campground at Fairholm to the Log Cabin Resort.

### Backpack in Grand Canyon

Sunday, March 27 - Monday, April 4  
Contact: Dave Boyde, 360-692-9325, theboyde@aol.com

The next installment of the Grand Canyon expedition will be a 9-day trip (plus travel time). The total distance will be approximately 110 miles, with several thousand feet of elevation gain/loss on some of those days. Group size will be limited to six people. This trip is now full but you may ask Dave if he is taking names as alternates.

### Climb Mount Ellinor, Ice Axe Practice

Saturday, April 9  
Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Because Mt. Ellinor is a comparatively easy ascent, hundreds of people scramble to the top every year. A good place to learn and practice ice axe arrest and other techniques with a 1,000-foot glissade from the top. Wonderful views of Puget Sound, Mt. Washington and Mt. Pershing. Less than six miles round trip with 2,300 feet of elevation gain.

### Climb Mount Hood

Saturday, April 16 - Sunday, April 17  
Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Climb to the summit of Mount Hood, at 11,239 feet, the highest peak in Oregon. Rain dates will be April 23 - 24.

### Backcountry Ski to Cowlitz Rocks

Saturday, April 30  
Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Backcountry ski to the Cowlitz Rocks in Mount Rainier National Park.

### Raft & Hike at Green River / Canyonlands

Late April - Early May  
Contact: Lynn Howat, 360-598-3087

A two-week trip with 10 days traveling on the Green River through Canyonlands National Park, Utah. River conditions should be suitable for raft, canoe or kayak. Schedule should allow extra time for hiking and exploring at stops along the river. Contact Lynn as soon as possible so that shuttle arrangements for the end of the trip can be made.

### Backpack in the High Sierra

Friday, July 1 - Sunday, July 31  
Contact: Tom Rogers, 360-692-2547, thomasrogers@comcast.net

Join Tom Rogers and Cathy Palzkill for the month of July in the High Sierra. Tentative plan is to hike the Pacific Crest Trail southbound from Sonora Pass, converge with the John Muir Trail (JMT) at Tuolumne Meadows, continue along the JMT through the Sierra high country, summit Mount Whitney, and exit at either Whitney Portal or Horseshoe Meadows. The total distance will be about 260 trail miles.

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### New Year's Eve on Pico de Orizaba

by Daniel Froese

They say that hypoxia affects one's thinking. They must be correct. Here we are standing on the summit of Pico de Orizaba at 18,400 feet. One can almost see the beaches of Veracruz in the distance. One passes through rain forest and jungle on the two-hour drive to that Caribbean coastal town and warmth. Yes, it is sunny, but it is also 20 degrees below freezing. Why would one travel to Mexico during the Christmas break only to suffer pain, freezing cold and shortness of breath when they could be on a sunny beach only a short distance away. It must be hypoxia. Perhaps it is the result of being bitten by the bug of mountaineering. There is no other explanation.

Since catching the bug, as they say, I had looked at the high mountains of Mexico as a source of altitude and challenge. With members of the PWC I had summited the major peaks of Washington, Oregon and California, and had to look further afield for elevation. In 2003, Bob Dormaier and I had teamed up during an Adams climb to face Mt. Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, Africa. There we had not only been successful but also formed a bond of friendship and climbing camaraderie. We climbed several peaks during the summer of 2004, including the Brothers, a personal accomplishment of mine. As a culmination of that season, we decided to take on the volcanoes of Mexico. Once again Bob's wife, Melanie, graciously gave us the green light to go between Christmas and the New Year as long as he was home for the 25th. No problem with me. I took off two days earlier and was met at Mexico City airport by Ruben Garcia Fernandez, our mountain guide. We drove through a terribly crowded city, reaching the town of Amecameca around 10 pm where I relaxed and enjoyed the Mexican culture for the next two days while acclimatizing to the 8,000-foot elevation. The weather was spectacular with never a cloud in sight and clear blue skies that is really appreciated at higher elevation. While it rained in the Puget Sound I soaked up the sunshine and gradually started breathing more easily. It is amazing how short of breath one is when stepping off the plane at that altitude. I thought we were ready, having been climbing to Camp Muir at 10,000 feet almost every weekend before leaving. Well, that would pay off in the end.



Pico de Orizaba (18,400 feet)

Poor Bob caught the red-eye to Dallas on the evening of the 25th and met me in Amecameca around noon looking a little dazed. He does, however, have an amazing power of rejuvenation and by the following morning was rested and breathing easily. We packed our belongings, including Bob's 200 pounds in luggage, and moved higher into the mountains. Our first attempt would be Iztaccihuatl, or Izta for short. This is an "easy" day hike for most Mexicans, we're told, at only 17,100 feet. In fact, they use it as an acclimatization hike. We drove to the trailhead of La Joya and set up a tent and basecamp. We were somewhat surprised to find local climbers coming and going with full packs. We had been told this would be a dayhike to the summit but found later that wasn't the case. Our route was La Arista del Sol (The Ridge of the Sun). Due to global warming and glacial retreat, the usual dayhike along the Ayoloco Glacier was no longer feasible. Our route would be much longer, to our loss. That first day, Monday, we made a quick hike to 15,000 and had no troubles. After a healthy meal we slept until 3 am and started out for the summit. Having

walked along a trail, scrambled through scree and dust and climbed through class 3 rock we arrived at the east summit, The Knees, at 16,500 feet. We still hadn't hit snow; it was 9 am. We only had 600 feet of vertical to go and still felt strong but faced three miles of up and down travel which the guide said would take three hours one way and leave us exhausted for the major summit three days later. With disappointment, we agreed to head down and save ourselves for Orizaba. Back at the hut we realized why all the Mexicans were carrying packs. They made a two day attempt of the summit much like we do for Mt. Rainier. We simply didn't have enough time.

Back at Amecameca the beds and shower came as a welcome to tired and dirty bodies. We slept like babies before heading for a day at Puebla. My legs were aching and only recovered due to pharmacology. Bob is double-rugged and needs no such therapy. We spent money at the local market and relaxed before heading to another small town called Tlachichuca. This was a village until the climbing tourists converted it into a thriving community based around that activity; a little like Kathmandu. There are really two companies in the town and we stayed with Senor Joaquin Canchola Limon, the dominant of the two. They provided a clean bed and tolerable food, but most importantly the four-wheel-drive transportation to the trailhead. Two other groups of climbers were also there planning for

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Thursday morning we packed up Bob's huge assortment of gear and crowded into the 4X4 and were dropped off at the trailhead at 14000 feet. A park service hut, the Piedra Grande hut, allowed for cooking and sleeping though some wisely chose to spend the night in a tent. Sadly, I didn't. The day was spent relaxing, eating and breathing the very thin air. Our next morning hike would start on the Glaciar de Jamapa (Jamapa Glacier). The guide mentioned that when he started guiding 20 years earlier the glacier started at the hut. We would now need three hours to climb through the moraine to reach the snow. Our evening meal consisted of the usual pasta and meatballs and much carbo loading. I spent the night next to the world's loudest snoring individual, not Bob. Despite my personally administered drugs and multiple strokes to his head, I didn't sleep. The alarms all went off at 2 am and after a quick breakfast we headed up. Close to 20 other climbers from around the globe headed up with us. The previous night two had gone down with altitude sickness. It had been a little sobering to see crosses all over commemorating the deaths of prior mountaineers who had succumbed to whatever elements. This was a serious peak. After three hours climbing through the rocks we

hit the glacier and rested prior to roping up. From there it was five more hours of icy slopes up to 55 degrees. A young couple training for Everest in four months tackled it straight up. We created a series of switchbacks to ease the slope. Fortunately, there were no crevasses but any slip would have involved a long glissade down with little chance of arrest on the hard ice. We were both pleased to see even the guide having to stop to catch his breath. Finally, at 11 am, we reached the crest of the volcano and a short climb brought us to the summit. Suddenly, the painful legs, freezing hands and very real shortness of breath was no longer important. We had made it. Quick pictures to commemorate the climb were followed by a five-hour descent. Each step down brought a healthier lungful of air but added to the aching legs. The rest of the trip was anticlimactic with packing up at the hut and the drive back into town. Despite that being New Years Eve we were both in bed at 7:30 pm and barely heard the firecrackers going off at midnight. We were exhausted but satisfied. Saturday took us back to Mexico City and then back home on Sunday. My legs were certainly very stiff but I gained a great sense of accomplishment and adventure with a little more experience on the high altitude peaks of the world. A friendship further solidified by facing down some adversity and succeeding. A trust when failure to summit is okay when involving safety and being able to climb another day. A different culture experienced and appreciated and at least a few days of warmth, blue skies and sun on the skin while Washington languished in the rain. Where next? Well, to Turkey to explore a little of Biblical history in 2005. My thanks again to Bob Dormaier for being such an awesome friend and travel companion and his super wife for all her support and encouragement.



Daniel Froese and Bob Dormaier at the summit of Pico de Orizaba.



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### Iceland Adventure

July

Contact: Brian Steely, 360-297-3825, [brianandcris@centurytel.net](mailto:brianandcris@centurytel.net)

Iceland's name does not do it justice. Its climate is temperate due to the Gulf Stream. It is a land of austere beauty with a fascinating Nordic culture. Join fellow PWC members, and others, as we explore this land by hiking, pony trekking and sea kayaking. The trip is still in the planning stage but should consume approximately two weeks of your time. Details available as they emerge.

### Backpack the Mount Olympus Trail

Thursday, September 1 - Monday, September 5

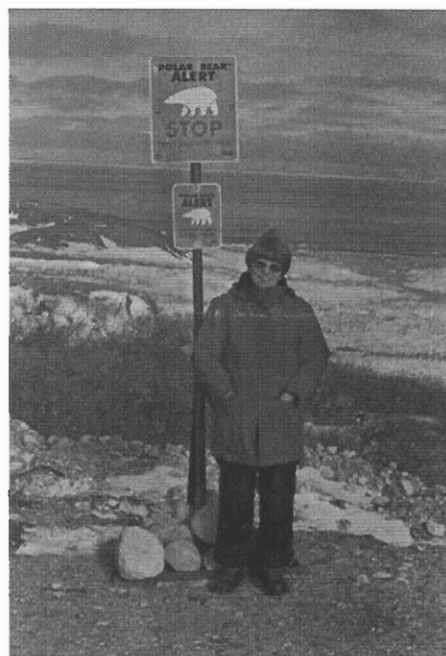
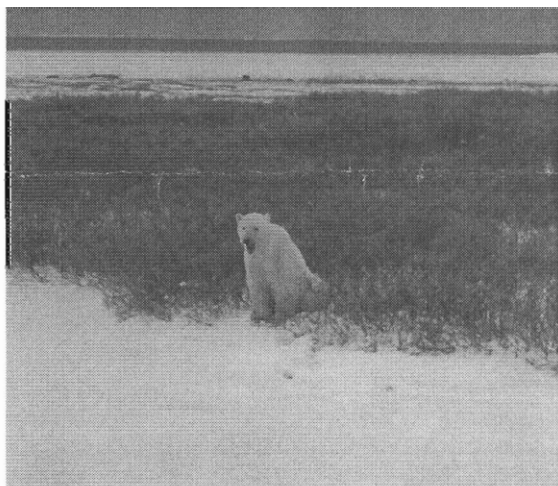
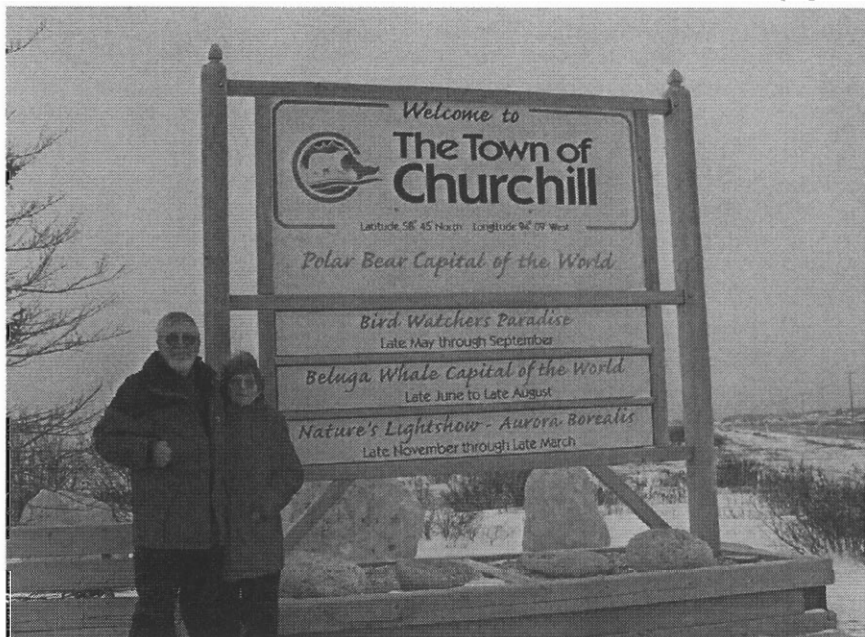
Contact: Joan Edwards, 360-509-5297

A five-day, 34-mile round trip, backpacking trip on the trail to Mount Olympus. Camp the second night at Elk Lake, then day-hike up to the foot of the glaciers, about halfway up the mountain.



### Polar Bear Adventure

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Churchill is not large; only about 800 people live here year-round. They rely on tourists coming up to see not only the bears but in summer the Beluga whales are a big attraction. Huge numbers of these 9 - 12-foot snowy white mammals come into the Churchill River in July and August. People even swim and snorkel with them. A huge grain terminal dominates the town by the bay. Ships come in to load grain, but only for the few months the bay is not frozen. A railway brings grain up from the prairies to the south where it is grown.

The weather was quite mild when we arrived, about 22 degrees F. It is usually very windy here and they told us the week before there were strong winds with the temperature down in the teens. Churchill has a polar bear alert as they often prowl around town so one has to be careful when out walking. Cars are left unlocked as well as most doors so people can dash to safety if a bear is spotted. Mostly the bears roam at night, and shots are fired up in the air to scare them off. Traps are set for problem bears and they are hauled off to "bear jail", a large metal building where they are held, given only water and snow. When the bay freezes over, they are released and they head out for their winter hunt.

Our lodging was at the Aurora Inn where the rooms were actually small apartments with a kitchen, sitting room and a stairway leading up to the bedroom and bath. We shopped for food at a nearby grocery and had breakfast in the room before heading out for the day. In the evening our group would meet for dinner at a local restaurant. Lunch on the tundra buggies was soup and sandwiches. We spent two days viewing the bears and other wildlife in the tundra buggies and it was exciting. A bus took us from town out to the "launch" where we boarded the buggies from a building that led out to a deck. The vehicles are like a jumbo bus built over huge 5-foot-high tires. They go at a crawl driving on existing roadways that are rough and bumpy. These roads remain from 1943 when the United States military set up bases in the area for war games and testing cold weather equipment.

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They departed in the late 60s and the polar bears took over. It is estimated that 1,200 bears roam just the western Hudson Bay area. The bears also inhabit other regions around the North Pole including northern Russia, the Canadian Arctic, Alaska's north coast, Greenland, and Norway.

The first day we spotted 14 bears and our cameras were busy. Everyone was on the lookout for wildlife and when something was spotted the buggies stopped. The bears move about slowly, some were even sleeping as they are conserving energy until they can hunt. They appeared to be a light yellow in color which made them show up on the snowy background. There was only about 2-3 inches of snow and it just blows around because it is cold and dry. The open tundra has low willows and berry bushes growing in patches. We saw bears laying in these bushes rubbing against them and rolling around. A snowy owl was seen, but too far off to photograph. We also saw a couple of arctic hares and a red fox. The bay itself had slushy ice along the shore. Much colder weather is needed for the bay to freeze solid so the bears can head out.

Our rooms were all at ground level and a polar bear walked right under our window the next morning. I missed it, but saw the large tracks. A man a couple rooms from us did see it as he happened to look out as it went by. This caused quite some excitement. Except for the first day, the weather was cloudy, and at times we had snow flurries which made visibility poor, but we managed to see 15 bears the second day. There were several tundra buggies out and we saw a bear go up to one and hang around the wheels. Those folks had a great view. There are also two tundra lodges parked out on the tundra. They look like several tundra buggies hooked together. Complete with sleeping rooms, baths and dining, people stay in them usually three nights. The appearance of a pine marten really made the day. It was scrambling around in the willows but popped out and posed for us right alongside the buggy. We got good photos of this pretty little creature.

The morning of our last day we were off to the Eskimo Museum which had many carvings by the native people. Then we were treated to a dogsled ride. It was fun to see the dogs, all so eager to pull. There was not much snow so the sleds were actually on rubber tires, each holding eight people. Some of our group were good-sized but the dogs pulled all the weight with ease. They did slow down considerably though while pulling uphill. It was fun flying along in the cold air and we were glad to be warmly dressed. This place was called the Northern Studies Centre and the driver who took us here was a very humorous fellow. He showed us slides of his trek across the South Pole by dogsled. He has many dogs of his own and plans to try the Iditarod in a couple years.

Our plane was to leave at 6 pm for Winnipeg, but it was almost 7 pm before it got off the ground. It was so hot in the cabin and we were all complaining as we still had on our heavy winter clothes. It was a three-hour flight and we were very happy to get off the plane and head for the hotel. Everyone else left the next day, but Gary and I stayed an extra day in Winnipeg to check out the town. It rained in the morning but stopped later so we took a bus downtown to the "Forks". Called the meeting place, it is where the Red and Assiniboine Rivers join. It is a place of markets, shops and restaurants. Here I discovered clothing made from hemp and sampled hemp seeds which are quite nutritious. The seeds are good in cereals or soups. We also took a walk along a pathway beside the Assiniboine River.

The next day it was back to Seattle and home. We spent two hours with U.S. Customs in Vancouver unintentionally because the belt bringing up our luggage broke. We had no choice but to hang around until they finally brought our bags up on carts so we could get them checked and go on to the boarding gate. Fortunately, we had enough time for this before the next flight. It is a fact, one does need patience when traveling.

## Outdoor News

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### Climbers Group

For anyone interested in meeting others that share an interest in more technical climbing, an informal gathering of climbers meets the last Monday of the month at 7 pm, at the Silver City Brewing Company in Silverdale. The group consists of both PWC members and others. All are welcome to join them for general socializing and discussions about past and future mountaineering excursions. For more information, call Kevin Koski at 360-373-7429 or John Myers at 360-782-2224.

### Eatonville Restaurant

Since the Ohop Valley Bakery closed in Eatonville, travelers to the Mount Tahoma Trails Association in Ashford or to Paradise at Mount Rainier have missed the quick rest stop and goodies that the bakery provided. (There was rumor that the bakery was going to reopened somewhere along Route 7. Please let us know if you find it.) Paul Dutky has found another stop in Eatonville and offers the following review:

"Upon my return from an MTTA outing Jan 23rd, I stopped at a place that caught my eye outbound, "Noodles on the Move". This is a nice mini-restaurant and has a selection of baked goods to go at the front counter, including numerous pies, some scones and rolls. I ordered a combo sweet-potato/leek soup, cornbread, and salad for \$5.50 and found the food excellent, the proprietress engaging and fun. Jinnie, the owner, still runs a catering business that specializes in casseroles to order, and didn't want to change the name when she started up the restaurant. Prices are reasonable. Her establishment is about a block past the single left hand turn heading southbound through town, on the right."

### 'Chilly Hilly' Bicycle Ride

The Cascade Bicycle Club will sponsor the 'Chilly Hilly', a 33-mile, 2,700-foot elevation gain, bicycle ride around Bainbridge Island on February 27. The Chilly Hilly is a fundraiser for Cascade Bicycle Club and other local charity groups. Last year there were 3,739 riders. For information and registration call 206-522-3222 or go on-line to [www.cascade.org](http://www.cascade.org).

# Monthly

## MAP: Monthly Activity Planning

Thursday, February 10, 7 pm

Contact: Cathy Palzkill, 360-275-7530

Discuss club business and help schedule outings at the home of Cathy Palzkill in Belfair.

## February Potluck

Friday, February 25, 6:30 pm

Contact: Kim Klint, e-mail: Kak@co.mason.wa.us  
phone: 253-884-6446

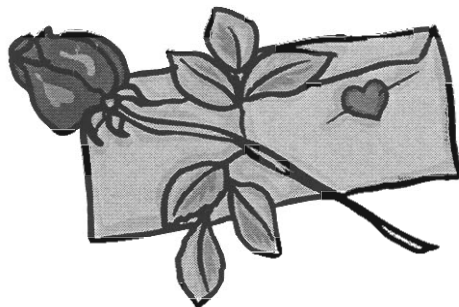
Kim Klint will host this month's club potluck dinner at her home in Lakebay, on the Key Peninsula in Mason County. As hostess she will provide the dessert and guests bring a dish to pass. Contact by e-mail for directions is preferred.

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## Club News

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### PWC Welcomes New Members...

John Hawkins, Marilyn & Bob Mathews, Deanna Minich, Derek & Kathleen Zimmer.

### January Door Prize Winner

Joan Edwards won a Buck knife with case as the door prize at the January meeting.

### Thanks for the Treats!

Thank you to Joan Edwards, Maureen Kelly, Tom Rogers, Doug Savage, and any anonymous donors who brought goodies to share at the January meeting. If you have never donated a snack, please consider contributing in February. For information regarding refreshments, please contact Jill Hawes, 360-275-5402.

### Club Property List

PWC has acquired many items over the years, which are mostly stored at various members' homes. These include everything from office supplies and trail maintenance tools to a microphone system and projection units. One of the most recent items that has been ordered is a projection screen to improve the quality of the images shown during presentations. What we don't have is a complete list of all the items and what member is currently storing the items. If you are currently storing any items belonging to PWC, we would like you to please provide a list of the items and either give it to one of the club officers, mail it to the club post office box, or send it via e-mail to the club e-mail address [penwicle@hotmail.com](mailto:penwicle@hotmail.com). This will allow us to create an inventory list of all club property for future reference. Thank you.

### Kitsap Sports Discount

There have been some questions about the discount offered at Kitsap Sports. After extensive research, this is what has been found. The discount offered at Kitsap Sports is 10% off of items purchased. When you visit the store, please take a few extra minutes to register yourself with them. They will, in turn, provide you with a barcode sticker that can be scanned at the time of your checkout to ensure you receive your PWC discount. The discount is for most everything except for sale items, but may be focused on outdoor clothing and gear. They are in the process of clarifying their policy, so please check with the manager on duty at the time of your visit. Rod Tripp is the manager working closest with the PWC to get our discount straightened out. He hopes to have a more specific policy soon.

### 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.



## Club Business

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### 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 discount on select merchandise or services at the following businesses with your PWC membership, but check with vendor for details:

- Kitsap Sports, Silverdale
- Olympic Outdoor Center, Poulsbo
- Vertical World Climbing Gym, Bremerton
- Commander's Beach House Bed and Breakfast, Port Townsend

New members will receive a membership 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. Members that receive their newsletter electronically will receive an e-mail reminder.

### 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](mailto:penwicle@hotmail.com) or 360-613-9573.

### PWC Online...[www.pwckitsap.org](http://www.pwckitsap.org)

Please contact Venita Goodrich at 360-698-9774 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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## 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**

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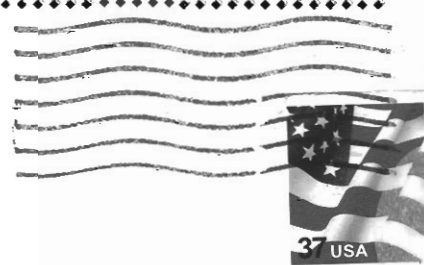
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