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Everett Mountaineers, P.O. Box 1848, Everett, WA 98206

THE MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

At the February Trustees Meeting in Seattle, a new slate of officers was elected. Dianne Hoff was elected President of the Mountaineers and is the first female president in the club's history. Our own representative and former Everett Branch chair, Don Heck, was elected Vice President. Bob Burns, a former Everett member, was elected Secretary and Jeff Hancock will be the new treasurer. We congratulate all the new officers and look forward to working with them over the coming two years.

Jim Eychaner, a former Everett Branch Chair, has been appointed Olympia trustee. Jim moved to Olympia several years ago and recently transferred his membership to Olympia.

The League of Snohomish County Historical Organizations recently awarded the Everett Mountaineers a Certificate of Commendation for the outstanding historical restoration that we did last summer on the Mt. Pilchuck Lookout. Way to go, folks!

Larry Longley, Everett Branch Chair

SNOWFLAKES

Snow at last! And how much snow there is! Glen Katzenberger, the snow ranger at Stevens Pass, said there was 19 feet of new snow at the pass in January, and February could exceed that! Avalanche danger has been high to extreme in most areas as a result of the non-stop snow, so be prepared if you go into the backcountry. We encourage all winter backcountry users to take an avalanche course that includes practice using an avalanche rescue beacon (ARB). The Mountaineers and several other groups offer such courses.

When you go out in avalanche terrain, each party member should carry an ARB, as well as a shovel and probe poles. Remember these rules to avoid getting caught:

1. When crossing avalanche chutes, one person should go at a time. Do not stop until you reach a protected area. Other party members should watch that person's progress and look up the slope for avalanches coming down.

2. Before crossing, undo hip belt, loosen pack, take off pole straps and loosen other equipment so that it will come off if you get caught. Be sure all ARBs are set to transmit.

3. Know your route and what is above you. Although not visible, you may be below a slide path that could come through even heavy trees in the kind of extreme conditions we have been experiencing.

4. Before venturing out, call for information. It is not advisable to go into avalanche terrain in high to extreme conditions. Numbers to call include:

Cascade and Olympics Avalanche Conditions: 527-9904

State Highway Dept. Road Conditions and Pass reports: 1-976-7623

Weather: Seattle Times Info Line 464-2000. When instructed, press 9904 for Cascades, 9902 for Seattle/Everett, 9900 for complete weather menu.

CONSERVATION CORNER

It was announced at the February meeting that Stan Kostka has resigned his position as Conservation Chair. He has been very busy doing conservation work, especially at the Whale Museum on Whidbey Island and feels he cannot continue as Chair due to time constraints. Thanks, Stan, for all your work! Larry Longley is currently recruiting a new Chair.

SNO-PARK ADVISORY BOARD WANTS YOUR INPUT!

The Sno-Park Advisory Board met on Saturday, February 3, at Snoqualmie Pass. Among items discussed were fee increases over the next two years and priorities for future planning.

The Board took a survey of users in 1987-88. Priorities identified included additional parking sites, better hygiene facilities and more groomed trails. It was emphasized by representatives of two clubs, including the Mountaineers, that while groomed trails are desirable, there is a continuing need for parking areas in locations that access ungroomed backcountry.

Glenn Eades, Outdoor Division Chair for the Mountaineers, is on the Board. He emphasized that input is desired from clubs involved in winter recreation. In particular, he would like to have ideas regarding additional Sno-Park locations in the Skykomish Ranger district since Mill Creek is expected to be developed soon.

The Everett Mountaineers Ski Committee will continue to send representatives to future meetings of the Board and seeks your ideas for new sites. Contact Beth or Ted Case, 365-8042, or Dennis Miller, 745-5846, if you have suggestions or questions.

JORDAN SWINGING BRIDGE IN SUSPENSE

One of the prettiest bike trips I know is the loop from Granite Falls, up Burn Road through Arlington and down Jordan Road back to Granite Falls. There is, or may have been, a short cut. About midway up the Burn Road you cross the suspension bridge to the Jordan Trails Road (also known as the Swinging Bridge Road).

Last Labor Day, the bridge was closed due to a support that was unsafe. On February 15, the Snohomish County Council will be reviewing a proposal from the county executive concerning the future of the Jordan Suspension Bridge. The county has already received input requesting the bridge be saved. If the decision is to keep the bridge closed, we will protest. If you are concerned about this issue and want additional information, please call me at 691-5851.

Linette Andres

THE 1989-90 COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

I would like to introduce the committee that keeps the Everett Mountaineers communicating. Virginia Lachmann has been doing the Bulletin submissions for over a year and I appreciate her continuing, with the assistance of five month old Steven. Cynthia Dale has recently begun labeling and mailing the Newsletter. I understand that sons Peter and Sam "help" with labels, although Dad Brian is the one who picks things up from the printer. Thank you all for your work!

Beth Seacord-Case, Communications Chair



PLEASE REFER TO THE MOUNTAINEER FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING FOLKDANCING, COURSES, AND OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES.

HIKING

March 3, Saturday – Echo Lake (near Monroe) up to 8 mi. r.t. Families welcome. Leaders: Larry and Linda Longley, 653-6711

Cancelled: The hike to Birch Bay Park, scheduled March 4.

SNOWSHOEING

March 17, Saturday – Copper Lake (M) (USGS Skykomish) 8 mi. r.t., 2300' gain. Leader: Andy Boos, 771-7065.

NORDIC SKIING

February 25, Saturday – Stevens Pass Area Near Mill Creek (EM) (USGS Benchmark Mtn) 2000' gain, 7 mi. r.t. Limit 6. Leader: Randy Fritch, 668-3566

March 10, Saturday – Van Trump Park (T) (USGS Mt. Rainier West) 4000' gain, 9 mi. r.t. Leader: Fred Arima, 338-2389

March 17, Saturday – Amabilis (M) (USGS Snoqualmie Pass) 2200' gain, 8-12 mi. r.t. Leader: Lee Conrad, 562-4284

March 25, Sunday – Lake Kelcema (EM) (USGS Silverton) 1600' gain, 10 mi. r.t. Limit 6. Leader: Randy Fritch, 668-3566

CLIMBING

Instructor/Leader Seminar

At 7 pm, on Thursday, March 1, at Walter E. Hall, the Climbing Committee will sponsor this year's Instructor/Leader Seminar. The evenings' focus will center around several leadership concepts with group activities to practice these ideas. Graduates of the 1989 Basic Course are required to attend if you plan to instruct at 1990 field trips. For those currently on the Instructor-Leader list, you are reminded that attendance at this seminar once every three years is requested to retain leader-instructor eligibility. No sign-up is necessary.

Fundamentals Review

The Fundamentals Review Seminar will be at Mt. Erie in Anacortes on Saturday, March 10, beginning at 9 AM. The purpose of this day is to review the content of the 1990 Basic Course field trips, practice current techniques and bring everyone up to date on recent course revisions. It is our goal to maintain consistency in the instruction at the basic field trips and everyone planning on teaching this year is encouraged to attend. We hope to wrap things up about 1 pm. At day's end, the Climbing Committee will sponsor a pizza get-together. No sign up is necessary.

Climbs Sign-Up

This is a reminder to all climb leaders to return your climbs sign-up form to Bill Iffrig as soon as possible. Because we anticipate another large basic class, we will need all of our climb leaders to lead several climbs this spring and summer.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Please join us in welcoming the new members who have joined the Everett branch since December:

We invite you all to come to our monthly meetings, participate in activities and get involved in a committee!

BUSINESS MEETING, POTLUCK AND EQUIPMENT SALE MARCH 7

The next business meeting will be Wednesday, March 7, at the Congregational Church in downtown Everett, 2624 Rockefeller at 7:30 P.M.. All members and guests are encouraged to attend.

The annual potluck begins at 6:30 pm. Beverages and paperware will be provided. Bring your favorite dish.

The annual equipment sale will follow the business meeting. Start your spring cleaning by gathering up outdoor clothing and equipment you no longer use. Price and sell your own items.

RADIO HAS MEETING CANCELLATIONS

In case of inclement weather, listen to Radio 123 in Everett or KOMO (1000 AM) in Seattle.

PUBLICATIONS DEADLINES

Submissions for the May Mountaineer are due Mar. 20. Submissions for the March Newsletter are due Mar. 7 at the business meeting. Send items to The Everett Mountaineers, PO Box 1848, PO Box 1848, Everett, 98206.

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