

**THE MOUNTAINEERS  
EVERETT BRANCH**



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**NEXT MEETING JANUARY 8, 1986**

See you Wednesday, January 8th, 7:30 pm, at First Congregational Church, 2624 Rockefeller, Everett. Start the new year right! Attend the Everett Mountaineer meeting!

**PROGRAM TOPIC: MT. ST. HELENS**

The program at our January meeting will feature the Mt.St.Helens Impact Area. A slide show and narration will be presented by Scott Shane, our very own Everett Mountaineer member.

Scott was a ranger and naturalist guide to the area for 2½ years, and is the author of "*Discovering Mount Saint Helens: A Guide to the National Volcanic Monument.*"

This will be a special opportunity to learn more about Our Volcano.

**SNOWFLAKES**

It is only a few days until Christmas, and you have not completed your Christmas shopping. Why not give that special person in your life the Everett Mountaineers' Basic Nordic Ski class. The unique opportunity for this holiday season. You still have time. See the October Mountaineer Bulletin for details.

News Flash!! A group of red-nosed Everett Mountaineers were last seen Telemarking at Snoqualmie Pass. Could they be in this year's Telemark class, or are they really Santa's Elves?

— Rudolf the Red

**SNOWSHOE HIKE**

Gordon Rogers is leading a snowshoe hike in the Stevens Pass or Foss River area on December 28th. It'll be an easy walk, beginners welcome. Cross-country skiers can come along, too. Meet at the PUD in Everett, ready to leave there at 8 am. Gordon's number: 353-2085.

**SNOWSHOE RENTAL**

Snowshoes can be rented at three sources in Everett: Denali Sports at 2911 Hewitt; Swallow's Nest at 2011 Hewitt; and Everett Community College Student Activities Department. That last one is open to the public.

**EVERETT MALL EVENT JANUARY 18**

The Everett Mountaineers will take over the central part of the Everett Mall from noon to 4 pm on January 18. We're putting on slide shows and films showing our different activities and conveying an idea of why we like the mountains and Washington's great outdoors. There'll be a table, too for membership information — we hope our presentation will encourage several people to join the club.

Janet Jones, a new member, is coordinating this event. She'd like a few people to help. Call her at 355-8643.

**INTERMEDIATE CLIMBING COURSE**

To apply for acceptance to the course, please provide the following information: (1) Full name; (2) Address; (3) Statement of health; (4) Year of graduation and from which Basic Mountaineering course; (5) Home and business telephone numbers; (6) A chronological list of all club or non-club climbs on which you have participated, including dates and type of climb.

Requests should be typed or printed and should be accompanied by a check or money order in the course fee of \$50, payable to the "Everett Mountaineers Climbing Committee". Requests must be received by January 4, and all applicants will be notified by January 10 as to their status. The course fee will be returned to those applicants not accepted into the course.

Please send applications to the chairman: Jack E. Bennett, Jr., 4515 Grand Avenue, Everett WA 98203. His phone number is 252-8085.

**LECTURE AND FIELD TRIPS**

Intermediate Climbing Course lecture on January 14 will be held at Swallows Nest, 7 pm, for orientation and preparation for the following month's Winter Bivouac.

**christmas greetings**



## NATURALIST/PHOTOGRAPHY TRIP

Beginning this month, the Hiking Committee has added a monthly naturalist/photography trip to its activities. The trips will provide opportunities to observe and study nature and to pursue photography. Emphasis will vary — flowers, birds, mammals, geology, etc. All are welcome, beginners to experts. Leaders may be experts or they may rely on the group to pool knowledge. Most trips will be easy to moderate and generally slow to medium-paced.

The first such trip was on December 14 to Foulweather Bluff on northern Kitsap Peninsula. Five distinct habitats exist there in the Nature Conservancy's preserve — from woodland to marsh to beach. This habitat hosts over 80 species of birds, among them great blue heron, bald eagle, loon, osprey, waterfowl — and many mammals: otter, mink, deer, and others. A return trip is expected to be offered in the spring.

On January 25th a trip is planned to the Skagit River eagle preserve near Rockport. The Winter Steward along with a Whidbey Island Audubon group will meet us there. Optional afternoon activities for the Mountaineer group include snowshoeing or cross-country skiing at higher elevations in the area. The preserve is one of the five most important bald eagle wintering areas in the contiguous states.

On February 1 bird and photography enthusiasts are encouraged to visit Skagit Flats near Stanwood to enjoy the wintering waterfowl and scenery.

Linda Moore will lead the January 25th trip and the February 1st trip. Details will appear in the Seattle January Bulletin. Call Linda for information and signup at 259-0922 (work) or 347-7650 (home). Anyone interested in leading or who has suggestions for future trips is invited to contact Linda.

Note: The November issue of Sunset Magazine has information on both Foulweather Bluff and Skagit Eagle Preserve. Information on these and other Washington preserves can be obtained by calling The Nature Conservancy in Seattle, 624-9623.

## NEW MEMBERS

A hearty welcome to the following new members of Everett Mountaineers:

We should mention that Sarah Rogers is the wife of Mark Rogers, a Seattle member.

## TRUSTEE'S REPORT

One reason this newsletter is a little later than usual is to allow time for Mike Pinneo to tell us what went on at the December Trustees' meeting in Seattle. We haven't heard from Mike, and haven't been able to connect with him by phone. So — a blank. Sorry about that.

## FROM THE EDITOR

I've been asked what sort of items are needed for this newsletter. I think anything that the officers or members think might be of interest to other club members — the sort of thing you might share at a club meeting, if you were there and if there was time.

Of course, it's most helpful if we can have these items in writing (or perhaps I should say, in typing), for then it's only necessary to make a few pencil marks and the piece is ready to be typeset.

But we know that some people don't like to write, so we want you to know that after hours our office answering machine is on and it will take an unlimited message. Call at midnight if you like and chat away to our faithful little helper. Call 743-3947. Speak clearly, please, so that our office assistant can copy your dictation easily. We were mystified once by someone's report on American Ridge in the Olympics, which came in on the tape.