

THE MOUNTAINEERS
EVERETT BRANCH



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1987 OFFICERS ELECTED

In what was probably the most exciting election of the past several years, Don Heck was elected Branch chairman for 1987.

Don brings over seven years of Mountaineers experience to the chairmanship. He served as Climbing Committee chair for two years, and as intermediate climbing chairman for two years. The officers chosen for 1987 are:

- Don Heck, Chair
- Mike Beeman, Vice Chair
- Stan Kostka, Secretary
- Dana Miller, Trustee
- Dennis Miller, Treasurer

This was the first election in several years to be done by ballot. At least the past five elections have been uncontested, making ballots unnecessary.

Special thanks to Dianne Duffy, outgoing secretary, who coordinated the election.

**NEW EDITOR
FOR NEWSLETTER**

Jim Eychaner has been named editor of the Branch Newsletter. Contributions should be sent to Jim c/o WTA, 16812 36th Avenue West, Lynnwood WA 98037.

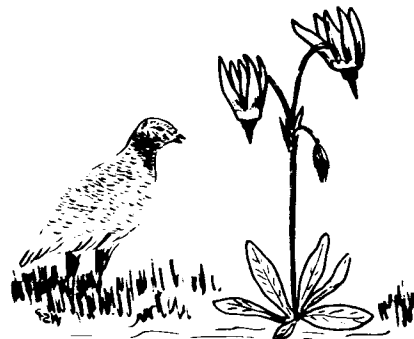
DEADLINE for the next issue is Monday, December 8.

**HENRY KRAL IS 1986
SERVICE AWARD WINNER**

Henry Kral was named 1986 service award winner at the Annual Banquet. Henry has served the Everett Branch for over 20 years, concentrating on conservation. In these two decades, Henry has monitored and influenced environmental concerns in the county, state, and region -- at times taking unpopular stands on controversial and complicated issues.

The quality of Henry's work is reflected in the kinds of victories he has helped win in the past twenty years. These victories include the North Cascades National Park, the 1984 Washington Wilderness Act, and the establishment of the Glacier Peak Wilderness.

The Everett Mountaineers is an activity club, but without the efforts of conservationists like Henry, there would be far fewer places in which to climb, hike, and enjoy the outdoors.



FROM THE CHAIR

SUNSHINE AND SALMON: RECIPE FOR FUN

Indian summer at the Masonic Park east of Verlot greeted the Mountaineers who left the foggy shores of Puget Sound to attend the 1986 version of our annual salmon bake. Over a hundred people dined on King salmon, baked potatoes, corn on the cob, and other goodies.

Folk dancing was an added enjoyment this year, led by instructor Don Finrow. Old Time Fiddlers Steve Phillip, Thomas Reed, Inez Hoyt, and Frank Koeing, with Mountaineer Paul Lund, made the music that made the dancing possible.

Delores and Joe Wagner worked hard to bring together a good crew of volunteers. Jim and Barbara Mathiesen, and Bev and Bill Robinson arrived early to help with setup and wood cutting; Judy Terrill was our cashier; Bill Iffrig bought potatoes; Marge Schaller purchased corn; and Steve and Dorothy Phillip once again purchased and baked the salmon. Volunteer servers were Cecilia Scott, Jim Eychaner, Marge Schaller, and Judy Case. Many people helped afterward with clean-up and garbage detail.

A reminder to anyone who made reservations and did not attend. It is a Branch policy that if a member makes reservations for a function and does not attend, that member is still expected to pay.



NEW MEMBERS

Greetings to the Everett Branch!

I wish to thank you for your votes of support and confidence to be your Branch Chair in 1987. I believe we have an exciting year in front of us with many activities to participate in and many challenges to meet.

Next, I wish to thank our past officers Jim Eychaner, Sam McClary, Dianne Duffy, Brian Dale, and Mike Pinneo for their time and guidance to make our Branch the BEST branch. Also, a big thanks to our committee chairs and members for the countless hours and energies they have contributed to make successful branch activities.

The upcoming year brings us many challenges, some of which are the continuation of our successful programs and the need to keep improving them, the continuation of our high level of volunteerism, the maintenance of our awareness of Northwest land management issues and the pursuit of our love of the outdoors.

The Branch is of special significance in my personal life because of the many people I have met who have become my friends. We are united by our common love of the outdoors. I hope you bring your friends to our Branch so they will become our friends. A personal desire of mine is to meet all the Branch members in 1987. Please come to one of our many Branch activities.

Remember, your ideas are always welcome and are a guarantee of the future of our Branch. They are best enacted when you are there to carry them out to completion.

I hope to see you soon.

-- Don Heck

COME ON, FOLK, DANCE!

Join your friends (or make new friends) at the Branch folk dancing sessions. It's not really a class, though instruction is available. It's a good time, open to all members.

We dance at the Rosehill Community Center, Third and Lincoln in Mukilteo, 3 blocks uphill from the ferry dock. Our friendly instructor puts us through paces from 8-9 p.m., followed by dancing from 9 to midnight. Refreshments are provided. And all for just \$2. Try dancing anywhere else for \$2.

Dances will be held Friday November 14, and Friday December 12. Dancers 12 years and older are welcome. There's no heat (hey -- we're talking two bucks here), so dress warmly.

Questions? Answers? Friendly advice? Call Lorelei Seifert, 353-1037.

EDITORIAL

There's something awkward about the Everett Mountaineer calendar. We form a nominating committee in June, just in time to take a break in July and August. Then we wait until November to have elections, just in time to hand people new roles when social and family calendars are full to overflowing because of the holidays. That doesn't leave much time for learning, much less planning.

Why not form a nominating committee in June, and go ahead and have business meetings in July and August (we're busy enough to have plenty to talk about)? Then move the election to September, when people are less busy and more inclined to accept new volunteer roles.

Sure, we'd have to change the by-laws, but we've done that before. And it would be so much easier to find willing people when they have time to think, plan, and learn.

-- Jim Eychaner

HIKING

December 6, Saturday, Reifel Migratory Bird Sanctuary, 2-3 mile, no gain. Coordinated with Seattle branch Naturalists and Audobon Society. The sanctuary is located 6 mi west of Lander, BC, on Westham Island at mouth of Fraser River. Site of Canada's largest population of wintering migratory birds including waterfowl, Snow geese, swans, hawks, owls, eagles, and more. Bring lunch and the usual fowl weather gear. \$1.50 admission. Leave S. Everett P&R (S 128 & 4th Ave W behind Skipper's) at 7 am. Leader: Linda Moore, 347-7650 (h) or 764-5056 (w).

December 7, Sunday, Christmas Green Walk & Potluck. Join in this annual event to share Christmas greens and holiday friendship. Afternoon hike with potluck following at 5pm. Weather will determine destination. Call Dorothy Phillip for hike time and place, as well as potluck signup, 659-4401.

December 13, Saturday, Boulder River. 8 mi, 1000 ft gain, 1550 high pt. Enjoy a woodland hike at a low elevation. Leader: Bev Robinson, 435-9839.

December 28, Sunday, Skyline Ridge. Take time off during the holidays to enjoy a snowshoe trip. Snow conditions will determine destination. Leader: Gordon Rogers, 353-2085.

INTERMEDIATE WINTER CLIMBS

Dec 12-13, Mt. Washington 1907m/6255 ft. Big Creek route, class 3.

Jan. 3-4, North Twin 2003m/6570 ft, west ridge, class 4.

Feb 7-8, Mt. Rainier 4392m/14410 ft, Gib route.

Leader for all three: Don Stobbe, 353-3234.

**YOUR FORESTS
NEED YOUR HELP**

Folks, it's time to warm up your best writing pen, dust and lube that ol' typewriter, or relearn those word processing commands. Once again we must let the Forest Supervisors, our Congresspeople, and our Senators know what we think of their plans for our National Forests.

Draft management plans for four National Forests in Washington will soon be released: Olympic in November, Gifford-Pinchot in December, Colville in November, and close-to-home Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie in December or January. Once these drafts are released, there is a short period of review and comment. In other words, you have 90 days to read the documents and fire off a letter. Written comments will be needed if the draft is to be altered before it becomes the final management plan.

Draft management plans for Wenatchee and Okanogan National Forests were disasters as far as conservationists were concerned. We don't expect much better treatment of our goals in the remaining four draft plans. One of our goals is the preservation of old-growth forest. Short of driving ceramic stakes in old-growth trees, we need to raise the issue of old growth preservation through our letters to the proper officials. Among other things, we need to let these officials know that road-building and logging in the last of our unprotected old-growth forests are not acceptable.

Few of us have time to read and analyze the entire draft management plans (they run up to 800 pages) in order to make constructive comments. Fortunately, though, the Washington Wilderness Coalition (WWC) publishes an "Alert" for each plan -- publications sponsored in part by The Mountaineers -- with informed summaries of what the plans propose. Each "Alert" reviews the draft from the conservationist's perspective and

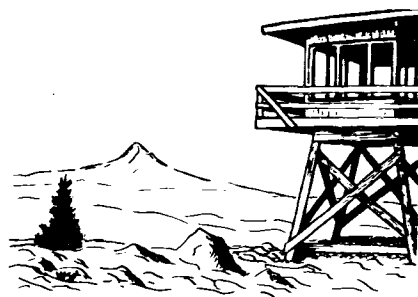
provides concise information for review and comment. If you haven't received one of the past Alerts, contact the WWC (633-1992), and write!

Watch the Bulletin for announcements regarding release of the draft plans. Should you receive information relating to the plans, please share it with fellow Everett Mountaineers.

Let's use the written word to make this club as powerful a political force as those who wish to reduce our remaining old-growth forests to stacks of 2x4s. Otherwise, we may soon be left with nothing but stumps.

At the November meeting, Henry Kral made an appeal for members to write letters to the Regional Forester concerning the "Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement" for spotted owl habitats. Spotted owls are an "indicator species." A healthy owl population "indicates" a healthy old growth forest sustaining it. The Forest Service deadline for letters and comment is November 17. Regardless of the deadline, send comments to your representatives and Senators, because the amount of old-growth forest that is eventually protected may well be decided by Congress.

-- Scott and Lori Dorough



Throw out the old insurance forms. We're going to do it over again. There will be NEW release and indemnity agreement forms that members need to sign if participating in an outdoor activity.

The OLD form covered leaders and instructors only. The NEW form will cover EVERYBODY on an outing. The change was decided on after a review by a panel of eight people (including 4 attorneys).

These forms are necessary in order for The Mountaineers to obtain insurance for 1987. Skiers at Meany and Snoqualmie lodges must also sign separate release forms in order to use the rope tows.

There are plans for an insurance information meeting in January, in Seattle, for those who have questions. I'm going to suggest that someone from the Insurance Committee visit each of the Branches, as well.

On December 2, The Mountaineer clubroom will have a book sale. There should be some good buys.

-- Dana Miller

BASIC CLIMBING CLASS FOR 1987

Everett's basic climbing class will begin February 10, 1987, with an orientation and registration at 7 p.m., Legion Hall in north Everett. The class fee will be \$50 for members and \$75 for non-members. All interested people need to attend.

The course's climb leader review and orientation will be held February 3, 1987, also at 7 p.m., Legion Hall. New leaders and instructors are required to attend.

Mountaineering-oriented first aid (MOFA) is scheduled for March 10. For more information, contact Rick Fuhman, 334-3881.

MOTORCYCLE STUDY

Snohomish County has hired a consultant to study the "feasibility" of doing something good for motorcyclists. The study is nearing completion and will be presented to the County Council in late December.

The motorcycle and off-road vehicle users contend they need designated places where they can ride their machines legally. These places should be use areas where they can test their machines and their own riding skills, or trails where they can travel into the backcountry for several hours or all day.

No current users of backcountry were informed about this study, nor invited to participate on the advisory committee. No community clubs were contacted, either. The study is generally unknown to the public.

When it reaches the County Council, members of the Mountaineers ought to be paying attention. Because there is state money available for off-road vehicle facilities, the county will probably decide that a good proposal will stand a chance to get some of that money and they should go for it.

Some of our hiking areas may then become motorcycle areas.

The study is supervised by Mr. Pat Kenyon, County Park Dept., 743-7504 or 339-1208.

SNOWFLAKES

Anticipation builds for the year's season. The Telemark class is full! More enthusiastic "telecrashers" meet the slopes, in search of the elusive telemark.

But wait! The basic nordic ski class still has openings! The deadline for applications is December 1.

Help wanted for field trips and leading tours. Please let Ted Case know as soon as possible. You can contribute to the success of this year's program, meet new friends, and see some new places too.

Obscure Destination Department:
Have you skied to Mt. Benzarino?

FOR SALE: YAK PACK -- probably one of the few of these classic soft packs still around. Gold color, well tended; carabiners included for \$50. JANSPORT St. Moritz pack, black, good for climbing and scrambling; used two seasons; \$65. JANSPORT travel pack; traveled to top of Mt. Baker and 75 miles on Crest Trail; still has lots of good traveling to do; gold; \$35. Jim Eychaner, 723-0237

FOR RENT: 1 bedroom duplex, near Providence Hospital. Bay view, W/D, \$265/mo. A nice place for one person. Available December 1. 258-2646, Sam McClary.

KEY PERSONNEL

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 Explorer Post: Tom Hutchinson - 252-0890

LETTERS

Editor:

Now that we have just elected officers and everybody's fired up about carrying on the good work the previous bunch did, how about considering this idea:

How about a special committee to make a long range plan for us? We've just completed 75 years, how about planning for the next 75 years? Well, or even 10?

We have over 500 members, money in the bank, and we've been around a long time. There's so much we could accomplish with that good start.

Louise Marshall

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