



# THE EVERETT MOUNTAINEERS NEWSLETTER

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

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### JANUARY

- 16th Intermediate Climbing Course Begins
- 17th Basic Nordic Class
- 19th Intermediated Field Trip  
Nordic Ski Field Trip
- 20th Deadline for March Bulletin  
Snowshoe Field Trip
- 22nd Snowshoe Class
- 30th Hiking Committee Meeting-

### FEBRUARY

- 6th Business Meeting, "Alaska" by Fred Harnish, Darrington Ranger  
Article Deadline for March Newsletter
- 8th Folkdance
- 31st Intermediate Climbing Class
- 9-10th Mt. Baker Weekend
- 13th Intermediate Class
- 19th Basic Climbing Class Begins
- 20th Deadline for April Bulletin
- 21st Scramblers Class begins
- 23rd-24th Intermediate Field Trip
- 26th MOFA Course Begins
- 27th Leadership Seminar

### MARCH

- 2nd Climbing Instructors Review
- 5th Basic Climbing Class
- 6th Business Meeting "Conservation" Corlan Carlson. Article Deadline for April Newslette
- 9-10th MOFA Field Trip
- 12th Basic Climbing Course
- 13th Intermediate Class
- 16th Intermediate Field Trip
- 19th Basic Climbing Course
- 23rd Basic Field Trip
- 26th Basic Climbing Class
- r28th Scramblers Class

## CONGRESSMAN WYNNE SOLICITS YOUR INPUT

John Wynne, Washington State Representative for District 39A, is especially interested in and solicits your input on growth and resource management for Washington State. John is currently serving on the Natural Resource and Parks Commission and the Local Government Committee (setting of state wide ordinances and statutes) and the Revenue Committee as the Ranking Assistant Minority Member. Congressman Wynne's assistant, Pam Hahn, (previously served (3 Years) on the Environment and Natural Resources Committee) is also available for your valued input regarding growth management.

Congressman Wynne needs your input. Write, call or drop by when you are in Olympia, at the following address:

Congressman John Wynne  
439 John L. O'Brien Building  
Olympia, Washington 98504  
(206) 786-7804

### BUSINESS MEETING, FEBRUARY 6, 1991

The next business meeting will be Wednesday, February 6th, 1991, at the Everett Congregational Church in downtown Everett, 2624 Rockefeller at 7:30 P.M.. All members and guests are encouraged to attend. A slide program on "ALASKA" presented by Fred Harnish, Darrington Ranger, will follow the business meeting.

## BAKER LODGE WEEKEND

February 9-10, Weekend, Mount Baker Lodge

Enjoy two days of fun at the Baker Lodge. Variety of activities: snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, downhill skiing, R & R in the lodge. Bring sleeping bag, flashlight, extra clothing, plus personal gear and lunch for each day. Bring slides from Summer and Fall activities to share for evening slide show.

Price: \$12.00 for members and children, includes lodging for one night, breakfast and dinner. Driving distance 234 miles round trip from Everett, allow three hours each way. Carry chains and shovel.

Sign up with the club room at 284-8484. Sign up opens Monday, January 21st.

PLEASE SIGN UP EARLY WITH THE CLUB ROOM TO AVOID BEING PUT ON A WAITING LIST!

It would be prudent to sign up early on the day signups open.

For information, call our Host, Vera Shimer 334-8038 or John Witters 353-4672.

## CLIMBING

The Basic Climbing Course will begin on Tuesday February 19th with an evening of Orientation and registration. (There is no pre-registration for the course). Orientation will begin promptly at 7 PM and will be held at Legion hall in Everett. For further information please contact Dick Schneider, Course Coordinator, at 252-9278

Just a reminder to those accepted into the Intermediate Climbing Course: Orientation will be held on Wednesday, January 16th at the Swallows Nest in Everett promptly at 7 PM. For questions, please contact Dianne Duffy, Course Coordinator, at 259-1667.

## MOFA

Registration for the upcoming MOFA Course will begin on January 7th thru the Everett Parks Department (259-0300). The lecture will be held on Tuesday, February 26th, beginning at 7 PM at Lions Hall in Forest Park. The weekend field review will be on March 9th and 10th also in Forest Park. Please note that CPR is not included in MOFA Certification this year and must be obtained via another source.

## LEADERSHIP SEMINAR

The 1991 Leadership Seminar will take place on Wednesday February 27th from 7-10 PM at Walter E. Hall, Everett. This years' program will be a repeat of the 1990 presentation. For further questions regarding the seminar, please contact Gail McClary at 337-7712.

Housemate Wanted, non-smoker to share large house in South Everett. \$375/mo. Call Joe 337-6879

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

## HIKING

February 17th, Sunday, Reifel Migratory Bird Sanctuary, Fraser Delta. Westham Island near Lander/Vancouver, B.C. Joint trip with photo group. Good opportunities to see snow geese, swans, ducks, small birds and raptors at site of Canada's largest wintering population of waterfowl. Several photo blinds available. Admission fee approximately \$2.50. Meet at Reifel on Sunday at 8:30 am. Optional car camp Saturday eve. 109 Walks in BC's Lower Mainland, pg 84. Leader: Linda Moore 764-5056 (w) 347-7650 (h)

## NORDIC SKIING

March 29-April 1, Friday-Monday. Around Crater Lake, Oregon. (Ski Camping- E-M) 30 Miles, 1000 cumulative gain. 3 days, 2 nights on trail. Pre-trip meeting to be scheduled. Limit 12. Leader permission required. Leaders Beth and Ted Case. 365-8042

## CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS

**Award Changes  
from Annual Meeting:**

Marjorie Schaller Mileage award was for 400 miles not 200 miles.

Dennis Bruce climbed the Five Major Peaks, and was inadvertently left off the list.

**Hiking Committee Meeting location changed.** Wednesday, January 30th at John Witters, 211 124th st SW. Apt 1, Everett. Call John at 353-4672 (H) 356-5274 (W) for details.

**Hiking trip location changed.** Wednesday, January 23, has been changed from Skagit Flat to Stanwood Flat. Leader Delores Wagner, 568-3828.

## FOLKDANCING

### International Folk Dance

Friday, January 11, 1991 at Floral Hall in Forest Park, Everett. Sponsored by the Everett Mountaineers and the Everett Parks Department. At 8:00 PM Pat McMonagle, M.C. will teach a Greek line dance called Goedecki Cacak and a lively Danish mixer Maskerade. International dances 9:00 to 11:30. Singles welcome. Wear flat shoes and comfortable clothes. \$3.00 to 4.00 donation appreciated.

### St. Valentines Dance to Feature Live Music

Speldosan and Allspice will play for our Second Friday Folkdance February 8 from 9:00 to 11:30 pm. At 8:00 instructor Obert Ronnestad will teach Seksmannsril (literally six-man reel) is a sprightly Norwegian dance for three couples. Obert returns by popular demand as a seasoned teacher of children's dances as well as adults. The two bands are especially popular among Puget Sound area folkdancers. The dance will be at Floral Hall. Singles Welcome. Donations of \$4 appreciated for band expenses. Refreshments furnished. For more information call Laurie, 659-6559, or Don, 668-6773 or 486-6628.

Directions to Forest Park: From Northbound I-5 take left lane Broadway Exit 192. Then stay to far right and follow signs to 41st Street. Go west on 41st 0.8 miles to left-turn entrance to Forest Park. Park at top of hill. Floral Hall is to the left of the covered swimming pool. From Southbound I-5, take the 41st Street exit, turn right and follow 41st west as above.

### PUBLICATION DEADLINES

Submission deadline for the March Bulletin is January 20. Please send these to the P.O. Box, Attn. Virginia Lachmann, Bulletin Coordinator. Submissions for the March Newsletter are due February 6, 1991. Send these to the P.O. Box or give them to Wayne at the business meeting.

## LADIES IN THE BACKCOUNTRY

I'm going to quote an article I read in an electronic bulletin board where backcountry recreation is discussed. I need to explain a few things about electronic bulletin boards first, though. People using electronic bulletin boards have, over time, evolved some special shorthand to show people's feeling or facial expressions. This helps to make up for the impersonal nature of talking to people using computers instead of by voice. Where this shorthand is used in the quoted article, I'll put in a brief explanation inside square brackets [like this.]

Last spring, there was a discussion in the electronic bulletin board about problems faced by women who visit the backcountry without male companions. One woman submitted the following article. I thought it was very funny, so I obtained permission from the author to reproduce it here. I hope you will enjoy it as much as I did.  
-John Witters

From: Rebecca T. Moore  
Subject: Ladies in the backcountry  
Date: 10 March 90

In [previous] article (Doak Heyser) writes: This might be the wrong newsgroup to get into this discussion but it all comes back to the 'women shouldn't be out alone' problem, IMHO. [IMHO means In My Humble Opinion. In other words, Doak Heyser doesn't mean for this comment to be taken seriously.]

[Rebecca writes]  
yeah, there's a lot I could say on this topic, but it probably belongs in some other newsgroup. So, I'll just relate one technique my friends and I have developed which makes our lives in the backcountry easier. Most guys are fine in the backcountry (some of my favorite climbing partners are men 8^)  
[Rebecca grins] but there are three common kinds of men who cause trouble:

- 1) those who pester us because they miss the company of women.
- 2) those whose egos are threatened when they see women accomplishing "dangerous" or "difficult" things without the benefit of men.
- 3) Those who worry about us and want to protect us because we are in a dangerous environment. (Kind of a sweet but misplaced chivalry.)

2 and 3 happen all the time when rock climbing. Here's a typical, true story that illustrates the need for a solution: I'm in Yosemite with three friends (women) and we are working on a rockclimbing route on Glacier Point Apron. One of us has just led it and another is on her way up. A guy comes by and looks up at my friend belaying at the top of the first pitch. He looks perturbed, checks his guidebook and finally asks incredulously, "Who led this?" I point out the obvious, "She did." "No," he says, checking his guide book again, "but, it's 5.11a." "Yup", I agree. He watches for a while then goes away, looking unhappy. Two minutes later, another guy comes by, sees us on the route and looks concerned. "Are you o.k.?" he asks. "Yup", I say. Five minutes later another guy comes by, sees us and asks, "Are you alone?" "No, I try to be patient, we're with each other'.

After much careful (and sometimes inebriated) discussion, we have arrived at a great solution: "Bob". Bob is a male party doll acquired from a store in San Francisco. We've dressed him in lycra, outfitted him with a climbing harness, and we take him whenever we go climbing. Bob likes to stand strategically located at the base of a route, so that he can call up directions to us when we are having trouble with a hard move. When other climbers ask us "Who led this?", we point him out, "Bob did." When asked, "Are you alone?", we can respond, "No, we're with Bob." Everybody is happy. Nobody bothers us anymore. One of my friends is working on a first ascent; she plans to credit Bob.

[Rebecca quotes the earlier article]

If women in the backcountry alone have to put up with this - I don't blame them for staying home.

[Rebecca writes:]

Yeah, but fortunately many of us are not staying at home. Whether we have to take along Dobermans, firearms or "Bob" to protect ourselves from unwanted advances, we're going to the mountains, too.

## SOLO IN THE SCOTTISH MOUNTAINS

After a hectic but productive week in Dunoon, I was ready for some "Munro bagging". It was the 8th of June 1986. I packed my gear and drove to the east end of Glen Kinglas where I camped beside the ruin of a crofters bothy or cottage.

The weather was fair and settled Saturday evening with no hint of what was to come. As I cooked my supper I gazed with awe at the craggy summit of Beinn on Lochain. Looking down the glen I thought I heard what sounded like a motor scooter. Actually it was the bloke who sold fast food to the tourists from his caravan. He was cutting the bracken with a rotary lawn mower to spiff up his establishment! The distant buzz of the lawn mower ceased and I crawled into my Space Packer tent and crashed for the night.

Sunday morning dawned cloudy with visibility to the Rest and Be Thankful Pass of Arrochar. I packed everything in my new Karrimer backpack and set off up the Kinglas Water toward Abyssinia which turned out to be a ruin. I had left a note on the dash of the Volvo with my ambitious plans - 4 munros and the cobbler - weather permitting. The weather didn't cooperate and only Ben Vorlich succumbed to my persistent plodding, bent under the 50lb weight of tent, sleeping bag, etc.

Coming off the summit of Vorlich with its boulder field and steep descent in the rain with the 50lb weight was an experience I don't want to repeat soon,

if ever. Left ankle was a bit sore.

I followed a Land Rover track up the Coiregrogain where I saw a massive cave entrance near the terminus. There was a stream flowing out of the cave. Further on, another cave! Both of them on the flank of Beinn Narnian. Could the cave be the entrance to the fabled land of Narnia of C.S. Lewis' imagination? With the lowering clouds, wind and rain and approaching darkness I wasn't going to stick around to find out. By this time I was spooked.

My stomach told me it was past tea time. The last food I had was about five hours ago on Vorlich. I had pitched my tent and cooked up a feast while the rain beat a tattoo on my tent fly. Now it was time for the left over spam which I had put between two slabs of bread. I wolfed this down with a Grannie Smith and some cold instant tea. A few dextrose tablets and I was ready to scramble up a very steep wall. At times, the best route was over the rocks of the burn or stream I was following. At least I was out of the wind.

Visibility was 30 to 40 feet at the top. I took a bearing from my Landranger Ordnance Survey map which took me over a spur of Beinn Ime. I contoured for about a mile until I came to a small burn flowing NW along my bearing. This grew larger and larger as burn after burn cascading off Beinn Ime joined it. At this time it was 9:30 PM with the light slowly fading.

In the far distance, through a break in the clouds I saw the caravan in Glen Kinglas that sold fish and chips to the tourists. A fleeting thought crossed my mind. Would the Volvo still be there or would the hordes of unemployed Glasgow lads hitching up for a weekend of climbing have carried it off part by part? It was still there like a toy car in the distance. Fortunately the World Cup had kept the climbers glued to the telly. Scotland had lost two games by then.

Later I heaved a sigh of relief when the good old Volvo started despite the driving wind and rain. It was 10:30 PM and still light. I heaved my sodden pack into the boot and drove down to the Forestry Commissions Ardgarten campsite overlooking Loch Long. After pitching my tent, I jumped in the car and drove to Arrochar where the bar maid took pity on me and poured a pint of lager past closing time. The regulars sat at the bar peering over their wiskeys and lagers as this soggy and unshaven creature gratefully Then back to the tent with a Mars bar as my only solace.

Note: Walt Estep and his family lived in Aberdeen, Scotland for eleven Years.

Munroe = 1000 meter Mountains, named after Sir Hugh Munroe who catalogued them.

Crofter = A subsistence farmer.

Bracken = Grass

Coiregrogain = Mtn. Cirque

Burn = stream

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