

SEPTEMBER  
2005

# PEENWICKE

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.

Carrizo Plain  
National  
Monument,  
California



This year's record winter rains in the Southwest brought about one of the most spectacular wildflower blooms in 50 years. Don't miss the chance to follow Don Paulson and Kathy Mahan as they head off across the American Southwest to photograph the amazingly lush landscape. Don and Kathy will narrate a slide show of their five-week journey through southern California and Arizona in search of the best desert flower displays, stopping in Anza Borrego State Park, Joshua Tree National Park, Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument, and Carrizo Plain National Monument. This is a chance to see the desert as you've never seen it before. Don is a full-time photographer specializing in nature, travel and stock photography. You can see some of his photos on his website, [www.donpaulson.com](http://www.donpaulson.com)



## PWC Officer and Board Nominations

Nominations for PWC Officer and Board Members will take place at the next General Meeting on September 12, 2005 at 7 pm. Nominees are needed for the following positions: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and three Board Members. Officers and Board Members serve one-year terms from November 1 through October 31.

Nominations shall have the prior approval of the person being nominated and may be accepted by any Board Member up to and including the September General Meeting. Nominations by mail must be received at the club's post office address (Attn: Secretary) prior to the September General Meeting. Nomination of an incumbent who has already served two consecutive terms in a position will be allowed only after the regular nomination process shows no other nominees. The election will be held during the October General Meeting.

# Monthly

## MAP: Monthly Activity Planning

Thursday, September 8, 7 pm

Contact: Emily Grice, 206-842-7883

Discuss club business and help schedule outings at the home of Emily Grice on Bainbridge Island.

## September Potluck

Friday, September 23, 6:30 pm

Contact: Kevin & Gail Gross, 360-307-9022

Kevin and Gail Gross will host this month's club potluck dinner at their home near Silverdale. As hosts they provide the dessert and guests bring a dish to pass.

| Date        | Outing / Meeting                    | Contact                          | Page |
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| various     | Rock Climbing at Mission Creek      | Dale Boyle, 360-792-1714         | 2    |
| 9/1 - 9/6   | Backpack / Climb Cathedral Peak     | Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429        | 3    |
| 9/3 - 9/5   | Backpack Bogachiel to Flapjack Camp | Doug Savage, 360-698-9774        | 3    |
| 9/8         | MAP: Monthly Activity Planning      | Emily Grice, 206-842-7883        | 2    |
| 9/10        | Hike the Lake Mills Trail           | Steve Vittori, 253-858-8191      | 3    |
| 9/12        | General Meeting                     | Molly Deardorff, 360-536-3467    | 1    |
| 9/12 - 9/16 | Windsurfing Class                   | Dale Boyle, 360-792-1714         | 3    |
| 9/23        | Potluck Dinner                      | Kevin & Gail Gross, 360-307-9022 | 2    |
| 9/24        | Bike the John Wayne Trail           | Rick Fleming, 360-779-2275       | 3    |

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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.

### Rock Climbing at Mission Creek

Various Dates

Contact : Dale Boyle, 360-792-1714,  
dboyle@web-o.net

Dale Boyle is planning to take some more rock climbing trips to the Mission Creek area near Wenatchee. Anyone who would like to join Dale for rock climbing should contact him for specific dates and to discuss experience and equipment requirements.



# Outings

## Backpack / Climb Cathedral Peak

Thursday, September 1 - Tuesday, September 6  
Contact: Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429

Backpack to, then climb, Cathedral Peak located deep in the Pasayten Wilderness. Drive to trailhead Thursday night (9/1). For climbers: An 8,601-foot peak. Lots of rock climbing to choose from, all levels. Will climb in teams of two. Must have gear and leading experience. For backpackers: Trail is about 42 miles round trip with awesome scenery!

## Backpack Bogachiel to Flapjack Camp

Saturday, September 3 - Monday, September 5  
Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

About eight-mile, one-way, backpack along Bogachiel River through rain-forest with huge trees to Flapjack Camp in the northwestern part of Olympic National Park.

## Hike the Lake Mills Trail

Saturday, September 10  
Contact: Steve Vittori, 253-858-8191

Hike the Lake Mills Trail near Glines Canyon Dam on the Elwha River. Four miles round trip.

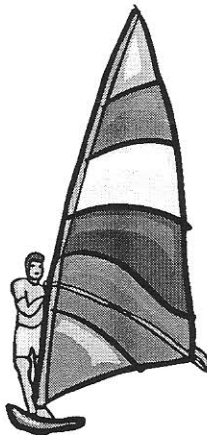
## Free Windsurfing Class for PWC Members

Week of September 12 (three separate 3-hour sessions)  
Contact: Dale Boyle, 360-792-1714 or dboyle@web-o.net

Dale Boyle has been providing free beginner windsurfing lessons to PWC members over the summer, with one more three-session class being offered September 12, 14, & 15 (or possibly September 16). Dale is a level one windsurfing instructor, certified by US Sailing. As long as the length of the day permits, the classes will be on weekday evenings and will be about three hours long. Three sessions will complete the course. If the days get too short there will be a weekend on water session.

Requirement for this course are as follows:

- Must be able to swim 25 yards.
- Must be able to tread water for five minutes.
- Must be able to don a life jacket in the water. A swim test is required.
- Purchase the text "Start Windsurfing Right" (\$15.50)
- Commit to all three consecutive sessions. (times and dates can be arranged)
- Maximum class size is four persons.



This is a one time opportunity for PWC members to try a FREE windsurfing class, this season only. The only purchase needed is the text book. See other participation requirements above.

## Bike the John Wayne Trail

Saturday, September 24  
Contact: Rick Fleming, 360-779-2275

Ride on the John Wayne Bike Trail. This a railroad grade trip for those of us that are not Lance Armstrong. We will ride from west of Snoqualmie Pass, through the 2-plus mile-long tunnel, along Lake Kechellus, and end at the town of Easton. This very scenic trail is compact gravel and travels over trestles and through gorges in the heart of the mountains. An optional car camp at Lake Easton State Park will be on Saturday night.



## Backpack to Park Butte

Saturday, October 1 - Sunday, October 2  
Contact: Venita Goodrich, 360-698-9774 or  
Jon DeArman, 360-697-1352

Overnight backpack to Park Butte, about four miles southwest of Mt. Baker. A lookout built in 1933 is located at an elevation of 5,450 feet and offers 360-degree views of Mt. Baker, Twin Sisters and the Cascades.

## Backpack the Chelan Summit Trail

Friday, October 7 - Tuesday, October 11  
Contact: Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429

The Chelan Summit Trail sits atop the ridges along the northeast side of Lake Chelan. Ride the ferry to the trailhead, then backpack 38 miles with views across the deep trench of Lake Chelan to the main range of the Cascades where the larch and other trees should be changing to their bright autumn colors.

## Backpack in the Grand Canyon

Spring 2006  
Contact: David Boyde, 360-692-9325 or theboyde@aol.com

Once again, I am planning a journey to explore the Grand Canyon. I am in the planning phase at this point, so I have not decided upon the exact route or dates. I currently have ten different itineraries under consideration, ranging from 10-day, 85-mile routes to 14-day, 150-mile routes. Any of these routes are very strenuous and demanding, but the scenery and experience are totally awesome. I am looking at starting between late March and late April. If interested, the routes and dates are very flexible until the permit request is submitted. The permit request will be sent in on November 1 for a March start date and December 1 for an April start date. Permits are selected randomly, so the exact route will not be known until mid-November or mid-December. Once the route is finalized by the permit, the only change possible is the number of people. Group size is limited to 6, unless I have 6 committed (i.e. permit fee paid) when I request the permit. In that case, I can request a group permit for up to 12 people. The permit fee is \$10, plus \$5 (per person) for each night camped below the rim. If interested in going, contact me before October 30.







### Olympic Mountain Rescue

*Note: The PWC Board approved a donation to Olympic Mountain Rescue (OMR) last fall to contribute to the Truck Replacement Fund. With the upcoming Combined Federal Campaign (CFC), OMR would like to request that interested individuals select OMR specifically to receive a portion of their charity contribution. The following provides information about OMR and its mission.*

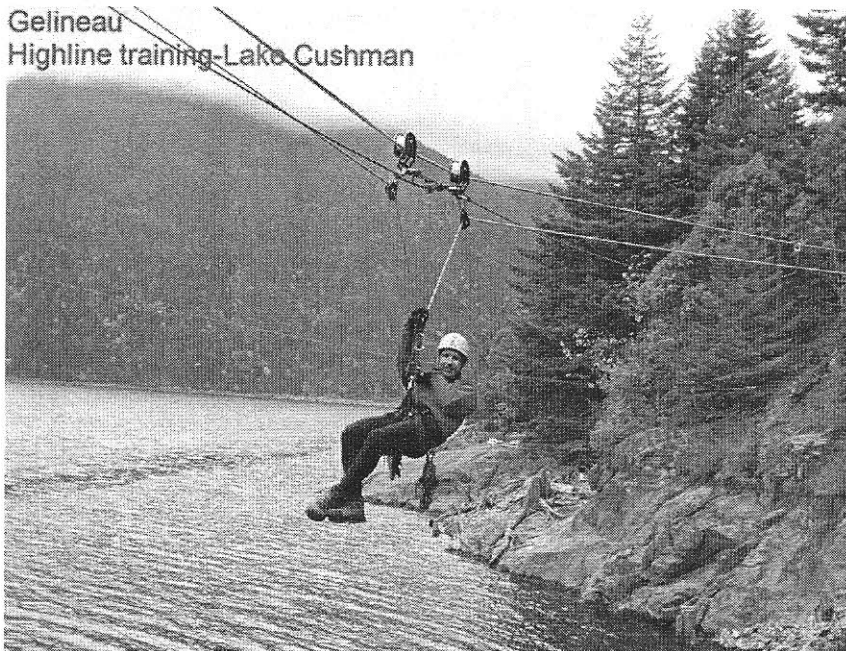
Olympic Mountain Rescue (OMR) was founded in 1957 and is one of seven mountain rescue units in the Washington State region accredited through the nation-wide Mountain Rescue Association (MRA). OMR's primary mission is to provide immediate aid for individuals who have become lost or injured in the mountainous region of the Olympic Peninsula. These services are provided at no cost and without regard to race, creed, color, or financial status. The unit is a member of the Kitsap County Department of Emergency Management and is fully integrated into the rescue/emergency resources of Kitsap, Jefferson, and Mason County sheriff departments as well as the ranger staff of the Olympic National Park. OMR provides these organizations with a unique skill set not available from any other local emergency response organization, whether volunteer, public or private. OMR also regularly conducts operations throughout the Pacific Northwest assisting other search and rescue units and law enforcement agencies.

OMR is a non-profit, 501(3)C organization staffed by 35 volunteers and governed by a six member board of directors. Including unit training and search and rescue missions, the team annually provides the community over 3,500 hours of volunteer service. OMR provides all transportation and specialized equipment, including litters, rigging gear, portable radios, and first aid supplies, needed to safely evacuate injured hikers and climbers to awaiting medical crews. When aircraft are available to assist in wilderness evacuations, OMR's teams provide the skills needed to secure the accident scene, provide immediate first aid treatment and prepare the subject for airlift. Examples of rescues have included a search for children lost near cliffs, recovery of auto accident victims from deep ravines, and extrication of victims of aircraft crashes on steep mountainsides. In 2003, OMR was activated for 21 search and rescue operations. These mobilizations were focused directly in support of 29 individuals, including 14 climbers, 12 hikers, 1 kayaker, 1 auto accident victim, and 1 murder victim. During 2004 the unit was employed in the Green River serial killer investigation to search steep forest slopes and safely lower law enforcement officials down ravines.

In addition to emergency services, OMR provides advanced rescue training for the staff of Olympic National Park, and is active in community wilderness safety education programs. Unit members promote outdoor safety by teaching course segments in glacier travel, self rescue, and rock climbing for the Olympic College mountaineering course, and by participating in the local Kitsap County annual Fair and Children's Day. OMR further promotes wilderness recreation and safety by authoring "A Climber's Guide to the Olympic Mountains" published by Mountaineers Books. A fully revised and expanded fourth edition is planned for release in early 2006.

In support of its work, OMR has maintained its own rescue vehicle since 1973, including all associated expenses such as maintenance, insurance coverage and licensing fees. This vehicle is outfitted for any wilderness rescue including, first-aid, medical kits and splints, snow shovels and probes for avalanche scenarios, rigging gear, ropes and litters for high angle evacuations, and

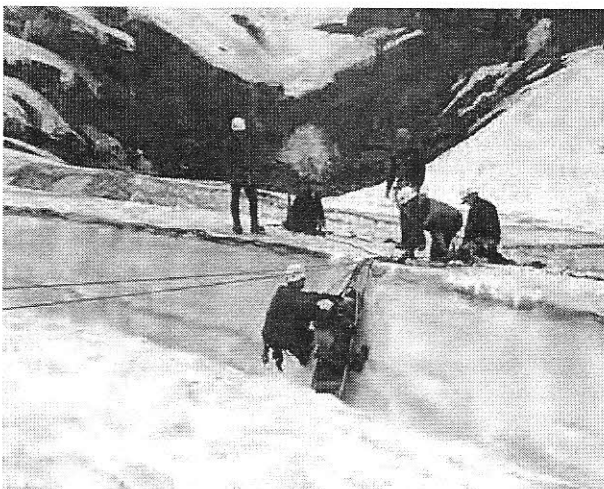
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Highline training-Lake Cushman



lifejackets for water searches. Having a fully outfitted rescue vehicle allows the rescue team to immediately depart while being briefed on the mission details, and be ready to respond to any situation. Rescue teams have responded to injuries reported as “a twisted ankle” to find a subject with a full leg fracture, and to assist injured hikers “5-6 miles up the trail” that were in fact 18 miles in. Subjects “guaranteed” to be evacuated by helicopter have had to be carried by stretcher all the way to the trail head because of aircraft malfunctions or weather changes. Having a fully equipped rescue vehicle allows follow up teams to bring additional equipment to the scene as the scenario unfolds.

The unit’s current vehicle is a 1990 Ford F350, 4x4, crew-cab, pick-up truck. The truck has served the unit well as it has been continuously operated with a full load often over undeveloped secondary roads for 14 years. Two recent complete transmission overhauls, along with numerous other repairs, clearly indicate the truck may no longer be considered fully reliable for critical search and rescue missions. OMR has a long established equipment fund which is being used for the truck replacement. Currently valued at \$26,600, it is about 41% of the total funds required for the replacement. The fund is augmented by the unit monthly by \$200, over 15% of the overall monthly income. As such, other sources are being approached for funds. OMR has begun an active grant writing program seeking grant support from regional and national charitable foundations.

OMR appreciates donations from such organizations as PWC, and from individuals as well. Anyone interested in donating to the Truck Replacement Fund, or just interested in obtaining further information, may call (360) 830-4662. Additional information may also be found on the OMR web site at [www.olympicmountainrescue.org](http://www.olympicmountainrescue.org). Copies of OMR newsletters, which include notes from actual rescue missions, may be viewed online.



Crevasse rescue training.



Paula ascending with litter.

## MTTA Work Party

Saturday, September 17

Come have fun in the sun at Snow Bowl Hut and help celebrate 15 years of volunteerism on the Mount Tahoma Trail System. The Mount Tahoma Trails Association (MTTA) has scheduled a work party on Saturday, September 17. Meet at the Ashford Fire Hall at 9:30 am. A great dinner will be provided Saturday evening for all volunteers. Stay overnight at your favorite ski hut if you wish. Take a hike or ride your bike. Meet old friends, and make some new ones.

MTTA operates North America's largest no-fee, cross-country, hut to hut, ski and snowshoeing trail system. A non-profit association, MTTA relies on volunteers to help maintain the trails and hut facilities. For more information, visit [www.skimtta.com](http://www.skimtta.com).

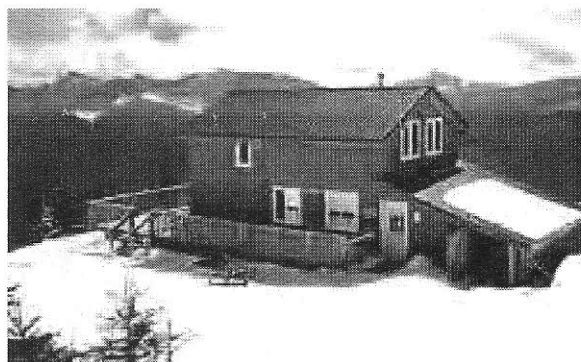
Anyone interested in doing a little hut improvement work is invited. The work is not very demanding and dinner and an evening of good food and drink will take up most of your time. Spend the day or stay overnight! Don't worry about your skill level regarding the hut improvement work, we provide OJT. This summer we have been remodeling the old wood-storage rooms at Snow Bowl and Copper Creek Huts. This work will allow us to increase the number of guests at each of these huts by two people. For safety reasons, we have installed electric lighting (powered by solar panels) to replace most of the propane lights in the huts. Kitchen improvements are being made and general clean up around the huts is taking place. The snowmobile shed just above the 1 Road Snow-Park is getting a metal roof to shed snow and a general appearance cleanup. Any help you can provide will be most appreciated and if you cannot make it on September 17, give us a call, as you might be able to help on another weekend.

The huts in September are a great place to spend the night, star watching can't get much better, and photography opportunities are numerous. So bring your sleeping bag, a camera if you have one, and any musical instruments. Plan on having a great time! Don't forget to invite your friends along! Check out the web page at <http://www.livejournal.com/community/mttafriends/> for some photos from the July work party.

We need to know how many people will attend to be able to purchase enough food and drink for all the volunteers. So, if you are planning to attend, or have any questions, please call Bob or Judy at 360-569-2878 evenings, or Tony Abruzzo at 360-871-5754, or send an email to [mtta@skimtta.com](mailto:mtta@skimtta.com).



Snow Bowl Hut (elev: 4,250 ft)



Copper Creek Hut (elev: 4,200 ft)

## Hikers Wanted

September usually has great hiking weather, sunny days with cool breezes. What a great time for taking a hike in the mountains or forest, or on a beach. Why not sponsor a PWC outing and share the fun. There are currently only a couple day trips planned during September. If you would still like to organize a hike later in September, please bring the information to the General Meeting on September 12 and post it on the board. We could also send the information out as an email to all members with active email addresses in the club database.

Day hikes are usually very informal, and don't require much planning beyond a meeting time and place, some information about the trail conditions and trailhead location, and a weather report. Forest Service or National Park Rangers, as well as veteran PWC members, can often provide up-to-date information about trails. Sponsors of outings are not considered instructors, but mainly someone who is a point of contact to enable members to join together for a hike, and who have some basic information about their destination. Participants are expected to be adequately prepared for the activity they wish to join and are responsible for their own safety while on an outing.



## Club News

### August Door Prize Winner

Tom Broszeit was the lucky winner of a light-weight, titanium, cooking pot as the door prize at the August meeting.

### Thanks for the Treats!

The cookies were delicious last month. Thanks to Doug Savage, Steve Dikowski and the 'Oreo' person. Every bite was appreciated. Don't forget the goodies for next month. Contact Jill Hawes, 360-275-5402, or [jhawes5402@wavecable.com](mailto:jhawes5402@wavecable.com).

### 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.

### Olympic Nat'l Park Trail Worker Survey

Olympic National Park is making changes to the benefits provided to volunteer workers. One of the reasons the park is making changes is to provide a wider range of benefits that correlate better with the wide range of hours worked by individuals. While some volunteers may only spend a single day working in the park, other volunteers spend hundreds of hours during the year doing trail maintenance, staffing visitor centers, or providing other services to the park. Currently, for 16 hours of trail maintenance work you receive both an annual park entrance pass and a backcountry permit. Starting in 2006, you will no longer be able to work 16 hours for a backcountry permit. The park is currently working on a new policy. They are considering having volunteers work up to 16 hours to receive an entrance fee pass and up to 40 hours to receive a backcountry permit. Another idea is to have a sort of punch card to record the hours worked. The more hours of work that are validated on your card, the more benefits you would receive.

However, the park has not decided anything yet and they are willing to listen to feedback from groups about how volunteers might like to see things run. Although we enjoy working and maintaining this park we all love, we would also like to reap some benefits as well. In turn, the park and all its visitors benefit from the work that is accomplished. We want to maintain this relationship as a win-win situation.

If you have an opinion about how you would like this to be run, please write an email or letter about it. Write the message as if you were writing to Michael Smithson, Chief of Resource Education, Olympic National Park. Please send your messages to the club's email address, [penwicle@hotmail.com](mailto:penwicle@hotmail.com), or to the club PO Box shown on the newsletter, by September 23. Your messages will be forwarded to Mr. Smithson.

It would also be helpful if anyone who sponsored a trail maintenance trip within Olympic National Park could provide estimates of how many people-hours PWC has volunteered in 2004 and how many have been done so far in 2005.

Thank you to all members that have already submitted comments.



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

- Olympic Outdoor Center, Poulsbo
- Vertical World Climbing Gym, Bremerton
- Silverdale Cyclery, Silverdale
- 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.

### 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.

### PWC Officer and Board Nominations

Nominations for club President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and three Board Members will take place at the September General Meeting. See details on page 1.

### 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.

## Officers & Staff

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|-------------------------|----------------------------------|
| President:              | Molly Deardorff ... 360-536-3467 |
| Vice President:         | Rick Fleming ..... 360-779-2275  |
| Secretary:              | Kathy Weigel ..... 360-871-0291  |
| Treasurer:              | Joan Edwards ..... 360-509-5297  |
| Board of Directors:     | Barney Bernhard .. 360-479-3679  |
|                         | Tom Leurquin ..... 206-842-5906  |
|                         | Tom Rogers ..... 360-692-2547    |
| Entertainment:          | Joe Weigel ..... 360-871-0291    |
| Events:                 | Rick Fleming ..... 360-779-2275  |
| Refreshments:           | Jill Hawes ..... 360-275-5402    |
| Scrapbook:              | Linda Fourier ..... 360-698-3005 |
| Membership Coordinator: | Vicki Fleming ..... 360-779-2275 |
| Website Editor:         | Venita Goodrich... 360-698-9774  |
| Penwicle Editor:        | Tom Broszeit ..... 360-613-9573  |

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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