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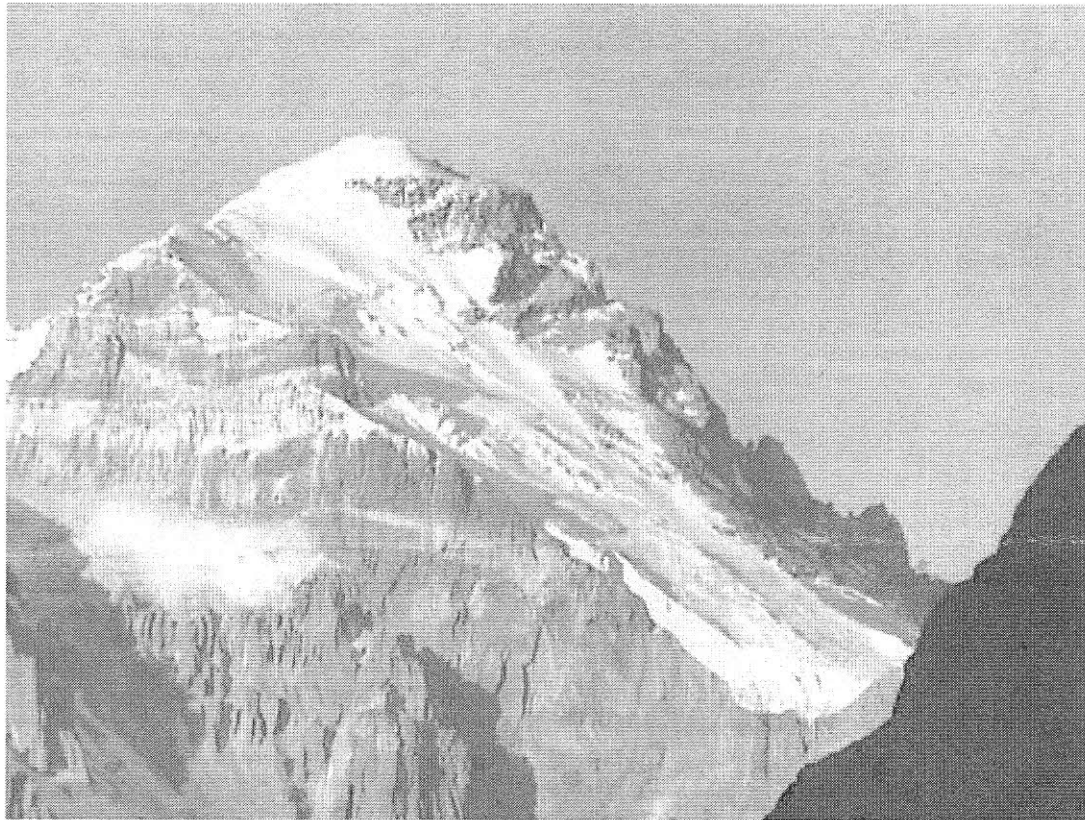
Peninsula

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.

Climbing Mount Aconcagua

Monday, October 10, 7 pm
Presented by: Linda Carnahan

Mount Aconcagua, located in the Andes Range of western Argentina, rises to a height of 22,834 feet (6,959 meters). This gives it the distinction of being the highest mountain in both the Western and Southern Hemispheres, and also making it the highest mountain in the world outside of Asia. Mount Aconcagua is a gigantic mass of rock. Its name is native in origin and may come from the Inca words "Ackon Cahuak" which means "Stone Sentinel." Linda Carnahan will give a slide presentation about her climb of Mount Aconcagua and meeting the challenges of the extreme altitude, severe winds, and cold temperatures.



PWC Officer and Board Election

The election of PWC Officer and Board Members for the coming year will be held at the next General Meeting on Monday, October 10, 2005. There is only one nominee each for President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, so only a vote of confirmation will be needed for those positions. There are three nominees for three positions on the Board of Directors, so these positions also require only a vote of confirmation.

The candidates for Officer and Board positions are as follows:

President: Tom Rogers
Vice-President: Greg Myrick
Secretary: Gayla Perini
Treasurer: Jill Hawes

Board of Directors: Barbara Hager
Dean Huffman
Tom Leurquin

Thanks to the following individuals for their service to the PWC as Officers and Board members during the past year:

President: Molly Deardorff
Vice-President: Rick Fleming
Secretary: Kathy Weigel
Treasurer: Joan Edwards

Board of Directors: Barney Bernhard
Tom Leurquin
Tom Rogers

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MAP: Monthly Activity Planning

Thursday, October 6, 7 pm

Contact: Nancy Meyer, 360-297-1298

Discuss club business and help schedule outings at the home of Nancy Meyer in Indianola.

Halloween Potluck and Party

Saturday, October 29, 6:30 PM at Nancy Meyer's home in Indianola

Contact: Nancy Meyer 360-297-1298

This year, the Halloween Party will be a potluck dinner at Nancy's, followed by dancing and partying at the annual Indianola Community Halloween Party nearby. Costumes are encouraged and there will be a Best Costume contest with a prize. The potluck dinner will start at 6:30 pm, so please bring a dish to share and anything else you would like to drink. The club will provide soft drinks, coffee and tea, plates, napkins, and utensils. The Indianola Party is put on by the local community, but Nancy has invited us to all to attend as her guests. There is usually a live band and you may be asked to kick in some \$\$ to help pay the musicians.



<u>Date</u>	<u>Outing / Meeting</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Page</u>
10/6	MAP: Monthly Activity Planning	Nancy Meyer, 360-297-1298	2
10/7-11	Backpack Chelan Summit Trail	Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429	3
10/8-10	Backpack to Royal Basin	Doug Savage, 360-698-9774	3
10/10	General Meeting	Molly Deardorff, 360-536-3467	1
10/15	Hike Theler Wetlands and Nature Preserve	Mark Jessel, 360-871-9417, rockhopper@donobi.net	3
10/15-16	Backpack Obstruction Point Way Trail	Jon DeArman, 360-697-1352	3
10/22	Elwha Valley Hike	Rick Fleming, 360-779-2275	3
10/22-23	Backpack to Necklace Valley	Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429	3
10/29	Potluck and Halloween Party	Nancy Meyer, 360-297-1298	2

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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.

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 north-east 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 to Royal Basin

Saturday, October 8 - Monday, October 10

Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Seven miles, 2500 feet elevation gain.

Hike Theler Wetlands and Nature Preserve

Saturday, October 15

Contact: Mark Jessel, 360-871-9417, rockhopper@donobi.net

An easy walk on a good trail to observe birds in the marsh. Bring binoculars and a camera with telephoto lens if you have them.

Backpack Obstruction Point Way Trail

Saturday, October 15 - Sunday, October 16

Contact: Jon DeArman, 360-697-1352

Overnight bivi. Stop for brunch on the way home Sunday.

Elwha Valley Hike

Saturday, October 22

Contact: Rick Fleming, 360-779-2275,
two.marmots@comcast.net

An autumn ramble through the Fall colors of the Geyser Valley and Krause Bottom area of the Elwha River Valley with possible side trip on the Anderson Ranch trail to view the Goblin Gates of the Elwha. This 5-7 mile round trip hike is moderate in nature. We'll meet at 0830 at the Poulsbo Nazarene Church Park and Ride.

Backpack to Necklace Valley in Alpine Lakes Wilderness

Saturday, October 22 - Sunday, October 23

Contact: Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429

A challenging but rewarding trail leading to a string of pristine lakes in a high valley.

Backpack/Climb Mount Aix

Saturday, November 11 - Sunday, November 13

Contact: Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429

Loop backpack trip with a climb of Mount Aix.

Hike the Little River Trail

Saturday, November 19

Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

A scenic hike in the north Olympics.



Cross-Country Ski or Snowshoe

Sunday, November 27

Contact: Barney Bernhard, 360-479-3679

Get your skis or snowshoes out of storage for this beginner/intermediate cross-country ski or snowshoe outing. Location to be determined by the early season snow conditions.

Cross-Country Ski to Reflection Lake

Saturday, December 3

Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Beginner cross-country ski from Paradise to Reflection Lake in Mount Rainier National Park.

Methow Valley Ski Rodeo

Saturday, December 31 - Sunday, January 1

Contact: Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429

A cross-country ski race, your choice of 5K or 10K, skate or classic technique.

Ski Weekend at Mazama Lodge

Saturday, January 14 - Monday, January 16

Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Stay at the Mazama Lodge near Government Camp, OR, and ski in the Mount Hood area. The lodge is within a 20-minute drive of 5 downhill ski areas, and cross-country skiers can access trails for all ability levels from the lodge.

Winterfest 2006

Friday, February 17 - Monday, February 20
Contact: Tom Rogers, 360-692-2547

We have reserved the entire Snoqualmie Lodge for Winterfest 2006. Snoqualmie has great cross country skiing and snowshoeing, discounted lift tickets for the downhill areas, and the lodge provides inner tubes for the groomed tubing slope -- and if there's no snow we can always hike, bike, and party. Sign-up now; you don't have to be a Mountaineer! There are sleeping accommodations for 49. Cost will be \$70 for the weekend. That includes lodging for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, breakfast Saturday, Sunday and Monday morning, and dinner Saturday and Sunday evening. (You can sign up for individual nights at \$20 for Friday and \$25 each for Saturday or Sunday, but people attending the whole weekend will get precedence if we fill the place up.)



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 February and late March. If interested, the routes and dates are very flexible until the permit request is submitted. 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.

Tweedsmuir Provincial Park Adventure

August 2006
Contact: Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429

Kayak, canoe, hike, and climb in Tweedsmuir Provincial Park in British Columbia.

Gates of the Arctic Adventure

August 2007
Contact: Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429

Advance notice for a future trip to Gates of the Arctic National Park in the Brooks Range of northern Alaska.

PWC Officer and Board Election

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The following details regarding club elections are from the PWC by-laws:

Article V -- Elections

Section 1: The following positions will be filled by annual election: a president, a vice-president, a secretary, and a treasurer and three board members-at-large. Officers and board members shall serve one-year terms from November 1st through October 31st. Officers and board members shall not serve more than two consecutive terms in the same position unless no other nomination is made for the position. 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.

Section 2: For election purposes, each paid membership will be allowed one vote for each adult in the household, up to a maximum of two votes per paid membership. Nominees and anyone making nominations must be voting members of the club. 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. Nominees will be announced in the club newsletter prior to the election process. Elections shall be held at the October general meeting and will be by secret ballot unless there is only one nominee per position, in which case a show of hands or vocal consensus may be called. Members who cannot attend the meeting may vote by sending written, signed correspondence to the club's post office address (ATTN: Secretary) indicating their choices. Mailed-in votes must be received by the October general meeting.

Section 3: Board vacancies that occur part way through the year, or position(s) not filled during the election process shall be filled by appointment through a majority vote of the remaining board directors and the persons appointed shall serve through the following October 31st.

Section 4: Officers or board members not fulfilling responsibilities inherent to their position to the extent the club or club members are detrimentally affected may be removed from their position by the majority vote of the full board of directors.



Climbing into History: Mt. Ararat

Submitted by Dan Froese

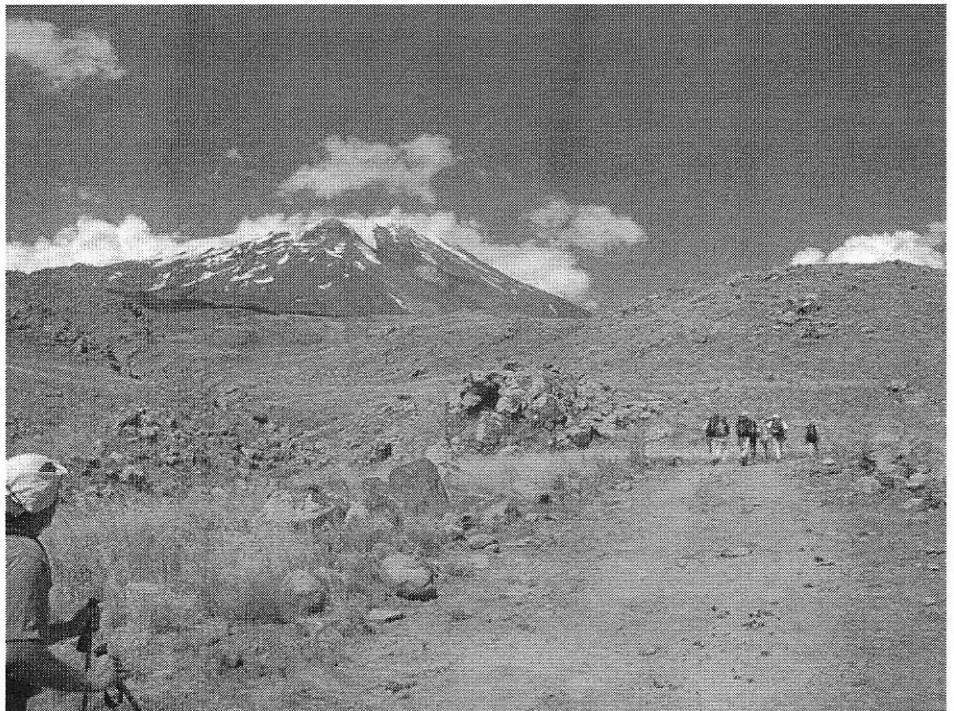


Since early childhood, the name of Mt. Ararat has rung in my ears. Who hasn't heard of the biblical account of Noah's ark? In the Old Testament book of Genesis, it is recorded that God judged the sins of the world with a global flood. Noah was instructed to build a large ark to contain his family and a male and female representative of each animal species. The subsequent rains covered the entire earth and destroyed all living creatures. When the water subsided the ark rested on Mt. Ararat, found in present day Turkey. God made a covenant with Noah that He would not destroy the earth again in such manner and sealed that promise with the rainbow.

Many religions and peoples recall this event including Christians and Moslems. Ancient writings of the Chinese and Sumerians give similar accounts. Countries surrounding Mt. Ararat consider it a holy and sacred mountain based on its past. Because of this, I have long wanted to visit this region

and with my increasing interest in climbing, a summit would be the icing on the cake. However, this region of the world is in the center of significant unrest. The mountain lies on the border of Armenia, Iran and Azerbaijan. Local terrorist factions have long fought for a Kurdish independent state. The region remained closed to tourism and even local climbers were kept off the mountain for 15 years. In 1998, a local climber, Sinan Halic, obtained permission from the military and reached the summit. He subsequently founded Anatolian Adventures. I have been watching the Internet for some time and in 2004 noted that Ararat had opened for overseas climbers. I wrote to Mr. Halic asking if Americans could complete the climb and on his assurance, Bob Dormaier and I changed our plans from Mt. Elbrus to Ararat. Who knows when this region would close again?

Our journey started on July 29, taking us to Istanbul via London. We allowed ourselves a day in the ancient Byzantine capital to enjoy the Blue and St. Sophia mosques and other sites. Monday took us on a flight to Van on the eastern border of Turkey where we met the team. After loading our equipment on to a minibus, we drove to Dogubayazit in the northeast corner of the country for a short stay at the Isfahan hotel. Our acclimatization started here at 5500 feet. The following morning the bus drove us to the trailhead at 7000 feet where the seven climbers and three guides met the horses. We were allowed 30 pounds on the horses; the rest we carried ourselves. Our first day took us to Green camp at 10000 feet where the tents were set up and we settled in to great weather. Our guides included Sinan, his assistant and a military liaison officer. The entire region was in a "Zone 2" military area. We needed their permission and permits. Any rescue would be completed with their support and helicopters. Twice a day the officer made a radio report down to base. Everywhere we had traveled soldiers, guns and tanks had been noted. This was a sensitive area.



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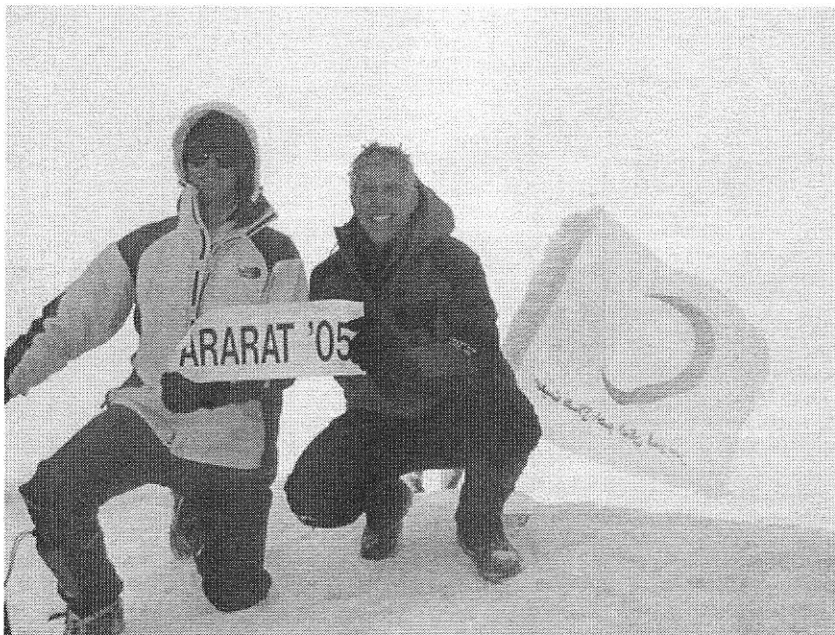
Climbing into History: Mt. Ararat

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The food we enjoyed was excellent, as a cook had accompanied us. Our "mule man" obtained water for us each morning and that obviously required filtering. Following a quiet night and breakfast, we completed an acclimatization hike to 13000 feet and then back down to Green camp and rest, reading books and enjoying the region. The clouds cleared enough to see little Ararat to the east. The summit was encased in clouds throughout the day and only appeared early in the morning. Marco Polo, in his travels, had called this the mountain without a summit and stated that it could not be climbed. We were out to prove him wrong.

On day three, we packed up our tents and packs, were met by the horses again, and climbed to 4200m camp for our high camp. This would be at 13500 feet where again we set up the tents, enjoyed great food and learned much about the history and culture of the region. The local nomads brought their sheep up to graze even to this altitude. We noted a thinning and distinct cooling of the air. Snow wasn't far away. Our ascent would take us up a ridge on the south side onto the glacier cap and then on to the summit. Our guide pointed out an icy couloir to the east of our route where two climbers had fallen to their deaths a week earlier. Again, we realized this was a serious climb.

We arose before dawn and after breakfast headed up at 5AM. It was below freezing, the wind was blowing and the summit was not visible. A front had blown in during the night. We climbed up the ridge, after three hours reached the glacier, and donned our crampons. Another hour took us to the summit at almost 17000 feet. White out conditions prevented views into Armenia to the north. It became

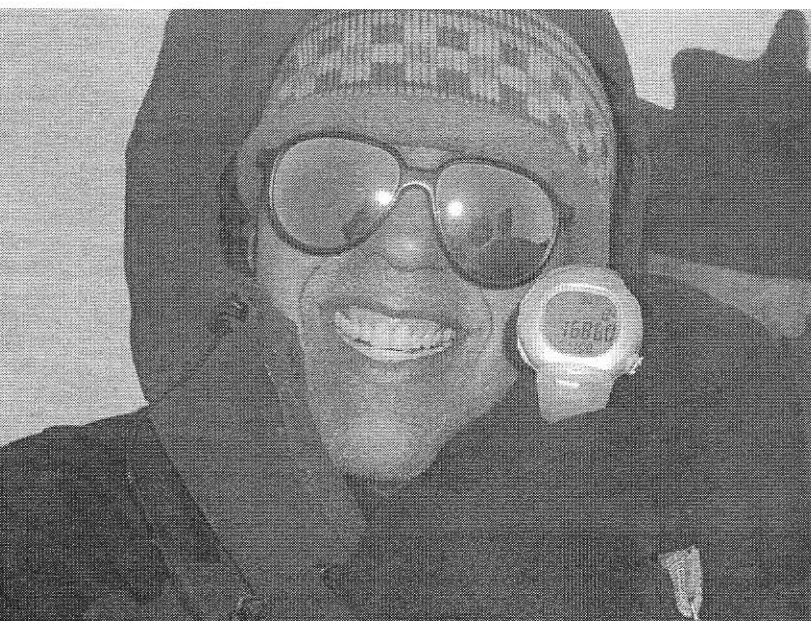


cold and windy enough that quick pictures were followed by a rapid descent, which proved wise. Once back at high camp we were buffeted with hail and snow leaving three inches on the ground. The rest of the day, Friday, was spent warming up and rehydrating with chai tea. On the following day, the horses met us again and we climbed down through Green camp and to the trailhead to meet the minibus. We had spent five days and four nights on the mountain but the entire team had reached the summit and was back safely. After checking in with the military, it was back to the Isfahan hotel for one prolonged shower. Sunday was a very well spent

day where the team visited the local palace of the pashan, the resting place of Noah's ark and finally a trip to the border. We were able to talk the officials into letting us across the no-mans land and to the gate with Iran. Imagine shaking hands with the border guards standing under a picture of Ayatollah Khomeini.

The rest of the trip was anticlimactic, with a drive to Van and catching a flight to Istanbul where we spent Monday and some final shopping at the incredible Grand Bazaar. The return flight to Seattle via London was long and tiring but we had accomplished our goals and enjoyed the hospitality of a friendly culture and people. Our host, Sinan Halic, had been magnificent; we often called him the Sultan as reminiscent of Suleiman the Magnificent. We felt safe the entire time. The country is very safe for women. Anatolian Adventures did a fantastic job in outfitting with everything having gone very smoothly. If you are interested, look for them under www.anatolianadventures.com.

Well, what's next? Bob and I will try for Mt. Elbrus in 2006. However, the toe inside the door of Iran has a strong pull. We plan to return



with Sinan to climb Mt. Damavand in Iran, this being the highest peak in the Middle East. That will be our challenge for 2007. Our thanks again to Karlene and Melanie for their unfailing support and cheerful encouragement of these endeavors.

Club News

September Door Prize Winners

At the September meeting, we had three lucky door prize winners. Lynn Howat won a silk sleeping bag liner, Sandy Hall won a wilderness skills and knowledge computer game, and Barney Bernhard won a pair of gaiters.

Tip of the Month

Thanks to Jon DeArman for giving the September meeting's "Tip of the Month" regarding camera care while backpacking.

Thanks for the Treats!

The cookies at the September meeting were delicious. Thanks to Doug Savage, Karla Piecuch, Rick McNicholas and the Fudge cookie person. Every bite was appreciated. Don't forget the goodies for next month. Contact Doug Savage @ 360-698-9774.

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.

New Staff Members for Refreshments, Scrapbook and PENWICLE

The PWC has some new staff members in the following roles:

- Doug Savage, Refreshments Coordinator
- Bethany Cecere, Scrapbook Editor
- Erin Hennings, PENWICLE Editor

Thanks to Jill Hawes, Linda Fourier and Tom Broszeit for their outstanding work in these positions!

Treasurer Audit

PWC treasurer Joan Edwards has done a great job of keeping the books, reports ex-treasurer Kevin Kilbridge. Kevin reviewed the books for 2004 and found the financial statements correct and the documentation neat as a pin.

Kayaks Wanted

Wanted: 2 kayaks. Contact Cris Craig and Brian Steely, 360-297-3825.

Carpooling

You can conserve natural resources and save gas money by carpooling when going on a PWC outing. Don't forget to give the driver a little extra gas money to help cover the recent increase in gas prices!

Photos Wanted

Bethany Cecere, our new Scrapbook Editor, is looking for photos of PWC activities. Please include your name, details of the trip (date and location), people and places in the pictures and whether you need the pictures back. Electronic photos are welcome, too. Contact Bethany Cecere, 360-377-2408, bethany.cecere@comcast.net

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 Elections

Elections for club President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and three Board Members will take place at the October 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 Erin Hennings at penwicle@hotmail.com or 360-621-6961.

PWC Online...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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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
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Events:	Rick Fleming 360-779-2275
Refreshments:	Doug Savage 360-698-9774
Scrapbook:	Bethany Cecere 360-377-2408
Membership Coordinator:	Vicki Fleming 360-779-2275
Website Editor:	Venita Goodrich ... 360-698-9774
Penwicle Editor:	Erin Hennings 360-621-6961

The Peninsula Wilderness Club is an informal organization for persons interested in active outdoor pursuits. Main activities include hiking, backpacking, mountain climbing, rock climbing, and skiing. All outings, from casual hikes to technical mountain sports, are initiated by individual members. These members are volunteers who generously offer to make minimal arrangements so an outing can take place. They do not accept responsibility for the safety or care of any participant. The PWC does not conduct instructional programs and members are expected to have whatever clothing, equipment, skills, and physical conditioning are appropriate for the outing they wish to join. Members are expected to practice responsible environmental stewardship and must accept that there are dangers and a risk of injury in most outdoor activities.

Dues are \$25 per household per year. Send a check or money order to:

Peninsula Wilderness Club, P.O. Box 323, Bremerton, WA 98337-0070

Please check if: New Member(s) ☐ Renewing Member(s) ☐ Change of Address ☐

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