

THE MOUNTAINEERS  
EVERETT BRANCH

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**MEETING NOTES**

At the January meeting. . . Mike Beeman conducted the business portion in the place of flu-struck Don Heck. . . Steve Kieffer thanked the Branch for the Ken Nelson award given to him at the banquet. . . Scott Dorough made his first presentation as Conservation chair. . . Dana Miller gave an impressively detailed report on the Board's activities. . . Tom Hutchinson told us that the Explorer's Post has 10 members including 2 young women who have already gone up Mt. Si and participated in an orienteering competition. . . Virginia and Margo made a welcome debut as Social committee. . . Jim Eychaner announced that he agreed to be banquet chair for Seattle's 1987 banquet. . . and good things and fun activities were announced by dancers, hikers, scramblers, climbers, and others. Well worth attending. The February meeting should be just as much fun.

**ANNUAL SNOW OUTING**

is again scheduled at the beautiful Mt. Baker lodge for March 7-8. Skiing of all kinds, snowshoeing, sliding. Worth the trip for the picture window view of Mt. Shuksan when the skies are clear. \$11 per member, \$11 per child, \$1 per car. Bring own lunch, overnight gear, shovel and chains for car. Sign up by Feb 26 with leader Delores Wagner 568-3828. After Feb 26, sign up through Seattle.

**POTLUCK TRADITION CONTINUES**

. . . at the March business meeting. Show up at 6:30 to start eating. Last names starting A thru H bring a main dish; I thru Q bring salad, side dish or whatever goes with a main dish; everybody else bring dessert. Bring your own place setting. The business meeting will follow dinner. It's a great way to stay in touch with old friends--and make new ones.

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

. . . is the first Monday after our monthly business meeting. Please send materials to Everett newsletter c/o WTA, 16812 36th Ave West, Lynnwood WA 98037.

Your editor is in need of help--keyboarding, pasteup, and running to the Everett Post Office. Please call Jim at 723-0237. Be all you can be. Work on the newsletter.

**FROM YOUR TREASURER**

Everett Branch funds grew from \$22,065.87 on 10-1-85 to \$24,432.13 on 9-30-86. Income is generated from dues (28%), interest on accounts (10%), and our courses (62%).

Our expenses are courses (55% of total expenses), the newsletter (19%), donations (8%), the banquet (8%), awards 3%, and other (7%).

--Dennis Miller

**FROM YOUR TRUSTEE**

The Board will have a "corporate planning meeting" January 31. Our goal will be to set objectives and plan a course of action for the whole Club. We need direction from as many members as possible. I need your comments. Please contact me about these kinds of issues:

1. What should the Club's priorities be?
2. What are the Club's strengths and weaknesses?
3. What's wrong with the way dues and fees are collected and allocated?
4. What's wrong with the way things are going, and what would you do? Where would you like to see the Club 2-5 years from now?
5. Is the Club meeting your interests?
6. How would you organize the structure of the Club--Board, divisions, branches, committees--to better serve our members?
7. What economic, governmental, or political factors could affect the way the Club operates?

In other news, the Board voted not to support legislation to control tobacco smoke in the workplace, a bill known as the Workplace Clean Air Act. We felt that this is something the Club as a whole should not be involved in.

We also discussed that it's important that the Club not endorse or recommend a certain brand of equipment or a certain store. If stores are mentioned by name, acknowledgement should be given to all stores in the area that provide similar service.

I was appointed to the Outdoor Division and will serve as liason between the Board and the Division.

--Dana Miller

**EDITORIAL**

There's not much doubt that the Everett Branch is in good shape. Last month's membership figures and this month's financial news should be proof enough. The sheer variety of outings we put on should be even more evidence. We're healthy.

But we can't feel as if we're working all by ourselves in Snohomish County. It sometimes seems like it's their building, their book publishing program, and their restaurant, but it's all our club. We have the backup of a major business operation in Seattle. We have fellow Branch members in Tacoma, Olympia, and Bellingham. We owe it to them, and to ourselves, to pay attention to what's going on with the Club as a whole. They is us, folks.

Right now the Board of Trustees and leaders from all Mountaineer Branches and Divisions are asking for our guidance. An important planning meeting is coming up. The decisions made at that planning meeting will affect all Mountaineer members. It's important that all Mountaineers speak up. I know--I went to last year's meeting, and each and every person there was listened to.

Our trustee, Dana Miller, is asking for our advice. Look over her questions and give her a call or drop her a note. Your opinions and thoughts and needs and concerns are important. If they weren't, the Everett Branch wouldn't be what it is--the best.

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**FOR SALE** wooden snowshoes, \$100 firm. Bev Robinson 435-9839.

**SKIIN'**Basic Nordic Ski Trips

Jan 31, Mt Cartherine Loop USGS Snoqualmie Pass, 1360 ft 8 mi, limit 4. Cynthia Dale, 258-2268.

Feb 7 Lanham Lk USGS Stevens Pass, 1300 ft 3-4 mi, limit 8. Connie Bennett, 252-8085.

Feb 7, Kelcema Lk USGS Silverton, 1500 ft 8 mi, limit 10. Scott Dorough, 337-2140.

Feb 13 Green Mtn USGS Silverton, 1500 ft 15 mi, limit 8. Dick Schneider, 252-9278. Full moon tour.

Feb 14 Lk Janus USGS Stevens Pass, 1500 ft 13 mi, limit 6. Bill Iffrig, 334-2126.

Feb 14 Foss River Rd USGS Skykomish, 200 ft 5-18 mi. Bob Laird, 428-0209.

Feb 16 Big Four USGS Silverton, 200 ft 5 mi, limit 12 (kids welcome). Dennis Miller, 745-5846.

Feb 21/22 Hurricane Ridge USGS Olympus, 1000 ft 6 mi, limit 6. Ted Case, 365-8042.

Feb 28 Finney Creek USGS Oso, 500-2000 ft 5-14 mi, Bob Laird, 428-0209.

Telemark Ski Trips

Feb 1 Mineral Butte USGS Monte Cristo, 400 ft. Limit 8. Carolyn Fridli, 523-9325.

Feb 8 Siler Pk USGS Snoqualmie, 3000 ft 10 mi, limit 6. Ted Case, 365-8042.

Feb 14 Miller River USGS Skykomish, 2100 ft 4-15 mi, limit 6. Margo Morse, 353-6643.

Feb 21 McCue Ridge USGS Chiwaukum, 4100 ft 12 mi, limit 6. Scott Dorough, 337-2140.

Feb 22 Heather Ridge USGS Stevens Pass, 3 mi, limit 8. Carolyn Friedli, 523-9325.

Feb 27 Smithbrook USGS Benchmark Mtn, 2000 ft 8 mi, limit 6. Margo Morse, 353-6643.

**SNOWSHOE**

Feb 14 Gold Creek Basin USGS Snoqualmie, leader Marjorie Schaller, 668-3217.

Feb 22 Mt Persis USGS Index. Leader Mike Beeman, 668-8475.

Feb 22, Reflection Lakes, Paradise USGS Mt Rainier East, for snowshoes and photography. Leader Linda Moore 347-7650 home, 764-5056 days.

Feb 28 Kennedy Hot Springs for those with snowshoes and swimsuits. Leader John Witter, 353-4672 home, 356-5274 work.

**HIKES**

Feb 8 Ebey's Landing for incredible Whidbey Island cactus viewing. Leader Dana Miller, 745-5846.

Feb 14-15-16 Spencer's Spit State Park car camp. Leisurely. Leader Delores Wagner, 568-3828. Fees for ferry and camp sites.

**GEAR UP FOR CLIMBING**

Orientation and registration for the basic climbing class will be held February 10 at Legion Hall in Everett. Only 65 people will be accepted, with Club members given priority. Cost for the basic class is \$50 for Club members, \$75 for non-members.

For more information, call Climbing Chair Dan Morse, 353-6643.

**INTERMEDIATE  
WINTER CLIMBS**

Feb 28, Mt St Helens limit 6; March 7 The Tooth, limit 6. Leader for both, Roger Hill, 431-5843 work, 794-4784 home.

## THE OLYMPICS NEED YOUR VOICE

In November the Olympic National Forest released for public comment its proposed Forest Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). If you use areas in and around the Olympics for hiking, climbing, camping, or similar activities, you need to respond to these documents. The Forest Service plan for the Olympic NF proposed inadequate protection for old-growth forests, wildlife, roadless recreation, and river corridors. **The deadline for comments is February 27.**

Trails and ORVs. The proposed plan does set aside a number of areas for roadless recreation, but unfortunately these areas do not exclude motor vehicles. Unless we voice our opinion and object to this portion of the Plan, the following hiking and horseback trails will be opened to trail bikes (and snowmobiles in winter months):

\*Deer Ridge above Gray Wolf River--giving trail bikes direct access to Olympic National Park along the ridge ending at Deer Park.

\*Dirty Face Ridge, including Mt. Townsend trail--allowing motorized access to the edge of Wilderness south of Mt. Townsend.

\*The first two and a half miles of the Mt. Jupiter trail--right up to the Wilderness boundary, where a mere sign is all that stops bikes from intruding.

\*The South Fork Skokomish trail--giving bikes access to Sun Down Lake and the Six Ridge backcountry areas inside the National Park.

\*The popular hike-in fishing areas at Satsop Lakes.

\*The Forest portion of Alkee Creek, north of Pine Mtn--the one area on the entire Soleduck District most worthy of roadless status.

The Forest Service needs to be encouraged to retain the roadless recreation areas designated in the draft plan, but motorized vehicles should be prohibited from the areas listed above. Areas near the Park and wilderness boundaries should not be open to motorized vehicles. Alternatives G, H, and I resolve most of these conflicts--with the exception of Mt. Townsend.

[Editor's note: The appropriate language for excluding motorized use of trails in an area is "unroaded dispersed recreation, non-motorized." Fancy way of saying "feet only."]

Old-Growth. The forest plan calls for a reduction of old growth by 37,000 acres, more than 35 square miles, over the next ten years. This will leave only 165,000 acres, of which 76,000 acres will be scheduled for future logging. The Forest Service admits that most of the remaining old growth will be at the end of roads. These roads will be increased by 441 miles, 51 in currently unroaded areas.

[Editor's note: Trees at the end of roads seem to get cut down.]

The draft plan's old growth management guidelines fail to adequately protect old-growth dependent wildlife species. The Forest Service admits that these animals--such as pleated woodpeckers, spotted owls, and marten--will decrease substantially. The Forest Service needs to be encouraged to better distribute protection areas of old-growth dependent species, to locate these management areas where the animals are actually found, and to increase the protected number of animals above a questionable minimum. Alternatives G, H, and I address most of these problems and should be supported for this reason.

Continued. . .

River Protection. One of the most glaring deficiencies of the Plan is its failure to deal with hydro-power project proposals in a comprehensive manner. Except for the Dungeness/Gray Wolf and Duckabush, all rivers are left wide open to hydropower. This is true even for rivers explicitly recognized as eligible for Wild and Scenic River status--the Bogachiel, Elwha, Hoh, and Quinalt. The Plan's management direction for the National Forest portion of these rivers could be critical to their continued free-flowing status.

The Forest Service recommends only the Duckabush, the Gray Wolf, and a portion of the Dungeness for Wild and Scenic River designation. Since nearly all of the Duckabush and Gray Wolf rivers are already within designated wilderness, these recommendations only involve about 7 miles of river within National Forest lands outside of wilderness. It recommends against the Dosewallips, Hamma Hamma, and upper Dungeness because hydropower permit proposals have been filed on these rivers. It further recommends against protection for the Humptulips and Soleduck because both flow through private land on their lower ends.

What You Can Do. Write to:

Ted Stubblefield  
Forest Supervisor  
Olympic National Forest  
PO Box 2288  
Olympia WA 98507

before the February 27, 1987, deadline. Urge the Forest Service to

\*Protect old growth and old growth dependent species by providing more and better placed spotted owl habitat areas (SOMAS).

\*Close the Dungeness and Silver Creek roads.

\*Allocate South Quinalt Ridge and Dirty Face Ridge for non-motorized recreation.

\*Support Wild and Scenic River designation for the Dungeness-Gray Wolf, Dosewallips, Duckabush, Hamma Hamma, Sitkum, upper Soleduck, and the Forks of the Humptulips.

**Please take time to write!**

--Larry Longley

**LORELEI DESERVES  
RECOGNITION**

Most of us know that the Branch has its own (unofficial) resident artist. When a drawing or sketch has been needed for a climbing brochure, the cover of the banquet program, or a catchy folkdance scene, we've asked Lorelei Seifert.

Maybe we've said thanks. Maybe we've told her we appreciate the creativity and generosity that goes into her work. If we haven't, we are now.

Thanks, Lorelei. You're a good friend.



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- PRESENT:  
**Folkdance!**



(Co-sponsored by Everett Parks & Recreation)

**DANCIN'**

There's still time to register for the next series of lessons. The series starts Thursday February 19 and runs each Thursday to Thursday March 19, sessions running 8-9:30 p.m. Cost is \$13.

The next Friday dance is scheduled for February 6 at Floral Hall, Forest Park. MC Art Hare will teach from 8-9 p.m. with dancing from 9 'til midnight. Open to the public. Donations will be accepted at the door.

**EXPLORER POST 16 IN ACTION**

The Explorers are scheduled for a weekend at Baker lodge Jan 24-25, a winter campout Feb 14-15, followed by a lodge weekend in March at Stevens Pass for more winter training.

The Post is in need of help from women Mountaineers who would be willing to participate in Post activities. Please call Tom Hutchinson, 252-0890.

**KEY PERSONNEL**

Chairman: Don Heck - 347-6849  
Vice Chairman: Mike Beeman - 668-8475  
Secretary: Stan Kostka - 485-3850  
Trustee: Dana Miller - 745-5846  
Treasurer: Dennis Miller - 745-5846  
Membership: Marjorie Schaller - 668-3217  
Social:  
Bulletin Coordinator: Heidi Ondrasik - 483-6715  
Conservation: Henry Kral - 743-4274  
Hiking: Delores Wagner - 568-3828  
Naturalist/Photography: Linda Moore - 259-0922  
Backpacking: Dorothy Beeman - 668-8475  
Alpine Scramblers: Bob Laird - 252-9400  
Climbing: Dan Morse - 353-6643  
Skiing: Brian Dale - 258-2268  
Explorer Post: Tom Hutchinson - 252-0890

**SCRAMBLERS ARE BACK!**

Strenuous, non-technical mountain travel usually with a summit in mind--but no ropes. Take the course to learn all you need, including ice axe, map and compass. You'll need a first aid card and a CPA card to graduate. Co-sponsored by us and Everett Parks.

Sign up March 5, 7:30 p.m. at Walter E. Hall, on the golf course on Casino Road, Everett. We'll take only 25 folks, so get there early with your \$15 course fee.

What? Questions? Okay--call Bob Laird, 428-0209; or Dennis Miller, 745-5846; or Mike Beeman, 668-8475; or Everett Parks, 259-0311.

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