

**THE MOUNTAINEERS
EVERETT BRANCH**

NUMBER 7 JANUARY 1986



PRESIDENT DEL FADDEN VISITS

We were honored by the presence of Mountaineer President Del Fadden at our January 8 meeting. He reviewed for us some of the concerns of the club leadership. Operation of the club's Seattle building is gradually being brought under control, with some pluses and some minuses. Most recent move is putting the restaurant, "Covey's", under direct Mountaineer operation. After a few startup hitches, the restaurant now looks as if it will be successful.

The Forest Service request for better coordination of Mountaineer trips is being given serious consideration. Mr. Fadden said he views the request as symptomatic of a larger issue: how do we as a club manage our use of wilderness? He sees some sort of management needed in the next 10 years. The Board is including this matter as they set up long range plans and goals.

In answer to a question, Del Fadden said that the Kitsap property was being transferred to the Foundation, but that it was a terribly slow process, through 3 offices in Olympia. Meanwhile, the club is operating as if Kitsap was already in the Foundation's hands.

BUSINESS MEETING

Some of the business discussed at the January 8 meeting: Donna Wirt needs a volunteer to take over for her as Social Chairman when she leaves. Brian Dale reported that the branch has \$21,400 on hand. Gordon Rogers has a manual for hike leaders available; attendance for recent hikes was fewer than 8 each trip; the Annual Steak Walk is scheduled for May 4 and a 'fire builder' is needed.

A brochure for the Climbing Course is ready; 55 is the class limit; a Leader Seminar is planned later in the year. Explorer Post participated in an orienteering exercise in December and will have a snow outing at Mount Rainier in February.

Skiing classes are both full. Conservation Committee is preparing a display for January 18th at Everett Mall.

Apparently a question about the mileage awards that caused some problem was: if awards are only for hiking and backpacking will this create a division in the club? A special meeting decided to make awards open to all, not just hikers and backpackers. Instructions sheets for the Mileage Award were handed out.

The Annual banquet required a subsidy of \$945, which was underwritten by the branch.

The Climbing Rock has been approved by the Parks Board, but the site is yet to be determined. It is to be designed by John Jones, a Mountaineer member. Help of all kinds is solicited, contact Jim Eychaner. The City of Everett will own the structure, Everett Mountaineers will build and maintain it.

FEBRUARY MEETING

The next regular monthly meeting of the Everett Branch will be on Wednesday, February 5th, at 7:30 pm sharp at the First Congregational Church on the northwest corner of Everett and Rockefeller Avenues.

After refreshments (and visiting) the program will feature a slide presentation by Mr. Fayette Krause, Land Steward from the Washington Field Office of The Nature Conservancy.

TNC identifies, acquires and protects many ecologically significant lands in Washington and throughout the United States. One of the local preserves is the Skagit River Bald Eagle area, near Rockport.

NEW DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER

The Wednesday after the branch business meeting will be cut off day for any input into the Everett Branch Newsletter. It will go to press the same day, and be in the mail the following day. The new deadline should give ample time for everyone to send or phone any news or whatever that they want to share with other members.

Current editor is Louise Marshall, 16812 36th Ave. W., Lynnwood WA 98037. Phone is 743-3947 and after 5 pm our faithful answering machine will take an unlimited message. Dictated stories are best given to the machine, it is much more patient than Louise, who is running a busy office.

OFFICERS AND CHAIRPERSONS

Chairman: Jim Eychaner, 2912 23rd Ave.S., Seattle 98144
723-0237
Vice Chair: Sam McClary, 10132 40th Ave. SE, Everett 98204
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
Conservation: Henry Kral, 13621 Cascadian Way, Everett 98204
743-4274
Hiking: Gordon Rogers, 1228 Kossuth Ave., Everett 98203
353-2085
Alpine Travel: Bob Laird, 3419 Hoyt Ave., Everett 98201 | 98033
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

TO GET ON OUR MAILING LIST

A few extra copies of the Everett Newsletter are left over after each mailing. We have been sharing these with some Seattle members who seem to live close enough to Everett to be possible Everett members.

If you know someone who is not a member of The Mountaineers, or who is a Mountaineer but belongs to another branch, we will add their names to our mailing list if you will send us name, street address, city and zip.

EXPLORER POST

The Post is planning on participating in the Everett Mall display and information session on the 18th of January. This is also the weekend for our MOFA field training session at Fire Mountain Scout Camp to be directed by Roger Hill.

We participated in an orienteering meet in Woodland Park in Seattle on the 14th of December. The "line" course we selected was pretty tricky.

— Tom Hutchinson

CONSERVATION DIVISION

The Conservation Division asked for approval for a budget of \$535. This included about \$300 (editor didn't note exact figure) for grants to worthy causes. As an example, in 1984 the Conservation Division gave \$50 to the Friends of Glacier Peak & \$150 to the Sierra Club; in 1985 they gave \$500 to the Wildlife Care Center for cleaning waterfowl caught in oil spills. In order to avoid having to come to the club each time, Conservation was asking for some ability to make quick decisions when necessary.

After considerable discussion, including such questions as "Where is all that money going? We will lose control of it." a motion was made, seconded, and passed granting the budget.

SNOWFLAKES

Skiing monties have made their impression on the slopes of Mount Baker for 1986! Our intrepid trail markers have become known far and wide as The Crater-Makers. The celebrated snow skippers even preserved their accomplishments on celluloid for posterity (or maybe their prosperity). Beware of these turning fools in the Cascades this ski season. Warning: be sure to avoid the Telemark sign.

News Flash — Basic Nordic class was the Numer One Christmas gift for the Mountaineer solstice in 1985. Our numbers have reached two score and four. We expect the course to be a real crowd-pleaser.

Look forward to ski tours at all levels of foolishness in the coming Mountaineer Bulletin. You, too, can join in the crater-making.

The Snow Hoar

1986 BASIC CLIMBING CLASS

The 1986 Climbing Committee is pleased to offer a Basic Climbing Course. Areas to be covered will be alpine orientation, rock and snow climbing, and glacier travel. An orientation and registration meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 11, at 7pm at Legion Park Hall.

Course content will be covered, including lectures, field trips, course fees, graduation requirements and schedules. A mountaineering first aid (MOFA) class is required and will be offered before the Basic Climbing Class which begins on March 11, 1986. The MOFA class will be held on March 4 and cost \$20. Field trips are scheduled for March 15 and 16. Cost of the climbing course is \$45 for Mountaineer members and \$70 for non-members. Mountaineer members will be required to show proof of membership. Registration for both classes will be on February 11 only.

INTERMEDIATE CLIMBING COURSE

January 25th — Fundamental Review field trip; 9 am at Spire Rock.

February 11th — Expedition Lecture and Group Dynamics; 7 pm at Swallows' Nest

February 15 and 16 — Winter Bivouac; 9 am Saturday at Stevens Pass.

THE MOUNTAINEERS
EVERETT BRANCH
 c/o Marshall
 16812 36th Ave.W.
 Lynnwood WA 98037