

NEWSLETTER

THE MOUNTAINEERS
EVERETT BRANCH

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NEXT MEETING IN JANUARY

There will be no Everett Branch business meeting in December. And it won't meet on the first Wednesday in January, either. Mark your calendar for January 8th, 7:30 p.m. sharp, at First Congregational Church, 2624 Rockefeller, Everett.

We usually have a nice, bright, large room for our meetings, with plenty of room to move around and visit. Meetings begin with a flag salute led by one of the members. The minutes of the previous meeting are read. Then we have committee reports so everyone is brought up-to-date on the activities and concerns of the branch.

Usually the committee reports lead to some questions and discussions and sometimes a motion is presented for vote. The branch business is mostly conducted right there at the business meetings, by the members.

It is quite different from the procedure in Seattle, which is so large that only a tiny percentage of the club's membership is involved in ANY decision-making group. The Everett branch is run by really participatory membership, and has a true clubby atmosphere.

The meetings conclude with the introduction of any new business. Then individual members are invited to make announcements of interest. There is a break for refreshments and milling around, then the speaker or program presenter for the evening is introduced. We seldom know in advance what the program is to be, so it is always a surprise, and frequently QUITE interesting (in a Mountaineer way).

Afterwards everyone pitches in to put away the furniture we've used and we all are on the way home by 9:30 or 10.

SERVICE AWARD

The special award for service to the Everett Mountaineers was presented to Mrs. Dorothy Phillip for her 25 years of both leadership and behind-the-scenes work. For all those years there's been hardly one big event of the Everett Mountaineers that hasn't had Dorothy's competent administration.

Speaking of Dorothy always reminds one of Steve, the other half of the team, and right now Steve is recovering from surgery. Dorothy has been staying close to him to help, and we have missed them both from our regular meetings.

BANQUET PROGRAM

The program at the banquet of Greg Child's slides of his rock climbing in the Himalayas was breathtaking — for their beauty, and for the cliff-hanging chances he took.

— Marjorie Schaller

LONG-TIME MEMBERS HONORED

A fitting close to the awards in our 75th year was the honoring of all those who have been members of the Everett Mountaineers continuously for 35 years or more. Those receiving red roses at the banquet were:

Helen Felder - 57 years
Gordon Uran - 54 years
Johanna Uran - 49 years
Harold Sievers - 45 years
Noelle Corbin - 41 years
Lee Hirman - 40 years
Loleta Jones - 39 years

Not able to attend but still remembered were:

Adelsa Doph - 40 years
Dorothy McKenzie - 37 years
William McKenzie - 37 years

There was lots of reminiscing, of course, and the "old-timers" enjoyed looking at an old picture book which started with the 1946 Everett Mountaineer banquet. The 1946 climbing class was taught by Loleta Jones who was taking the Seattle climbing class at the same time. She would take the lesson with the Seattle group and then come up and teach it to the Everett group.

HIKING/BACKPACKING PATCH

The Backpacking and Hiking Committees submitted at the November business meeting, and it was passed, that a mileage award in the form of a patch be prepared. The embroidered patch would be presented for 100, 200, 400, 600, and 800 miles. For 1000 miles both a patch and a pin would be awarded. The presentations will take place at the Everett annual banquet.

Qualifications and mileage logs for the award will be available at business meetings beginning in January. Requests may be made by mail, anytime; send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to L. Moore, 11221 Ninth Place W., No. 4, Everett WA 98204.

TRUSTEES REPORT

The operation of the restaurant in the Seattle clubhouse has been taken over by The Mountaineers itself. I hope all of you will check it out and help it be successful. It's good food and a very nice view.

The phone wire to the Meany hut will be completed by the time you read this. The phone company has not charged us for any of the work that they have done. The

Board of Trustees plans on doing something special for the phone people in return.

All of the Lodges have completed their work parties for the winter and are open every weekend through the winter.

Membership in The Mountaineers as a whole has grown by 1/2 of 1% per year over the past 4 or 5 years.

New Trustees take office this month. The proposals in the general election passed: an increase in dues and a new method of allocating branch money.

The Forest Service has informally asked the club as a whole to look into some way to coordinate all of our club climbs. There are some areas that are getting overrun with climbers all planning to climb on the same day on the same route. We've been asked to control this or at least slow it down some.

I need some input on this. I am on a committee looking into possible ways to do this. Please feel free to call me at 788-4125 or write me at PO Box 306, Duvall, WA 98019. I need your ideas or comments.

— Mike Pinneo

SKI THE ITALIAN ALPS

A special opportunity for Mountaineers to spend February 22nd to March 2nd skiing at Bormio, Italy, is being arranged by Janet Jones. The trip includes 7 nights and 8 days, breakfast, dinner, hotel, lifts, and air fare. Cost is \$899 round trip. (Yes, \$899) Deposit of \$50 will reserve a place, \$25 is refundable in case of cancellation. Cutoff date is January 15th. Contact Janet Jones, 355-8643, Everett.

Bormio is an ancient and quaint little town in the Italian Alps, 4019 ft. elevation. In addition to the usual and expected attractions, there are hot springs, too. The ski station is 9843 feet high — and there are 2 cable cars, 6 ski lifts, and 16 service lifts.

(Janet would appreciate the participation of someone who is an experienced trip and tour leader.)

MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

Marjorie Schaller has free copies of the Mountaineer membership roster available at meetings. Ask for one. No Mountaineer should be without it.

EXPLORER POST

Thanks are in order for Kandy Brown and Maryushman for volunteering to help with the Explorer Post.

We currently are working with nine boys and one girl and will be participating in orienteering competition with the Cascade Orienteering club on the 23rd of November and the 14th of December.

Roger Hill is looking into a MOFA course which we hope we can complete before February.

— Tom Hutchinson

ALPINE SCRAMBLE COMMITTEE

A chairman has been found: Bob Laird. He will be helped by Neil Johnson, Mike Beeman and anyone else who would like to. Just let Bob know, 252-9400.

ANNUAL ACCOUNTING REPORT

Excerpts from the annual accounting report of the Everett Branch, fiscal year Oct. 1, 1984 to Sept. 30, 1985:

Cash in club general checking account — \$1923.72

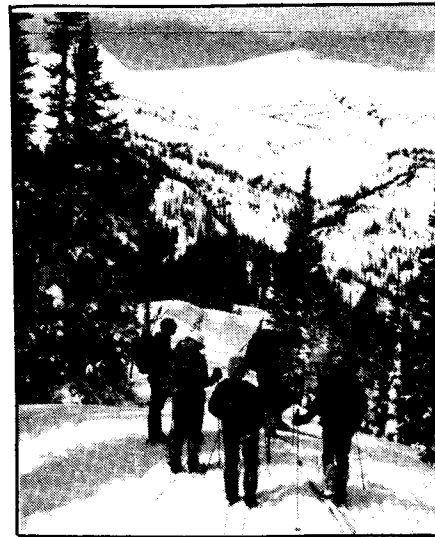
Cash in club market interest rate savings — \$8283.21.

Certificate of deposit — \$8180.90

Dues allocations from Seattle main office over the fiscal year — \$2906.95.

Everett Climbing Committee maintains its own account separate from general club funds; their account balance is \$1547.30.

Three other branch committees which formerly had separate accounts have closed them, and now pool their funds with the branch. A separate ledger is kept for each account.



Sorry about the smudges on this page — cat walked across it.

Ann Marshall

Looking into Scottish Lakes basin from near Mc Cue Ridge.

OFFICERS AND CHAIRPERSONS

Chairman: Jim Eychaner, 2912 23rd Ave.S., Seattle 98144
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337-7712

Secretary: Dianne Duffy, 4000 105th Place SE., Everett 98204
337-3868

Treasurer: Brian Dale, 3419 Bell Ave., Everett 98201
258-2268

Trustee: Mike Pinneo, PO Box 306, Duvall 98019
788-4125

Membership: Marjorie Schaller, 9818 160th SE., Snohomish 98290
668-3217

Social: Donna Wirt, 4712 S. Third Ave., Everett 98203
252-6925

Publicity: Heidi Ondrasik, 7106 240th SE., Woodinville 98072
483-6715

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743-4274

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353-2085

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252-9400

Climbing: Dan Morse, 11403 West Ibberson Dr., Everett 98204
338-0205

Nordic Skiing: Jerry Crofoot, 12229 Alexander Rd., Everett 98204
347-4216

Explorer Post: Tom Hutchinson, 922 51st St. SW., Everett 98203
252-0890

Everett board OKs request to build climber-training rock

EVERETT — If local climbers can't go to the mountain, maybe the mountain can come to them.

The city's park board Tuesday approved a request that it find a place in Forest Park where a climbing rock can be built for mountain climbing and rescue training. The request was submitted by the Everett branch of the Mountaineers organization. The group offered to build the rock and conduct the classes.

The board instructed the park staff to make arrangements with the mountaineers and find a suitable location, then report back to the board for final action.

Assistant park director Jim Shields said a climbing rock was part of the park department's master plan published in 1970, but was never developed. He said the staff welcomed the new proposal by the Mountaineers and added that the organization had agreed to requirements suggested by the staff. Among them, Shields said, was that the rock would be designed so the bottom 10 feet are sheer, "so a novice can't use it without supervision."

Shields said the city would supply the ground and prepare the site. He estimated the cost to the city would be less than \$500. Labor and materials would be supplied by the Mountaineers.

Shields said the Everett branch of the Mountaineers has about 450 members and is known among the other 10,500 members of the organization as the "climbing branch" because so many of its members are talented climbers. Other branches are located in Seattle, Tacoma, Olympia and Bellingham. There are practice climbing rocks in Seattle and Tacoma Parks and at the University of Washington.

The climbing rock in Everett would be built of rock and concrete and would simulate an outline of the Early Winters Spires-Liberty Bell massif in the North Cascades Mountains.

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CLASSIC EIGHT

Here is the full list: Bonanza, Eldorado, Forbidden, Dome, Challenger, Redoubt, and Goode.

To receive the Classic Eight plaque, the recipient must be present at the Everett Annual Awards banquet. Of course, he or she must also have already climbed the Classic Eight.

EVERETT ELECTION RESULTS

Chairman - Jim Eychaner
Vice-chair - Sam McClary
Treasurer - Brian Dale
Secretary - Diane Duffy

SNOWFLAKES

Don't be a turkey. Let your friends know that the Everett Mountaineers will again be offering the Basic Nordic Ski Course this January.

The course dates are January 9 and 16 for lectures, and January 18 and February 1 for field trips. The lectures will be held at the Swallow's Nest in Everett, beginning at 7 p.m.

News Flash! We understand that there are reports of snowbirds gobbling up the slopes. Let us know if you see any!

— The Snowman

THE EVERGREEN COALITION

The Snohomish County Evergreen Coalition is a newsletter. It's for citizens and policy-makers involved in preventing pollution; preserving neighborhoods, wetlands, farmlands, old growth, wilderness, urban open space, and threatened species; encouraging responsible development; and enforcing existing environmental laws.

An Issues Meeting is held each month, third Monday, 7 pm, at Snohomish County PUD Building, 2320 California Avenue, Everett.

To subscribe (and find out what's going on in Snohomish County that the Seattle Times/P.I. doesn't tell you), send \$10 to Treasurer, S.C.E.C., 7207 Lakewood Road, Stanwood WA 98292.

WILDLIFE INITIATIVE

Besides general benefits to wildlife, Initiative 90 calls for "programs and projects related to fish and wildlife conservation and recreation." Since many Mountaineers count observing wildlife as one of the pleasures of the outdoors, Initiative 90 looks like it could be of value to us. Copies of the Initiative petition were available at the November meeting.

If you haven't signed a petition yet, seek one out. Or contact Citizens for Wildlife to get a blank petition and get your friends and neighbors to sign it, too. Citizens for Wildlife, PO Box 1731, Seattle WA 98111 (206/545-8468).

SNOHOMISH RIVER WETLANDS

Since 1884 the Snohomish River Estuary wetlands have been reduced by 90% — from the original 11,000 acres to about 2,000 acres remaining today.

Confined by the cities of Marysville and Everett to the north and south and the Tulalip reservation to the west, the secretive sloughs and placid back waters of the estuarine wetlands provide the privileged visitor with a unique urban wilderness experience.

Aside from offering chances for recreation, wetlands have many other vital functions. Hundreds of species of wildlife live and reproduce in the protected marshes and swamps of the estuary. Commercially important salmon spend parts of their life cycle in the shallow nearshore waters. Bald eagles, a federally endangered species, nest and raise their young in the secluded wetlands. Water quality maintenance and flood control are also functions of reproductive wetlands.

Since 1974, the date of the Snohomish Mediated Agreement, the natural importance of the wetlands system has been widely recognized. Federal, state, and local agencies have agreed that the wetlands *should* be preserved.

However, no single agency has taken the lead. No funding source for protection and acquisition has been secured. Meanwhile, plans for industrial and commercial expansion in the wetlands proliferate.

Early in 1985 Snohomish County made a bold move: with the help of a grant from the Washington Department of Ecology, the county commissioned Shapiro and Associates to prepare a report on feasible methods for preserving the

wetlands. Completed in the fall of 1985, the report makes the following recommendations:

(1) Snohomish County should assume the role of coordinator for an acquisition program that involves local, state, federal and tribal governments.

(2) Preservation should be accomplished through purchase, easement, or donation of 1,965 acres identified in 9 wetland units.

(3) Citizen participation would be necessary to successfully carry out a wetlands preservation campaign.

(4) Snohomish County should immediately hire a wetlands project coordinator to implement the recommendations in the Plan and identify and obtain funding for purchase of key parcels.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Write, telephone or visit your Councilperson and County Executive Willis Tucker; let them know you care about wetlands protection. Express your support for the recommendations outlined above.

Address: County Administration Bldg., Everett, WA 98201. Telephone: 259-9494.

County Council: District 1, Shirley Bartholomew; Distr. 2, John Martinis; Distr. 3, Bruce Agnew; Distr. 4, Brian Corcoran; Distr. 5, Don Britton.

LETTERS

Dear Everett Mountaineers:

Just a note to tell you how much I appreciate receiving the newsletter and what a great job you are doing.

Nice layout, attractive, informative, and very readable. Keep up the good work, and keep me on the mailing list!

— Don Pendleton, Seattle

To the Editor:

I commend you on the newsletter style and content and request that a copy of it be sent to us regularly.

We were involved actively in the Everett branch for several years. We continue to teach and take classes as well as trips with all our friends in your branch. We have since become involved in the Bellingham branch but wish to remain in contact with the Everett branch.

Please begin sending us your newsletter and bill us.

— Karen Neubauerl & Bob Kandiko, Bellingham

FROM THE EDITOR

There was a comment about the amount of space in the last issue devoted to the Climbing Course requirements. I'll tell you how it happened.

Since there was not much material for the October issue, I decided to set it in smaller than usual type, and make it take up only 2 pages. That way we would save on the cost of printing, some.

The pages were all pasted up and ready to go to the printer when I discovered that the Climbing Course material had been hand-delivered, but had not been put on my desk — I didn't know it was here.

Here is one of the dilemmas I need a couple or three committee members to help me resolve. I resolved this one myself: I cut up the hand-delivered copy and pasted it on new pages 2 and 3. Now I was back to a 4-page issue, but I wouldn't have to take the time to typeset all the new information. In half an hour I dashed out to the printer.

A newsletter committee could make it easier to reach decisions on what goes in and what gets left out — I don't want to have to make those decisions all by myself.

We are applying for a second-class mailing permit — to save on postage costs. It will add some to the time it takes for the newsletter to reach you. I expect it will take a couple of months at least to get this processed.

About 500 copies of each Everett Mountaineer Newsletter are sent out. A few names from the Seattle roster have been added to the computer list to make this number. It is hoped that as Seattle members who live near Everett discover what a live-wire group the Everett Branch is, they may want to join in on some of our fun, which is so near their own homes.

If you'd like to help on the Newsletter Committee, please contact the editor, Louise Marshall. I need help deciding policy for the newsletter, applying address labels and bundling for mailing, and telephoning people to get input. Looking to the future, we will need people who have learned newsletter procedures such as writing and layout to pinchhit for the editor on occasion.

Previously we reported that the cost of the newsletter exceeded the Branch's monthly income. Brian Dale, our treasurer, advises that that statement was not correct.

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