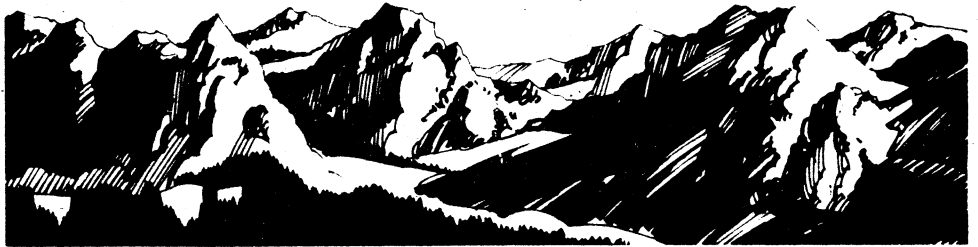


THE MOUNTAINEERS
EVERETT BRANCH



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NEXT MEETING APRIL 2ND

Program for the April meeting will be a surprise, as is often the case for the Everett Branch. However, Program Chair Sam McClary always manages to come up with something interesting, so come on out.

The business meeting comes first, of course, and everybody gets involved in the club decisions. About 50 persons show up for these monthly meetings. The room is large — so there's plenty of room for any of the 400 or so other Everett Branch members who don't usually attend.

ANNUAL POTLUCK DINNER

All available parking spaces were taken on March 5th, the evening of Everett Branch's annual do-it-yourself bash. But inside, more could have been accommodated at the tables set up for dinner. Donna Wirt, Social Chair, was given a resounding thank-you for coordinating the wonderful meal.

Donna's young visitor from the Ruhr region of Germany also helped. He was attending his *second* Everett Mountaineer meeting

CLIMBING COURSE

This year's Basic Climbing Class has begun, with 62 participants. Lectures and field trips continue through May. Topics covered in March include a quick review of MOFA, map and compass navigation, the climbing code, the ten essentials, knot tying, and belaying.

This month's studies conclude with a field trip in Forest Park on March 29th to practice fundamentals. The class will be using the knots and belaying techniques they worked on in their first lessons.

SNOWFLAKES

Skiing in March has that springtime freshness. The snowline is retreating and with it, new and interesting tours are becoming possible.

Put away those gardening gloves, give the weeds a break. There's corn snow in those high hills. Corn snow is so forgiving to you Telemarkers. Give it a try!

P.S.: Corn snow is not Iowa's greatest export!

— *Equi Nox*

THREE FINGERS LOOKOUT

The Darrington Ranger Station was contacted and appeared to be in favor of having the Everett Branch maintain the lookout. If we go ahead with this exciting project, lots of interested people will be needed to help.

The current committee consists of Jerry Thompson and Carol Pinneo.

EXPLORER SCOUTS

The group had a successful snow outing at Mount Rainier and have volunteered to be victims for the MOFA class. A week-long outing is planned which will include a climb of the south side of Mount Adams and scrambles in the Goat Rocks area.

ALPINE SCRAMBLING

Chairperson Bob Laird says that there will be an Alpine Scrambling class this year. No further information as the Newsletter goes to press. Sorry about that. It would be nice to be able to announce the dates or more details but Bob is keeping real quiet.

SKI COMMITTEE

The Ski Chairman, Brian Dale, sent in a notice of an extra ski tour for March, which was too late to get in the Bulletin, and plenty on time for this Newsletter.

Unfortunately, this Newsletter is ten days late and is being typeset at the moment the Smith Brook Ski Tour is happening. This is not good planning, and the Newsletter Committee will take steps to see improvement.

CONSERVATION

Everett Conservation Chair Henry Kral reports that the executive committee of the Conservation Division in Seattle wants all letters sent out by the Everett Conservation Committee approved by them before mailing.

Henry is working on a compromise.

TRUSTEES' MEETING

The Mountaineer Trustees met on March 6th, but we have no report on that meeting, even though this is being written two weeks later. Sorry.

CLIMBING ROCK PROGRESS

The climbing rock proposal, accepted by the Everett Parks Board, has been forwarded to the City of Everett's executive offices for review and final approval.

Meanwhile, progress has been made on funding. The Everett Branch pledged \$5000, with additional monies available by membership vote. Snohomish County Search and Rescue also pledged \$5000 toward construction.

When final approval is given, the Climbing Rock Committee plans to construct a scale model of the rock. A number of design and construction formats are being considered in view of cost, availability, and feasibility with respect to volunteer labor.

Climbing Rock Committee: Jim Eychaner, Brian Dale, Steve Kieffer, and John Jones. Those interested in volunteering should contact Jim at 723-0237. Surely among our membership there are builders, climbers, designers, tinkerers, stone masons, cement workers or seekers after glory who would like to have a part in this unusual and important project!

SPRING COURTSHIP RITUALS

Enjoy the showy, sometimes comic, courtship antics of waterfowl this spring – at Nisqually, Toppenish, or Potholes National Wildlife Refuges. Watch a muskrat leave his wake in the ponds at Toppenish. Watch a badger hurrying on its way. Enjoy the delicate beauty of spring and summer wildflowers. Watch the nesting and young waterfowl at Reifel Migratory Bird Sanctuary. Witness the curious renewal of life at Mount St. Helens.

The Everett Naturalist/Photography group (a unit of the Hiking Committee) will be offering joint trips with the Seattle Naturalists from time to time.

On March 29th we visit the Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge, an Everett trip. On April 25-27 we go to Central Washington – to Potholes, Toppenish, and Oak Creek – Seattle Naturalists participating. On May 31 we go to Reifel Sanctuary in British Columbia – Seattle Naturalists participating.

Future trips include Olympic coast, Olympic Mountains, Mount Rainier, Baker River, McNary Wildlife Refuge, and more.

Observe the fascinating flora and fauna, the geology and beauty of our area. We travel at a slow pace for study and enjoyment of nature. Great opportunities for nature and scenic photographers. Join our fun group on one of our upcoming trips.

HAPPINESS AT MOUNT BAKER LODGE

Our Annual Mount Baker Snow Outing on March 8-9 was enjoyed by 21 people, 17 of them members and guests of the Everett Branch; the others being the lodge chairmen and two young friends.

A few inches of snow had just fallen. Saturday afternoon the sun came out and Mount Shuksan sparkled in breathtaking grandeur. The skiing was excellent.

After a delicious supper, the group relaxed for a fas-

cinating slide show about the Oregon Coast. Later about half the group learned several folk dances and danced until too tired to continue.

While we slept, four more inches of new snow fell, and continued all day Sunday, much to the delight of skiers who like it fresh. Two snowshoers enjoyed a short tour. The kids scooted down a steep hill on inner tubes and a mini-toboggan.

Reluctantly we departed from a memorable weekend, driving back on a pavement that was only sloppy.

Enjoy the fun *next* year by planning *now* definitely to come with us.

FIRST AID CAN BE FUN

What's a good acronym for serious fun? MOFA !!! That stands for Mountaineering Oriented First Aid.

Over the March 15 and 16 weekend we victims learned a lot about first aid through the laying on of students' hands. Students gave us good humor with their TLC. Even those who died.

Thank goodness some people brought sleeping bags Saturday morning; it was cold enough to freeze one's toes.

Hopefully you will only need to use your new skills very seldom, but if the occasion arises when you need your MOFA, use those skills well, without holding back.

Think about participating soon in an advanced or MOFA first aid class. Watch the Bulletin

BACKPACKING REPORT

The Backpacking Committee met and have scheduled the backpacking classes for June. There will be two lectures Tuesday evening June 3rd and 10th, from 7-9 p.m. Location will be announced.

The backpacking schedule for the summer is being set up at this time. We will try to offer a variety of areas for backpacking trips and if anyone knows of one that would be enjoyed by other club members, let me know. ~~If you have an area you would like to lead a backpack to,~~ let me know that, too. Dorothy Beeman, 668-8475.

We will be offering trips from July through September. Watch the Bulletin.

OUTDOOR RECREATION BILL PASSED

Few Mountaineers know that a bill in which The Mountaineers was much involved was introduced in the state legislature in January and made its way quietly through the legislative process to be eventually passed – and is now on its way to the Governor's desk for signature.

This is Bill 1382, titled an Outdoor Recreation Bill but commonly called "The ORV Bill." Its purpose is to re-apportion the 1% of the state gasoline tax currently going exclusively to ORV recreation (roughly \$2,000,000 a year).

The bill calls for division of the funds among four state agencies, and limits the amount that may be devoted

to ORV facilities. It also establishes two advisory committees, one for the DNR and one for the ICOR (also called IAC), which include ORV members but also other recreationists as well.

A further provision calls for better information to the public when land is to be acquired for ORV recreation areas (in *advance*).

The bill was introduced by Representative Nancy Rust, Chair of the House Environmental Affairs Committee, and was assisted by her whenever it got stuck. Representative Rust was encouraged by a citizens' Trails Task Force of 36 outdoor-related clubs. Among these supporting organizations were The Mountaineers (Seattle), Olympia Mountaineers, Tacoma Mountaineers, — and Spokane Mountaineers, an entirely separate group.

The Task Force was coordinated by the Washington Trails Association, which hired a staffer to shepherd the project.

Thanks are due to Representative Rust for her efforts on behalf of fairer funding for recreation. Other legislators who acted as advisors are Ken Jacobsen and Katie Allen.

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

An organization meeting of the Newsletter Committee was held November 19. A lively discussion ensued, with several decisions being made to help guide this fledgling newsletter.

Classified announcements will be encouraged — free to Everett Branch members, at charge to others.

Better publicity in the newsletter for the various Branch sub-groups will be attempted. Branch members need to know more about the many activities going on and the need for more of the Branch membership to take part in those activities.

Contributions for the newsletter from Branch members will be encouraged. Climbing route sketches, for example. Trail information. Ideas on new places to go. Drawings. Black&white photos.

More input from committee chairs is also needed, and the Committee will help by reminding chairpersons about the Newsletter. It turns out that the editor simply doesn't have time for this (especially when she's trying to get a bill

1986 Climbing Committee

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Intermediate Climbing Chairman: Jack Bennett 252-8085
Walt Meldrich 743-3183

Finance: Dean Meldrich 743-3183

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Advisory Members: Dick Schneider 252-9278

Ted Case 365-8042

Mary Gray 671-3315

Basic Climbs

Phone leader for signup and climb information.

April 20, Sunday- Malachite Peak (USGS Big Snow MTN) 6261'; class 3-4. Limit: 4. Leader: Jim Eychaner, 723-0237.

April 20, Sunday- Del Campo 6610' (USGS Monte Cristo); Limit: 6. Leader: Art Hedstrom, 743-4792.

April 26, Saturday- Whitehorse 6852' (USGS Silverton); Whitehorse Glacier Route. Limit: 4. Leader: Carl King, 486-2322.

April 27, Sunday- Lundin 6057'; class 4 rock, southeast ridge. Limit: 6. Leader: T. John Baumeister, 824-4222.

May 3-4, weekend- Snowfield Peak (USGS Diablo Dam) 8347'; snow climb, possible ski approach. Limit: 4. Leader: Jim Eychaner, 723-0237.

May 10, Saturday- Whitehorse 6852' (USGS Silverton); Whitehorse Glacier. Limit: 6. Leader: Don Stobbe, 353-3234.

through the legislature!)

Additional members for the Newsletter Committee are invited to appear. One member has volunteered to help in actual newsletter production, but there ought to be at least one more person who is familiar with the procedure, and who would then be able to follow the written instructions in case the editor were unavailable.

Currently the Newsletter Committee consists of Louise Marshall, Linda Moore, Dorothy Beeman, and Ron Smith. Jim Eychaner attended, ex officio.

The work "Soul Catcher" of Martin Oliver appeared here unattributed.

WHAT CASCADIANS ARE DOING

The March issue of The Cascadian Newsletter tells of many activities of this Yakima-based outdoor club.

Featured speaker at the Cascadian monthly meeting on March 26 will be Harry Stavert, a member of the Everett bike club, "B.I.K.E.S.", presenting a slide show of his group's latest tour, a circle trip from Walla Walla along the Snake River and back.

They have a 9-member Board of Directors, which meets once a month at a board member's home. Dues are \$10 individual and \$15 family; they have about 250 members.

Cascadians have club pins, club patches, and club membership cards -- available at each meeting.

It is club policy that no one shall be allowed to participate on a trip unless they have signed the club's Release-from-Liability form for that trip. The form states that you release the club, the trip leader, and the club board of directors from liability if something unforeseen should happen to you on a club-sponsored trip.

The trip schedule shows events for bicyclers, climbers, ski tourers, and day hikers. There are more day hikes than anything else, with 10 trips listed for April.

They have the first annual entire club outing planned for the weekend of September 12-14. The group campsite at Lake Wenatchee State Park has been reserved. All

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 Naturalist/Photography: Linda Moore - 259-0922(w):347-7650(h)
 Backpacking: Dorothy Beeman - 668-8475
 Alpine Travel: Bob Laird - 252-9400
 Climbing: Dan Morse - 338-0205
 Nordic Skiing: Jerry Crofoot - 347-4216
 Explorer Post: Tom Hutchinson - 252-0890

activities chairpersons are planning events for the weekend. There's hot showers, sandy beach, playground for the kids. There'll be a group dinner and evening programs.

An Annual publication was put out for 1985, mailed in late February to paid-up members. Extra copies can be had for \$2.50. The work was done by quite a few ad hoc subcommittees.

Basic Mountaineering class begins April 3. It is open to Cascadian members, and costs \$22

The Cascadian Newsletter editor is assisted by at least 4 other people, and she encourages committee chairs to type their event list so it can be reproduced without re-typing. Everett Newsletter may borrow that idea!

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

All material for the April issue of the Everett Newsletter is needed by 5 p.m. April 9. This is the outside, absolute, last-minute deadline. Finishing touches to the master copy will be done that evening, it will be printed the next day, and should go in the mail the day after that.

This deadline may need to be adjusted after we find out what mailing rate is going to be applicable to the newsletter. A volunteer from the Newsletter Committee is inquiring about this. We expect costs to be less, but service to be slower. For the time being, we're still mailing first class, one per family.

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