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

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### FEBRUARY

- 23rd- 24th Intermediate Field Trip
- 26th MOFA Course Begins
- 27th Leadership Seminar

#### MARCH

- 2nd Climbing Instructors Review
- 5th Basic Climbing Class
- 6th Business Meeting, Potluck Dinner Article Deadline for April Newsletter
- 8th Folkdance
- 9-10th MOFA Field Trip
- 12th Basic Climbing Course
- 13th Intermediate Class
- 16th Intermediate Field Trip
- 19th Basic Climbing Course
- 20th April Bulliten Deadline
- 23rd Basic Field Trip
- 26th Basic Climbing Class
- 28th Scramblers Class

#### April

- 2nd Lookout Committee Meeting
- 3rd Business Meeting, Conservation, Newsletter Deadline
- 6th Scramblers Field Trip
- 6-7th Intermediate Climbing Field Trip, Rock I
- 9th Basic Climbing Class
- 13th Basic Field Trip, Rock 1
- 18th Scramblers Class
- 20-21 Basic Field Trip, Rock II
- 23rd Basic Climbing Class
- 27th Scramblers Field Trip
- 27-28 Intermediate, Rock II
- 28th Scramblers Class
- 30th Scramblers Class
- Basic Climbing Class

### FIRST AID NEWS

Mike Jones has recently been appointed to chair the Ad-Hoc First Aid Committee. Gail McClary has been chairing that committee and has done a great job getting this years MOFA Course lined out and organized. Gail has decided it is best to step down from the First Aid Committee to be able to focus her energies on the climbing courses that will be starting soon. Thanks Gail, for your work on the First Aid Committee. Thanks also to Rick Fuhrman for putting together a MOFA Instructors course and teaching new people to be able to instruct MOFA. Anyone interested in being on the First Aid Committee please give Mike Jones a call at 568-0106. Thanks Mike for being willing to chair this important committee.

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome the following new members to the Everett Branch.

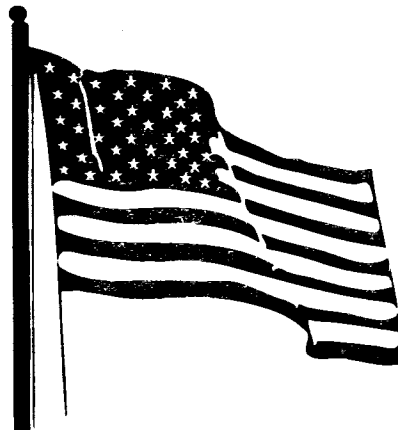
### MOUNTAINEER POTLUCK DINNER AND USED EQUIPMENT SALE

The March 6th meeting will consist of a Potluck Dinner and a used equipment sale. The potluck dinner will be from 6:00 - 7:30 pm at the Everett Congregational Church in downtown Everett, 2624 Rockefeller. Please bring your own eating utensils (including plate and silverware) and a dish as follows:

- A - H Salads
- I - P Main Dishes
- Q - Z Deserts

Club will furnish napkins, drinks, and condiments.

Now is the time for buyers and sellers of used outdoor equipment to get together. Clean out the closets and garages and bring in all the extra equipment you have upgraded from over the years and sell it at a fair price. Bargain hunters will have a great opportunity to pick up good equipment at a reasonable prices.



# Trouble for the Miller Peninsula

When Mitsubishi Corporation decided to round out the proposed 1800-acre resort with half a park -in this case the Miller Peninsula State Park-our state parks officials decided to give it to them.

And since our parks people know Washington residents are very protective of park land, they decided to railroad the give-away through and not tell the people until the deal was done.

It is a rotten deal and it can be undone.

Here are the basic elements of the deal.

Mitsubishi gets:

- the heart (645 acres) of the Miller Peninsula State Park which includes prime view property on a bluff overlooking the Strait, Protection Island, Mount Baker and the San Juans.

The Public Gets:

- up to a million dollars to develop the remaining 945 acres into a state park (which will be the playground for Mitsubishi's guests)
- a road and utilities (which Mitsubishi will need anyway);
- 120 acres of interior land (wow!).

Such a deal! It is incredible (and sad) that the officials are defending this transaction.

The Miller Peninsula lies between Discovery bay and Sequim Bay on the Olympic Peninsula. Much of the Miller Peninsula is undeveloped DNR land. It is a lowland coastal forest, a refuge of last resort for deer, bear and other animals driven by cold weather from the Olympic Mountains.

It is a year round habitat for small mammals and birds, including bald

eagles. And it is the nearest point of land to Protection Island, home of half of Puget Sound's sea birds, and playing an undetermined role in the Protection Island ecosystem.

In a 1985 study ordered by the state Legislature, 1440 acres on the Strait of Juan de Fuca were recommended for addition to the state parks system. During the 1987-88 session the Legislature authorized the State Parks and Recreation Commission to acquire the park land.

Tveten announced his department would recommend the commissioners approve the deal.

Apparently some public officials don't have to get public comments before making public policy on public land.

During testimony before the vote, Washington residents from across the state spoke against the land grab. But after listening to five hours of mainly opposing testimony, and without looking at the written testimony they had solicited, the commissioners debated for a mere five minutes before voting to approve the swap. It was a classic railroad job.

Boothe Gardner is driving this train. State officials have repeatedly said the pressure to approve this swap came from the Governor's office.

Negotiations these past two years have been shrouded in secrecy for one reason: state officials know how Washington residents feel about park land. Gardner knows how his constituents

feel on the issue but he does not feel politically vulnerable. Writing to the Governor, therefore, will probably be a waste of paper and ink.

The misdirected policy of currying favor with the multinational corporations by selling park land will bestopped in the courts. Save Our State Park (S.O.S. Park), a Sequim-based organization, has filed two lawsuits challenging the land swap. Their legal position for the suits is strong but the opposition is formidable and the legal costs will be enormous.

In 1988, however, Mitsubishi Corporation expressed an interest in putting a posh resort on the Miller Peninsula. Shortly thereafter closed-door discussions began with various state agencies, including DNR, and the State Parks.

When the door was finally opened during the closing days of 1990, parks officials whispered that they would be giving Mitsubishi almost half of the state park. And almost as a side note they said the State Parks Commission would be voting on the give-away in a month.

Two weeks before the vote, the parks department called for written comments on the land swap. This call came the same day State Parks Director Jan



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This is a challenge that is worth the effort, however, because if the people of Washington cannot save park land in their backyard, can they even ask their neighbors to the south to save theirs?

## A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

### CLIMBING ROCK NEWS

#### WHAT YOU CAN DO?

##### SEND MONEY-

to: SOS Parks  
PO Box 1540  
Sequim, WA 98382  
(206/683-0948)

for additional information send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the address. SOS Park is a registered, nonprofit organization: contributions are not tax-deductable.

##### MAKE A THUNDEROUS OUTCRY-

Enlighten your friends, neighbors, and state representatives.

##### VOLUNTEER-

SOS Park needs leaflet people, public forum people and media people.

*Excerpts from a article by Dave Le Roux, a member of SOS Park, published in February, 1991, SIGNPOST.*

The Everett Mountaineers have agreed to support this action in favor of S.O.S. Parks. A petition will be available for signatures of support at the March Business meeting.

Five years ago, when Jim Eychaner was chairman, our branch worked very hard to try and build a practice climbing rock in Everett. As it turned out, all the hard work that was put into trying to get a climbing rock was in vain. At that time the climate was not right within the City Administration, and the City was not willing to assume the liability of owning a climbing rock. We could not afford to name the City of Everett as a co-insured on our insurance policy. So, due to liability concerns on the City of Everett part, we were forced to stop our plans for building a climbing rock.

Now, five years later there is a new City Administration. The concerns about liability have been addressed. The City of Everett is now willing to work with us on building a climbing rock.

I have appointed an Ad-Hoc Climbing Rock Committee. This committee has been working with the Everett Parks Department on selecting a available location and design. The parks department is very enthusiastic about this project, and wants to help see a Climbing Rock become a reality in Everett. The Climbing Rock Committee has been working design proposals with estimates, construction methods, and fund raising issues. Right now the best estimate we have is that a Climbing Rock will cost between \$50,000 and \$70,000. Most of that would have to be raised from outside sources through a fund raising effort.

At the last Executive Committee meeting the Climbing Rock was discussed at great length. A motion was passed by the Executive Committee that we contribute \$10,000 toward the funding of this proposed climbing rock. The motion was not brought to the floor for vote at the February Membership Meeting, since the Executive Committee wanted to be sure that this item of business received adequate advanced notice.

A presentation will be made by the Ad-Hoc Climbing Rock Committee at the March Membership meeting. Immediately following the presentation, the committee will answer questions. If you are interested at all in this issue, I urge you to attend the March Membership Meeting. Voting is done at the meeting, not by mail in ballot. If you want to vote, it is important that you be present at the March Meeting.

If you have questions, concerns or issues you want to bring up, below is a list of the members of the Climbing Rock Committee. Feel free to call any one of them. They will be happy to try to answer your questions.

Leigh Bennett	775-3397
Steve Kieffer	794-8977
Gail McClary	337-7712
Dianne Duffy	259-1667
Dick Schneider	252-9278
DeForest Eveland	485-9823
Roy Whitcutt	775-0179
Arthur Wright	742-6176

Remember that this will be our potluck meeting. So come early, bring your favorite dish and a appetite. This is a great opportunity to visit with old friends and meet some new ones. Hope to see you all in March.

Larry Longley  
Chairman

#### PUBLICATION DEADLINES

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

## CLIMBING

### INSTRUCTOR REVIEW

Our annual instructor review will be held on Saturday March 2nd, beginning at 9 am. Following a brief update on the climbing course and Climbing Committee activities, a belay seminar will be presented by Seattle Mountaineer, Allan Frees. The seminar itself will last approximately 3 hours. After Allan's presentation, we will proceed outside and apply some ideas and techniques. Please bring appropriate personal belay equipment (Climbing Committee will provide ropes). The seminar will be held at Lions Hall in Forest Park. For further information or questions, contact Gail McClary at 337-7712.

### WINTER CLIMBS

There are many current Intermediate Climbing Course participants who would love to go climbing this winter! The winter climbing season extends through March 21st. Any Intermediate Climb leader interested in leading a winter climb please contact Bill Iffrig or Gail McClary.

### CLIMBS POLICY

In anticipation of the upcoming Spring/Summer climbing season, this seems like a good opportunity to review policies regarding Mountaineer Climbs (These also apply to winter climbs) which are intended to meet Basic and Intermediate Climbing Course Requirements.

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If you are a climb leader, planning to lead climbs in the above categories please remember that participants on your climbs must be Mountaineer members and they must have signed waivers on file in Seattle. For questions or verification, please contact Climbing Committee Chair Gail McClary.

## FOLKDANCING

Friday, March 8, 1991 at Floral Hall in Forest Park, Everett. Sponsored by the Everett Mountaineers and the Everett Parks Department. At 8:00 PM Brian Goldade, M.C. will teach Contra and English Country dances called "Hills of Haversham, Beckett's Reel and Hole in the Wall". Popular international dances 9:00 to 11:30. Singles welcome. Wear flat shoes and comfortable clothes. \$3.00 to 4.00 donation appreciated. 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.

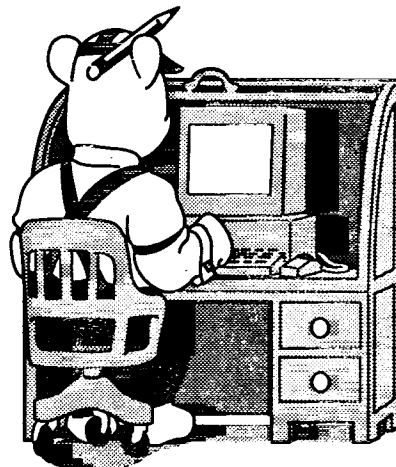
## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers needed to review local newspapers and collect articles on Everett Mountaineer meetings and activities.

Marjorie Schaller, has submitted meeting announcements and class information to the various newspapers in the area, in an effort to promote Everett Mountaineer activities. We now need volunteers, who subscribe and read one or more of the following papers to monitor and clip articles related to the Mountaineers. We will collect the articles and place them in a activities notebook. The newspapers are:

Monroe Monitor  
Arlington Times  
Marysville Globe  
Lynnwood Enterprise  
Woodinville Weekly  
Stanwood  
Everett Hearld

Thanks Marjorie, for a great job of getting this project started. We have already started seeing more mountaineering information in the newspapers. If you can help, or know of additional newspapers to contact in your area, please give Marjorie a call at (668-3217) or Wayne at (258-8946).



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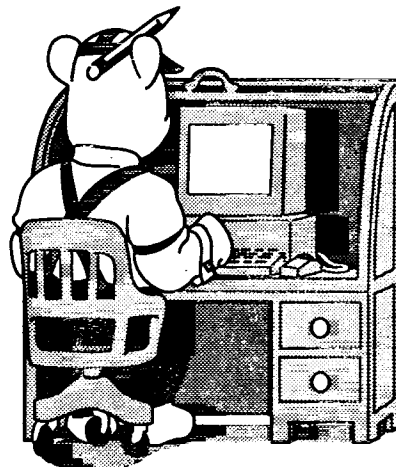
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## ATTENTION CLIMBERS

The Marymoor Park Climbing Rock project is alive and well! King County Parks Division has included the siting and design of an artificial climbing structure in their 1991 budget with construction planned for 1992. The County has requested private donations to partially fund the project as a gauge of the level of support by the climbing community. Cash donations to public parks and recreation facilities are deductible as defined in IRS Publication 526 titled 'Charitable Contributions' and should be made out to King County Parks Division at the address listed below.

**Marymoor Climbing Rock Fund  
C/O Barbara Wright, Manager  
King County Parks Division  
2040 84th Ave. S.E.  
Mercer Island, WA 98040**

Additional questions may be directed to Carl King (885-8578) or Karl Steinke (885-8868).

*The Everett Mountaineers, have agreed to make a contribution to this fund and to write a letter of support to King County Parks. Each interested member is encouraged to show support where possible.*

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

## LOOKOUT AND TRAIL MAINTENANCE

The next committee meeting will take place April 2, 1991 at Carol Jacobsons home. June's meeting (June 3) will be at Jerry Thompson's home. Contact Jerry Thompson for directions to both at 653-7390.

The following dates have been set for lookout maintenance projects:

**Three Fingers** - Contact Leader, Carol Jacobson, via Jerry Thompson.

August 3-4. Pack in shutter boards and paint.

August 10-11. Painting and additional hauling.

**Pilchuck** - Contact Leader, Ron Smith, 347-0763, .

June 2. Wash windows, assess state of building

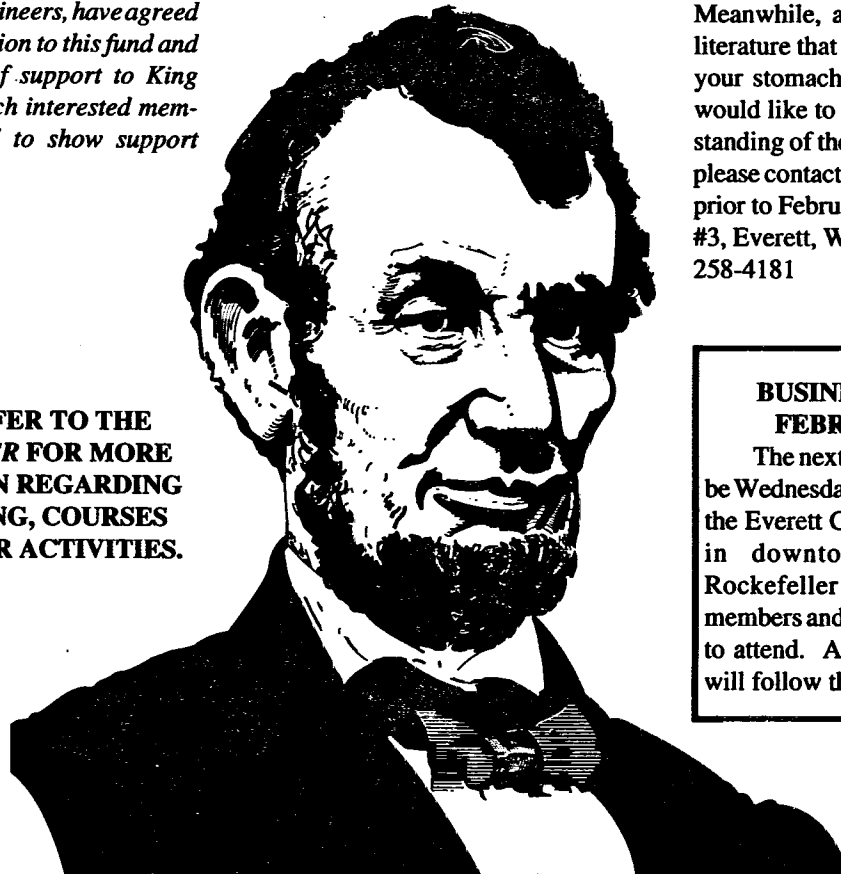
August 17-18. Paint floor and repair shutters. Need additional leader for this trip.

## ICE AXE ARREST EVALUATION

The Everett Scramble Committee is organizing an evaluation of the techniques for the performing the head-first - on your stomach ice axe arrest. Conversations with experienced climbing/scrambling instructors reveal there is a wide disparity of techniques taught by the various instructors for this arrest.

On the last weekend in February, a small select number of mountaineers (approx. 7) will spend one day in the field evaluating the various techniques that have been recommended. This group will include members who helped rewrite the climbing sections of "Freedom of the Hills" and a representative from the Seattle Climbing Committee. Our long range goal of this ice axe arrest evaluation is to improve safety and develop a standard technique our instructors should use for instructing this arrest. A report on the results of this evaluation will be forthcoming in a future newsletter.

Meanwhile, anyone who can suggest literature that covers the head first - on your stomach arrest in detail, or who would like to share their strong understanding of the mechanics of the arrest, please contact Neil Johnson, preferably prior to February 23, at 3523 Wetmore #3, Everett, WA 98201 or by phone at 258-4181



### **BUSINESS MEETING, FEBRUARY 6, 1991**

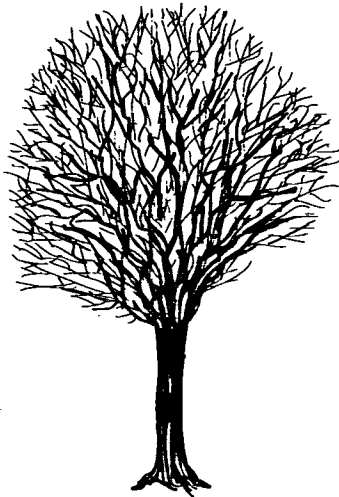
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## HIKING

March 9-10, Columbia River Gorge photography car camp. Joint trip with the photo group. Recommended arrival Friday night at Eagle Creek Camp Ground. Leader: Linda Moore, 764-5056 (w) or 347-7650 (h).

Saturday - Multnomah-Wahkeena loop or Eagle Creek Trail, Oregon. (E/M) Hike 5.5 miles to 8 miles RT. Waterfalls, streams, lush forests, lichen-covered rock formations.

Sunday - Rowena Dell, Columbia Hills, Lyle area. Minimal Hiking. Early spring flowers, oak woodlands and sand dunes.



### BRANCH OFFICERS

<b>Branch Chair</b>	
Larry Longley	252-1669
<b>Vice Chair</b>	
Dorothy Beeman	668-8475
<b>Secretary</b>	
Linda Nyman	789-0987
<b>Treasurer</b>	
Dianne Duffy	259-1667
<b>Trustee</b>	
Don Heck	347-6849

### STANDING COMMITTEE

#### CHAIRS

<b>Alpine Scramblers</b>	
Neil Johnson	659-9034
<b>Climbing</b>	
Gail McClary	337-7712
<b>Communications</b>	
Wayne Cunningham	258-8946
<b>Conservation</b>	
Corlan Carlson	525-4559
<b>Explorer Scout Post</b>	
Doug Donaldson	347-4182
<b>Folkdance</b>	
Laurie Akers	659-6559
<b>Hiking</b>	
John Witters	353-4672
<b>Lookout / Trail Maintenance</b>	
Jerry Thompson	653-7390
<b>Membership</b>	
Dana Miller	745-5846
<b>Skiing</b>	
Ted Case	365-8042
<b>Social</b>	
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