FEBRUARY 2013

Peninsula Wilderness Club

East Bremerton. The public is cordially invited.

pm at the Kitsap Unitarian Universalist Fellowship on Perry Avenue

of every month at 7

Peninsula Wilderness Club meets on the second Monday

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February 11th Presentation A Grand Nepal Adventure

With Peninsula Wilderness Club Members Brian Steely, Greg Myrick, Tom Rogers and Noel Cada

Join club members Brian Steely, Greg Myrick, Tom Rogers and Noel Cada as they recreate their Nepal adventure, a loop trek to Tilicho Lake. It began in October of 2012 after a very long flight to Kathmandu, and consumed a month.

After a short rest in Kathmandu, they boarded a plane to the lakeside resort of Pokhara. That evening they witnessed a monsoon deluge that flooded the streets with a foot of water in short order! Then came the exciting flight from Pokhara to Jomsom. The route flies up a river valley between two mountain ranges, Dhawlagiri and the Annapurnas, each over 26,000 ft. It is from Jomsom, at 9,000 ft., that the trek to Tilicho Lake begins.

Altitude adjustment required as you work your way up the first pass at 17,800 ft. and then descend to Tilicho Lake. The loop route then took them to Manang, which connects to the upper section of the Annapurna Circuit. After another summit pass, they descended to Muktinath, which is a pilgrimage site for both Buddhists and Hindus, and then journeyed back to Jomsom. They then made an attempt to get to Dhawlagiri Base Camp, but had to turn back due to weather.

The trek involved the use of porters, guides and cooks, and also staying in teahouses along the way.

Join us for an entertaining evening with these men as







Monthly

MAP: Monthly Activity Planning Meeting

Thursday, February 7th, at 7 pm Contact: Doug Savage, 360-981-9333

Discuss club business and help schedule outings at Doug's house in Bremerton. All members are invited to attend.

Monthly Potluck

Friday, February 22nd, 6:30 pm Contact: Doug Terry, 360-550-7911

Potlucks are a great way to meet other members and learn more about the club. The host provides dessert, and attendees bring an entrée or side dish to share; and BYOB. See calendar for more details.

Recurring Trips (weekly events): See the "Other Outings" section of this newsletter for these trips.

Saturday or Sunday Half-Day Hikes with Isaac 2/3, 2/9, 2/17, 2/24 and 3/3

Pool Play in Gig Harbor 2/4, 2/11, 2/18, 2/25 and 3/4

Isaac Sun, 360-930-5300, isaac@thesuns.net

Alison Reinbold, areinbold@comcast.net

Regular Trips:

Date	Outing / Meeting	Contact
2/2	Spruce Railroad Trail	Doug Savage, 360-981-9333, thehiker@comcast.net
2/7	MAP Meeting	Doug Savage, 360-981-9333, thehiker@comcast.net
2/9	Snowshoe to Mount Rose	Doug Savage, 360-981-9333, thehiker@comcast.net
2/10	Kayak Pool Play Session Bremerton (FREE)	Dan Montgomery, 360-801-5076, djmontg@gmail.com
2/11	PWC General Meeting	Brian Steely, 360-297-3825, brianandcris@centurytel.net
2/16	Winterfest One-Day Extravaganza	Emily Grice, 206-842-7883, emilykgrice@gmail.com
2/17	One-day ski or snowshoe to High Hut or Snow	wbowl Doug Savage, 360-981-9333, thehiker@comcast.net
2/22	Potluck	Doug Terry, 360-550-7911, doug@dougterry.net
2/23-24	Reflection Lakes Ski/Snowshoe overnight	Doug Savage, 360-981-9333, thehiker@comcast.net
2/24	Hike N. Kitsap Heritage Park - Dogs OK	Shelley Fleming, 360-621-6167, richelle.fleming@gmail.com
3/2	Elwha toward Hurricane Hill	Doug Savage, 360-981-9333, thehiker@comcast.net
3/3	Seaglass Beach Hike	Pam Sargent, 360-697-5545, pamsargent@rocketmail.com
3/10-17	Arizona Bicycle Tour	Charlie Michel, 360-830-4984, michel99@btopenworld.com

Notes & Announcements to Members:

 TRIP SPONSORS NEEDED! Please consider sponsoring an outing. It's simple – just let the Calendarmeister (Paul Dutky) know what to include in the trip summary, and we'll get it into the calendar. See "Sponsor an Outing" on page 9 for information on how to get a trip listed. Outings are sponsored by outdoor enthusiasts LIKE YOU!



On the Trail with "Boots" McFarland

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Check out her website at





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.

Pet Policy

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

Carpool and Ride Sharing

We strongly encourage carpooling and ride sharing as a way to reduce impact to trailheads, minimize our environmental footprint, and reduce costs. Please be considerate to your drivers, including situations when you ride with different drivers in each direction. The amount you contribute to your driver(s) should reflect the distance driven, the cost of gas, and tolls/parking fees – short trips might be \$5 per person, long trips could be considerably more.

The WEBSITE: A Source for Outings

Our PWC Website calendar is at:

http://www.pwckitsap.org/content/117-pwc-calendar.html If you don't see something that interests you in this newsletter, check the website for additional trips and last-minute trips and updates. If you are a trip sponsor, have a new trip to list, or need to update an existing trip, please see the end of this newsletter for more information.

Upcoming Trips & Events:

Spruce Railroad Trail

Saturday, Feb 2

Contact: Doug Savage at 360-981-9333, or

email: thehiker@comcast.net

Hike followed by dinner at the Oak Table in Port Angeles. Call Doug for details.

MAP Meeting

Thursday, Feb 7 at 7:00 pm

Contact: Doug Savage at 360-981-9333, or

email: thehiker@comcast.net

All members are encouraged to attend this PWC event-planning meeting ("Membership Activity Planning"). Those

present try to coordinate proposed outings to offer trips on most weekends. Trips that are agreed upon are subsequently published in the Penwicle and listed in the Calendar.

Volunteers offer to host the meeting at their house. Feel free to bring snacks or drinks to the meeting to share. This month's MAP meeting location is at Doug Savage's house:

3661 NE Hyak Way Bremerton, WA 98311

Snowshoe to Mount Rose

Saturday, Feb 9 at 7:30 am

Contact: Doug Savage at 360-981-9333, or

Email: thehiker@comcast.net

Snowshoe and hike to the summit of Mt. Rose. This is a fairly steep trail, and route finding can be challenging at the top. Expect 3,600 feet of elevation gain in about 3 miles. We will car pool from the Kitsap County (Bremerton) airport parking lot. Note: Times are subject to change! Contact Doug for details and to let him know that you are going!

Kayak Pool Play Session Bremerton (FREE)

Sunday, Feb 10 at 8:30 am

Contact: Dan Montgomery at 360-801-5076, or

email: djmontg@gmail.com

Dan is hosting four Bremerton YMCA pool play sessions this winter where folks can work on re-entry skills, the roll, or whatever. We'll offer one session per month. The dates are January 13, February 10, March 10, and April 14.

This particular kayak pool session is free, due to a scheduling snafu with the Y in January. Please contact Paul Dutky (pdutky@gmail.com) to be added to the list. Only 12 boats will be admitted. The rental cost of the pool went up this year, so (for all other sessions) we are asking \$15 for a two-hour session from 8:30 to 10:30 am. If we consistently have more than 8 participants, we'll lower the fee. Leftover funds from last year can cover an occasional shortfall.

Show up a bit early with a clean boat so you can start right at 8:30 am.

PWC General Meeting

Monday, Feb 11 at 7:00 pm

Contact: Brian Steely at 360-297-3825, or email:

brianandcris@centurytel.net

The meeting starts at 7 pm at the Kitsap Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 4418 Perry Ave NE, Bremerton, WA.

Winterfest One-Day Extravaganza

Saturday, Feb 16 at 8:30 am

Contact: Emily Grice at 206-842-7883, or

email: emilykgrice@gmail.com

Meet at Hood Canal Park and Ride at 8:30 am to set up groups and carpools. Doug Savage will lead a ski/snowshoe trip to Hurricane Ridge, Kathy Weigel is leading a Dungeness Spit Walk, and there will likely be groups heading to other locations, such as bicycling the Discovery Trail (if you want to sponsor an outing, please let me know in advance so we can add it to the calendar).

Meet at El Cazador in Sequim after the day's events for "Apres Ski" and dinner at 5 pm.

One-day ski or snowshoe to High Hut or Snowbowl

Sunday, Feb 17

Contact: Doug Savage at 360-981-9333, or

email: thehiker@comcast.net

Call Doug for details.

Potluck

Friday, Feb 22 at 6:30 pm

Contact: Doug Terry at 360-550-7911, or

email: doug@dougterry.net

Visit with fellow PWCers at one of our member's homes. Bring an entrée or side dish to share. The host will provide the dessert. Please bring your own beverage (BYOB).

The host for this month's potluck is Doug Terry: 1675 NW Hidden Pl Silverdale, WA 98383

Reflection Lakes Ski/Snowshoe overnight

Saturday, Feb 23-24

Contact: Doug Savage at 360-981-9333, or

email: thehiker@comcast.net

Snowshoe or ski from Paradise, Mt. Rainier, down to Reflection Lakes (about four miles, 500 feet of elevation gain/drop), and test your winter/snow camping skills. We will practice building igloos and snow walls if there is enough interest. This area is free of avalanche danger. Note: Times are subject to change! Contact Doug for details, and to let him know that you are going! The group size limit is 12.

Hike N. Kitsap Heritage Park - Dogs OK

Sunday, Feb 24

Contact: Shelley Fleming at 360-621-6167, or

email: richelle.fleming@gmail.com

Call Shelley for details.

Elwha toward Hurricane Hill

Saturday, Mar 2

Contact: Doug Savage at 360-981-9333, or

email: thehiker@comcast.net

Doug plans to hike to a beautiful "valley" with some open slopes, stopping short of the arduous ridge line leading to the summit of Hurricane Hill. Call Doug for details.

Seaglass Beach Hike

Sunday, Mar 3 at noon.

Contact: Pam Sargent at 360-697-5545, or

email: pamsargent@rocketmail.com

Meet at the North Beach County Park parking lot for the first Seaglass Beach hike in 2013. Low tide (0.2 ft) is at 2:11 pm so we will leave the parking lot at noon to maximize our time on the beach. Stroll as far as you want - up to 6+ miles round trip. Suggest bringing a bucket or bag to hold your finds.

Arizona Bicycle Tour

Sunday, Mar 10-17

Contact: Charlie Michel at 360-830-4984, or

email: michel99@btopenworld.com

Chris Susi (West Sound Cycle Club) has put together an UNSUPPORTED (i.e., no SAG) Arizona bike tour. Charlie Michel is the PWC sponsor. The ride starts and ends in Tucson, AZ. Distance: 330-350 miles across grassland and high desert. Rolling hills alternate with desert/scrub oak. Days are 40-60 miles in length. The biggest climb is 1600 ft. There is the prospect of headwinds. You'll carry your own gear. This tour is rated as intermediate, definitely not a beginner tour.

See the Old West, including Boot Hill in Tombstone. It is a different world from Kitsap County, especially in March! Cost is approximately \$1400 to travel there by air (with boxed bicycles), including hotels and food. There isn't a cost saving to go by car over two full days, or by train (unless you want to sit upright for 47 hours and bring your own food).

See complete details and a link for more information on the PWC Website calendar entry, or send questions to Chris Susi, email cvsusi2@cox.net, phone 480-951-3518. The initial deadline for commitments was Jan 16th. Call Chris or Charlie anytime to learn the status of the trip and availability.

Other Outings (General information describing trips and events that recur over multiple weeks)

Half-day hikes with Isaac

Saturday or Sunday: 2/3, 2/9, 2/17, 2/24 and 3/3 at 9 am

Contact: Isaac Sun at 360-930-5300, or

email: isaac@thesuns.net

Outings

Isaac wants to invite potential PWC members, newcomers, and everyone else to these relatively easy half-day hikes. They will occur either Saturday or Sunday depending on his schedule. Check the PWC Website calendar for specifics, as Isaac will update the event entry (day, location, or cancellation) by the Friday before the weekend. If you can't reach him at home, try his cell: 808-391-5431.

These hikes will be 4-12 miles long, up to 1500 feet elevation gain, and about five hours in duration. The destination may be changed by consensus. Meet at the Silverdale Skateboard/Dog Park at 9 am to carpool.

Possible hikes include:

- 1. Ilahee Forest Reserve & State Park 4 mi.
- 2. Clear Creek Trail, Silverdale 2-4 mi.
- 3. Green Mountain, various trails up to 8 mi.
- 4. Euland Tree Farm near Kitsap Lake 4-8 mi.
- 5. Newberry Hill Heritage Park 4-8 mi.
- 6. North Kitsap Heritage Park, Indianola 4-8 mi.

Pool Play in Gig Harbor

Mondays: 2/4, 2/11, 2/18, 2/25 and 3/4 at 6:30 pm

Contact: Alison Reinbold at email: areinbold@comcast.net

Kayak Pool Play hosted by the Tacoma Mountaineers - everyone welcome. Monday nights January 7 - March 25, 2013, from 6:30 until 8:30 pm at:

Peninsula High School Pool 14105 Purdy Drive NW Gig Harbor, WA 98332

\$10 per boat (please pay by check). Pay at the door when you sign the attendance form. No registration required, just bring your clean boat. We offer discounted Pool Session coupons (five coupons for \$40) -- one coupon is good for one Pool Session. If you are interested, contact Alison.

Into the Future (*Trips that require group planning or reservations by each attendee*)

2013 Sunshine Trips

Tony Abruzzo, Bob Brown and Rob Waldorf are leading trips to different destinations this year, collectively termed "Sunshine Trips" because these areas typically have nice weather. Some trips require permits and advance planning, so please read below, and consult the PWC Website calendar for more details.

1) CANYONLANDS NATIONAL PARK (SQUAW FLATS GROUP CAMPGROUND)

DATE: APRIL 22 - 28

LEADER: TONY ABRUZZO 360-871-5754

Abruzzo1945@gmail.com

We are lucky enough again this year to have the Squaw Flats Group Site for this trip. The group site offers 10×10

tent sites with tables and fire rings. Folding chairs should be considered! There is running water at the site, and hiking trails are a short walk away (more than 40 miles of hiking trails are within walking distance of our campground). The park's paved roads offer great bike riding, and many 4 x 4 roads are good mountain bike rides.

The weather should be sunny and warm, but remember, it could get into the mid 80s during the day or below freezing at night, and heavy rain is always a possibility.

Details on times, locations and logistics are important, so there will be one more trip planning meeting at Tony Abruzzo's home in Port Orchard on April 7th, starting at 2 pm. Call Tony for directions.

2) PACIFIC BEACH, WA

DATE: MAY (DATES TBD)

LEADER: MIKE DUNN 360-876-5253

skiKodiak@yahoo.com

3) LAVA BEDS NATIONAL MONUMENT, CA

DATE: JUNE (DATES TBD)

LEADER: BOB WALDORF 360-792-1017

Robwaldorf@comcast.net

4) COEUR D'ALENE, ID

DATE: JULY 21 - 27

LEADER: DAWN VOKALI 360-871-5754

Violetsmama8902@gmail.com

5) BEND, OR

DATE: AUGUST 5 - AUGUST 15 LEADER: BOB BROWN 360-569-2878

Skipatrol10@hotmail.com

6) BLACK HILLS, HILL CITY, SD

DATES: SEPTEMBER 16 - 20

Will be renting a house on the Mickelson bicycle trail

LEADER: BOB BROWN 360-569-2878

Skipatrol10@hotmail.com

Extreme Day Hike

June 28 - 29 (Tentative Dates)

Contact: David Boyde at 360-692-9325, or email:

theboyde@aol.com

David will once again be doing the 45-mile hike from North Fork Quinault to Lake Mills via Low Divide as an extreme day hike. The date of this 45-mile day hike will be dependent upon the snowpack and trail conditions. We will start late on a Friday night and hike all night and through the day Saturday until we reach the other end.

This trip requires long term planning because if you want to go, you might need time to get in shape! Contact David if you are interested or want more information.

Outings

Grand Canyon Backpack Trip

Sept. 1 - 6 (Tentative Dates)

Contact: David Boyde at 360-692-9325, or

email: theboyde@aol.com

The hike will be a 6-day, 5-night backpack in the Grand Canyon with several routes under consideration (3 North Rim, 4 South Rim). David will try for a larger group permit (up to 11 people). There are currently 10 people interested. Contact David for more information.

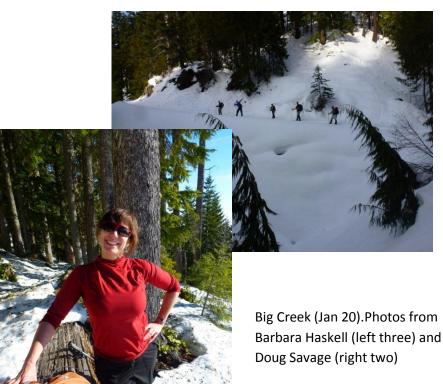
More details on the above trip(s) are available on the PWC Website calendar.

Trip Reports and Photos



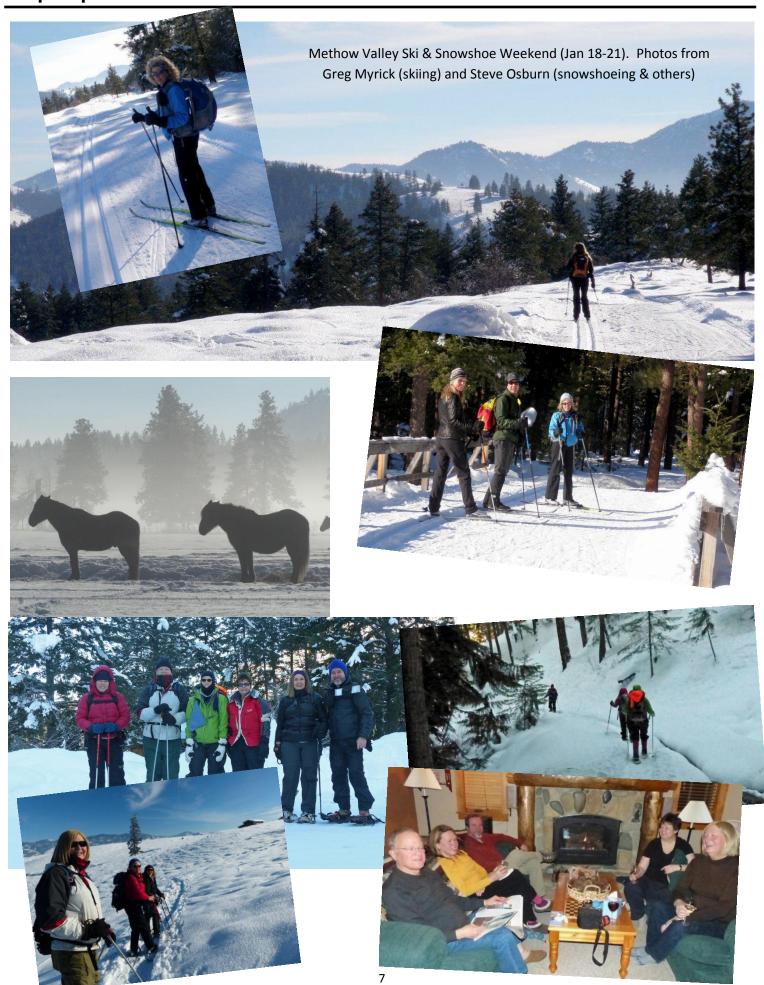


High Hut (Jan 5). Photos from Barbara Haskell



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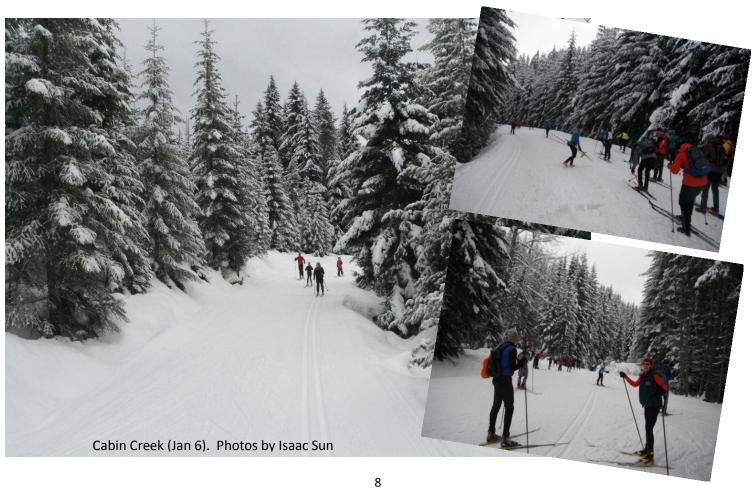
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Fort Warden New Year's Day Hike (Jan 1). Photos by Steve Osburn



Club Business

PWC Host

Are you a new member or guest? Look for the person wearing a "PWC Host" name tag, 15 minutes before the General Meeting and during the break. The host can answer questions and point out members that share your interests. Joe & Kathy Weigel will be the February meeting hosts.

PWC Online... http://www.pwckitsap.org/

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

January Meeting Notes:

Joan Edwards won a "Z" Seat, and Teresa Downey won a "Day Hikes in the Olympic Peninsula" book as door prizes at the meeting.

Meeting Refreshments

Thanks to all who have brought snacks to meetings! Contact Doug Savage at 360-981-9333 or thehiker@comcast.net if you would like to help bring snacks to the next meeting.

Sponsor an Outing!

If you are a club member and interested in leading an outing, let us know about it so we can post it! Even if you list your trip in other forums, including it as a PWC event helps connect people and groups, and helps the club stay active. To sponsor an outing, come to a MAP meeting to discuss your trip! You can also fill out the form on our website, email or call the info directly to the Webmaster, Jay Thompson, at pwcadmin@pwckitsap.org or 360-307-0037; or you can email or call our Calendarmeister, Paul Dutky, at pdutky@gmail.com or 360-479-2683. Any of these options will get your outing listed on the PWC Calendar online.

We Need Your House!

Each month the club's MAP meeting and potluck dinner need volunteer hosts willing to share their home for an evening. If you can handle a small home invasion, please contact the club secretary, Megan Thompson, at 360-871-6014.

Your Trip Photos Wanted!

Do you have some great PWC trip pictures? Each month we need your trip photos to share during the club meeting slide show and in the Penwicle. Please contact Paul Dutky (pdutky@gmail.com), the PWC Dropbox manager, to find out how to send us your pictures – it's easy, and helps us a lot!

Scrapbook Photos Wanted

Sue DeArman is also looking for photos of PWC activities. Please send photos. Include your name and details of the trip (people and places) to Sue at 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.

Joining/Renewing your Membership

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 the back of this newsletter. Receive a discount on select merchandise or services at the following businesses with your PWC membership (check with vendor for details):

- Olympic Outdoor Center, Port Gamble, http://www.olympicoutdoorcenter.com/
- Silverdale Cyclery, Silverdale, http://www.silverdalecyclery.com/
- Commander's Beach House Bed and Breakfast, Port Townsend, http://www.commandersbeachhouse.com/
- Ajax Café, Port Hadlock, http://www.ajaxcafe.com/
- Kitsap Sports, Silverdale, http://www.kitsapsports.com/
- · Wildernest, Bainbridge Is., http://wildernestoutdoorstore.com/
- Poulsbo Running, Poulsbo, http://www.poulsborunning.com/
- Back of Beyond, Bainbridge Is., http://www.tothebackofbeyond.com/

New members will receive a membership card with their New Membership packet. All members can pick up a card at the monthly meeting.

Member Address & Phone List Changes

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.

PENWICLE Submissions

Submissions to the PENWICLE must be received by the Wednesday after the General Meeting to ensure a place in the next issue. Please contact Steve Osburn at penwicle@hotmail.com if you have a submission.

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Join or Renew Membership

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The Peninsula Wilderness Club is an informal organization for people interested in active outdoor pursuits. Main activities include hiking, backpacking, mountain climbing, rock climbing, skiing, kayaking, and bicycle riding. All outings, from casual hikes to technical mountain sports, are initiated by individual members who volunteer to make minimal arrangements so an outing can take place. They do not accept responsibility for the safety, training or care of any participant, 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 Peninsula Wilderness Club P.O. Box 323 Bremerton, WA 98337-0070	d a check or money order to:	
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