FEBRUARY 2011

Peninsula Wilderness Club

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.

Kayaking Prince William Sound

Monday, February 14, 7pm Presented by Dick D'Archangel

Dick will give an introduction to Prince William Sound, show some of its majestic and pristine beauty, and talk about the nuts and bolts of putting together a kayaking trip like this.

"This is something that anyone who is comfortable paddling in Puget Sound and enjoys wilderness camping can do. My goal is that one or more of those in the audience will be inspired to make a trip to Prince William Sound."



In 2008, Dick and his family traveled to Prince William Sound, a trip they enjoyed so much that they repeated it in 2010. The conditions were drastically different the second time around, but the trip was just as exciting and satisfying as the first visit.

Dick and his family moved to North Kitsap from the Oregon coast in 1984 and took up sea kayaking soon after. Together they explored Puget Sound, the San Juan Islands, Vancouver Island, Queen Charlotte Islands, northern BC coast and southeast Alaska.

After moving to the Miller Bay area in 1991 and becoming acquainted with the local residents who were working to protect Miller Bay, Dick saw the necessity and effectiveness of conservation efforts made at the local level. An active board member and past President of Friends of Miller Bay, and a board member of the Great Peninsula Conservancy, Dick now works part time for the Suquamish Tribe Salmon Recovery Program. Dick is also treasurer of the Raven Canoe Society (a Suquamish canoeing family) and has participated in Tribal Canoe Journeys since 1999.





MAP: Monthly Activity Planning Meeting

Thursday, February 10, 7 pm

Contact: Nancy and Steve Osburn, 360-697-5982

Discuss club business and help schedule outings at Steve and Nancy's house in Poulsbo. All members are invited to attend.

February Potluck

Friday, February 25, 6:30 pm

Contact: Charlie Pomfret, 360-479-7820

Visit with fellow PWCers at Charlie's home in Bremerton. Bring an entrée or side dish to share. As host, Charlie will provide the dessert.

<u>Date</u>	Outing / Meeting	<u>Contact</u>
Weds & Sats	Chilly February Bicycle Rides	Tom Leurquin, 260-842-5906
2/5	Free Snowshoe Demo Day	Tony Abruzzo, 360-871-5754
2/5-6	Winter Overnight on Mazama Ridge	Doug Savage, 360-698-9774
2/6-10	Yellowstone XC Ski Tour/Yurt Camp	Megan Thompson, 360-871-6014
2/10	MAP Meeting	Paul Dutky, 360-479-2683, pdutky@gmail.com
2/12	Cross Country Ski to Hurricane Hill	Doug Savage, 360-698-9774
2/12-13	MTTA Yurt Overnight	Doug Savage, 360-698-9774
2/13	Climb Snoqualmie Mt., Ski Descent via the Slot Couloir	Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429
2/13	Two Kayak Pool Sessions: Bremerton YMCA	Paul Dutky, 360-479-2683, pdutky@gmail.com
2/14	General Meeting	Paul Dutky, 360-479-2683, pdutky@gmail.com
2/18-21	Winterfest at Mt. Baker Ski Area	Paul Dutky, 360-479-2683, pdutky@gmail.com
2/20	Hammersley Inlet SSAK Paddle	Paul Dutky 360-479-2683
2/25	PWC Potluck	Charlie Pomfret, 360-479-7820
2/26-27	Skagit Delta/Deception Pass Kayak	Paul Dutky, 360-479-2683 pdutky@gmail.com
2/27	Bicycle the Chilly Hilly with Tom Leurquin	Tom Leurquin, 206-842-5906
2/27	Two Kayak Pool Sessions: Bremerton YMCA	Paul Dutky, 360-479-2683, pdutky@gmail.com

News from the Board:

These items were all unanimously approved by the board:

1. Amendment to the club Bylaws, "Article IV. Organization." This enlarges the board to eight members, to include a president emeritus. A vote by the general membership at the October meeting passed this change to the Bylaws.

Existing Section 1: The club shall be a nonprofit corporation. The board of directors shall set club policies and dues. The board shall consist of seven directors. The board directors shall be the club president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer and three additional club members-at-large. A quorum shall exist when at least five directors are present. A resolution or appointment shall pass when at least four directors vote in the affirmative.

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- 2. Resolution: Club members are encouraged to attend board meetings, participate fully in discussions, propose motions to be voted upon, and second motions. They cannot, however, vote. That task is a privilege of the current board members.
- 3. The President is the master of ceremonies at the monthly meetings. Jon DeArman has traditionally given a short technical talk on equipment and back-country strategies. Going forward, the President will coordinate this part of the meeting, which is now designated the "Tech Talk." Those who want to contribute and give the Tech Talk are encouraged to do so, and need to coordinate with the president.

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. Always carry the 10 essentials.

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.

Pet Policy

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

The WEBSITE: A Source for Outings

Remember that trips can be listed on the website under Last Minute Trips. If you don't see something that interests you in the newsletter, check the website for additional trips. Or, if you are doing an outing that was planned after the deadline, use the website to post the information. This can now be done in THREE ways: you can fill out the form online, or you can call or email the info directly to the Webmaster, Jay Thompson, 360-307-0037 or pwcadmin@pwckitsap.org. Alternatively, you can call or email Paul Dutky at 360-479-2683 or pdutky@gmail.com to get the outing listed on the PWC Calendar online.

Chilly February Bicycle Rides

Every Wednesday and Sunday in February Contact: Tom Leurguin, 206-842-5906

The Wednesday rides will be on Bainbridge Island, leaving from my house about 10 am and will be around 15 miles in length and typically range from 1000' to 1500' in elevation gain.

The Sunday rides will be 25 to 35 miles in length and a maximum of 3000' of elevation gain. These rides will be on Bainbridge Island, the Olympic Discovery Trail, or another area of interest to the group. A typical start time will be 10 am but can be varied to fit schedules.

I'm a fair weather biker, so neither rain, nor sleet, nor snow will encourage me to go.

Free Snowshoe Demo Day

Saturday, February 5

Contact: Tony Abruzzo, 360-871-5754

Do you have family or friends that would like to try snow-

shoeing? Well, here's your chance. MTTA is partnering with Alpine Experience in Olympia to put on a Free Snowshoe Demo Day. Alpine Experience is bringing the latest line of snowshoes, and we are expecting Atlas, MSR and Easton snowshoes to be represented as well. This is a great chance to try the latest in high-tech snowshoes at no cost to you. The MTTA ski patrol will be available to answer questions and give directions to those new to the trail system. The Alpina shed will be turned into a warming hut for the day with hot drinks and goodies. This is about a half-mile up the trail, a perfect goal for a little one or a first-timer. For the hardier, the hike up to High Hut is a great trip, and it's all downhill back to your car after enjoying the view from High Hut. Hours: 10 am - 3 pm.

Winter Overnight on Mazama Ridge

Saturday, February 5 - Sunday, February 6 Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774 or email: thehiker@comcast.net

This is an intermediate cross country ski trip to Mazama Ridge, where camp will be set up. Ski skins are needed to climb up onto the Ridge. Options include skiing higher onto the Paradise Glacier below Cowlitz Rock. This is a great trip almost any time, a spectacular trip with good visibility.

Yellowstone XC Ski Tour/Yurt Camp

Sunday, February 6 -Thursday, February 10 Contact: Megan Thompson, 360-871-6014 or email: belleterre2@earthlink.net

Megan Thompson is coordinating this XC ski outing to Yellowstone, a trip the PWC has done several times before with acclaim. This is the same company that Alice Savage had trips through in the early 2000s.

Info at http://www.yellowstoneexpeditions.com/index/html

Megan has arranged for these dates, but those interested need to make their own reservations directly, and will need to mention Megan's name. There are only six more openings and if four more of them fill, the group will get a 10% discount.

You will need to make a deposit of \$150 to hold your spot. Trip and payment details are on the Yellowstone Expeditions website.

Cross Country Ski to Hurricane Hill

Saturday, February 12

Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774 or email:

the hiker@comcast.net

This is an intermediate cross country ski trip to Hurricane Hill from the Hurricane Ridge Visitor Center. Call Doug so he knows you plan to come. There may be last minute road closures or other circumstances that could alter plans at the last minute.

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MTTA Yurt Overnight

Saturday, February 12 - Sunday, February 13 Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774 or email:

thehiker@comcast.net

Ski to the MTTA yurt and spend the night. The yurt is heated, has a full complement of kitchen supplies, an outhouse, and small mattresses on the floor for sleeping. The club will hold a lottery for this outing at a monthly meeting.

Climb Snoqualmie Mt., Ski Descent via the **Slot Couloir**

Sunday, February 13

Contact: Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429, or email:

tricvclerider@vahoo.com

This is a single day Cascades ski adventure. Call Kevin for more information. Advanced to Expert ski mountaineering skills are required.

Two Kayak Pool Sessions: Bremerton YMCA

Sunday, February 13, 8 am to noon Contact: Paul Dutky, 360-479-2683, or email:

pdutky@gmail.com

The Bremerton YMCA has begun a two-month pilot program for kayakers. Pool sessions will occur from 8 am till 9:45 am and from 10 am to noon, Jan 30, Feb 13 and Feb 27.

Due to the enthusiastic showing for the January 9th session, the Y expanded its kayak practice hours. To decrease congestion in the pool, and to maximize the contact between learners and teachers. we ask those who do not require instruction to come to the earlier session. Those of you who desire instruction please come to the second session. Kayakers who come to instruct others will not be charged to attend the second session.

There is no more productive way, and no more fun way, to learn kayak skills like re-entry, the roll and steep braces than playing in a warm pool. This is a terrific opportunity. Two hours is ideal. All kayakers are welcome, white water boaters, sea kayakers, members, non-members. No reservations are required.

- Rates: There will be a YMCA Member Fee (\$8) and Non-Member Fee (\$15) for one two-hour session. There is no charge to those who come to the second session to instruct.

There will be a hose outside the Glenn Jarstad pool to wash boats. Then carry your boat through the double glass doors and into the pool area. A YMCA staff person will be collecting fees in the foyer.

Pool Session Preparation:

- Bring your clean kayak, paddle and spray skirt.
- Booties or foot protection of some sort will protect feet from foot pegs or pointy things on boats.
- Bring a paddle float or sling if this is how you practice getting back into your boat.
- Dress warmly in the pool. It is easy to get cold, even in a pool, especially if you are helping someone else. A wet suit may be preferable to a dry suit, as it is less likely to snag pointy things on your boat.

For those learning braces or rolls:

- A swim mask or nose plugs & goggles will keep water out of your sinuses and let you see your paddle's position relative to the surface when under water.
- A paddle float attached to your paddle blade can help you learn where to hold your paddle when practicing the roll by keeping your paddle near the surface, where it belongs. You can decrease the air in the paddle float as you learn how to sweep or brace with your paddle. Go to the PWC website Calendar for a map to the pool.

Winterfest at Mt. Baker Ski Area

Friday, February 18 - Monday, February 21 Contact: Paul Dutky, 360-479-2683, email: pdutky@gmail.com

** The house we've rented is currently filled, but please place your name on a waiting list if you want to go. We can and will rent an additional house if we get four or five who are interested. Those members would be encouraged to share group meals and socialize at the primary rental.

Wait list members (no commitment) currently include Tom Brozeit, Doug Savage and possibly one or two others from the main rental property.

Winterfest is the PWC's traditional winter Presidents' Day weekend getaway. We usually get lodging for anywhere from 20 to 50 adult skiers, boarders, snowshoers, good-book readers, and gourmet chefs. In years past we've gone to Stevens Pass, White Pass, Mt. Rainier, and Mission Ridge. One of our best trips was at Snoqualmie Pass, where the club had the entire Mountaineers' cabin to themselves (the year before it burned down, sigh). This year's trip to Mt. Baker is similar in that we are renting a big house specifically designed for large groups. You can check out the accommodations at:

http://www.mtbakerlodging.com/vacation-rental-home.asp? PageDataID=30710

Mt. Baker Ski area offers primarily alpine skiing, but there are snowshoe trails nearby, and spectacular backcountry is accessible from the parking lot. Several members plan to snowshoe or backcountry ski. Tell me what your interests are when you sign up, and I'll keep the PWC calendar entry for this event updated to include participants and interests.

For nordic skiing and snowshoeing trails near Glacier go to: http://www.nooksacknordicskiclub.org/

Our rental house is in Glacier, a 30-minute drive below the ski area. It has 12 rooms with gueen beds and a loft with a hide-a-bed. We can rent incrementally to 12, 20, or 26 people. The cost varies from \$65 to \$46 per night per person, depending on how many sign up. Although singles will need to share queen beds, the accommodations and bathroom facilities are far superior to those at the Mountaineers' cabins. If a concern, bring a lightweight sleeping bag to use on the bed.

The kitchen and dining area is spacious, and should accommodate cooking for everyone. We'll coordinate cooking groups before the trip. I'm told there is plenty of parking space.

Contact Paul Dutky at pdutky@gmail.com if interested. Total cost is \$143.

Outings

Looking Ahead

Hammersley Inlet (Shelton) SSAK Paddle

Sunday, February 20

Contact: Paul Dutky, 360-479-2683, email:

pdutky@gmail.com

Classic current-aided paddle to Hope Island and back to Shelton. This is sponsored by the South Sound Area Kayakers.

Skagit Delta/Deception Pass Kayak (safe practice in currents)

Saturday, February 26 - Sunday, February 27 Contact: Paul Dutky, 360-479-2683, email:

pdutky@gmail.com

Tentative plans are to paddle the Skagit Delta to La Conner on Saturday, the 26th to see the Trumpeter swans and Snow geese that migrate through this time of year. On Sunday, the 27th, we'll join the SSAK to practice paddling in current at spectacular Deception Pass.

We hope to find some inexpensive lodging near La Conner on Saturday night. Contact Paul for details, which will firm up in February.

Bicycle the Chilly Hilly

Sunday, February 27

Contact: Tom Leurquin, 206-842-5906, or email: tribi@hotmail.com

The Chilly Hilly is Cascade Bike Club's annual tour of Bainbridge Island, usually the first scheduled bicycle event of the year. Meet at Tom's house near Winslow, essentially on the Chilly Hilly route. Call Tom to discuss specifics, and parking. Tom's home is located at:

8048 Ferncliff Avenue NE Bainbridge Island, WA 98110

Two Kayak Pool Sessions: Bremerton YMCA

Sunday, February 27

Contact: Paul Dutky, 360-479-2683, email:

pdutky@gmail.com

For details about these sessions, please see description for February 13 kayak pool sessions.

St. Patty's Day Dash

Sunday, March 13

Contact: Jay Thompson, 360-509-9918 or email:

jaythom1@hotmail.com

Time to start thinking about this year's dash. I will be running in the dash this year. If anyone else is planning to be there, it would be great to see you. I won't be planning this as an official outing. Its more of a reminder and to get it onto the calendar. If anyone else would like to plan this as an outing, let me know and I'll replace my information with yours.

Registration is \$30 by mail, up until February 21 (postmarked by the 19th). February 22 - March 8 registration will cost you \$35. There will also be a \$40 last gasp registration at the Seattle Center between 11 and 4 PM. For more info, including the registration page, see link to website below: http://stpatsdash.com/

Skills Practice: Belay, Rappel, and Climb

Saturday, March 26

Contact: Jim Morrison, 360-368-2705, or email:

jimjuliem@yahoo.com

This is a practice session at Green Mountain's "School Rock." Anyone is welcome to come, but you will need a climbing harness to participate. Some sort of helmet is strongly encouraged.

This will be a review of how to tie into a rope and harness, how to make an anchor, how to belay others and how to rappel safely. If time allows, those who wish to climb on the face can do that also.

The emphasis is on using gear efficiently and safely. All climbers and rappellers will be protected with belays from above. Weather-permitting, we will meet in the Gold Creek Parking Lot at 9 am.

MTTA Copper Creek Ski/Snowshoe

Saturday, March 26 - Sunday, March 27 Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774 or email: thehiker@comcast.net

Ski to Copper Creek Hut and spend the night. The hut is heated, has a full complement of kitchen supplies, an outhouse, and a loft with small mattresses on the floor for sleeping. On the groomed trail above the hut, spectacular views of Mt Rainier are possible on a nice day.

The club will hold a lottery for this outing at a monthly meeting.

PWCers' holiday-time outings...



Mt. Walker, December 22, 2010

Photo: Jim Morrison



New Year's Day hike at Ft. Warden

Photo: Gail Gross



New Year's Day hike at Ft. Warden

Photo: Gail Gross



New Year's Day, Ft. Warden Photo: David Schneider



PWC New Year's Eve dinner, Pt. Townsend Photo: Gail Gross



Your newsletter editor spent Christmas Day bathing in the Tungabhadra River, India, with temple elephant Laxmi!

Club News

Welcome to our new members: Connie Greenidge of Ocean Shores, Lester Moore of Pt. Townsend, and Tony Lane of Silverdale.

PWC Host

Are you a new member or guest? Look for the PWC Host, identified by a Host name tag 15 minutes before the General Meeting and during the break. The Host can answer questions and point out PWC trip sponsors that share your interests. Barney Bernhard will be the February Host.

PWC Online...www.pwckitsap.org

Go to the website to find upcoming trips, trip reports, photos, a discussion forum, and more.

Tech Talk (formerly Jon's Minute)

Paul Dutky and Kevin Koski talked to members about trail maintenance with the Washington Trails Association (WTA). January 31 new week-longs are posted. They go quickly!

Door Prize

At the January meeting, Shelley Fleming won a lamp with remote.

Meeting Refreshments

Thanks to all who have brought snacks to meetings. Contact Doug Savage @ 360-698-9774 if you would like to bring snacks to the next meeting.

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, Emily Grice, at 206-842-7883.

Sponsor an Outing

If you are planning a trip, let us know about it! Come to the MAP meeting to discuss your trip, or submit trip descriptions to the PENWICLE by contacting Karla Piecuch at penwicle@hotmail.com or 206-313-3584. Planning a last-minute outing? No problem — post your trip on the PWC website under Last Minute Trips, or on the PWC Calendar.

Scrapbook Photos Wanted

Sue DeArman is looking for photos of PWC activities. Please include your name, details of the trip, and people and places in the pictures. Electronic photos are welcome, too. Contact Sue at 360-697-1352 or dearmans@comcast.net

Update Your Email Address

Contact Venita Goodrich to update your email address and other contact information. Contact Venita by email at vmnotbf@comcast.net, or call 360-471-0522.

Trip Reports & Photos Wanted

Do you have a great story to share about a recent trip? Karla is looking for trip reports to print in the PENWICLE. Please send trip reports & photos to Karla at penwicle@hotmail.com

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, Port Gamble (NEW location!)
- ◆ Vertical World Climbing Gym, Bremerton
- ◆ Silverdale Cyclery, Silverdale
- ◆Commander's Beach House Bed and Breakfast, Port Townsend
- ◆ Ajax Café, Port Hadlock
- ◆ Kitsap Sports, Silverdale
- → Jackie's Marine and Kayak Sales, Brownsville
- ◆ Poulsbo Running, Poulsbo

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 Venita Goodrich at Peninsula Wilderness Club

P.O. Box 323

Bremerton, WA 98337-0070,

or email vmnotbf@comcast.net, or call 360-471-0522. Members should also contact Venita 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 Karla Piecuch at penwicle@hotmail.com or 206-313-3584.

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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 Renewing Member(s) **Change of Address** Please check if: New Member(s) Name(s): Mailing Address:_____ City, State, Zip: E-mail: Telephone: (Please print clearly) Check here if you wish to receive the newsletter as an Adobe PDF document by e-mail instead of a printed copy. Check here if you do NOT wish any information to be included in the list distributed to members. FEBRUARY 2011 - Time Dated Material

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