

The Everett Mountaineers

Newsletter

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

The Programs Committee has lined up the following interesting and informative programs for the coming months' general membership meetings:

JANUARY: Ted Case and members of the photography group, The "Naturalists" will show some of their best work in a slide program.

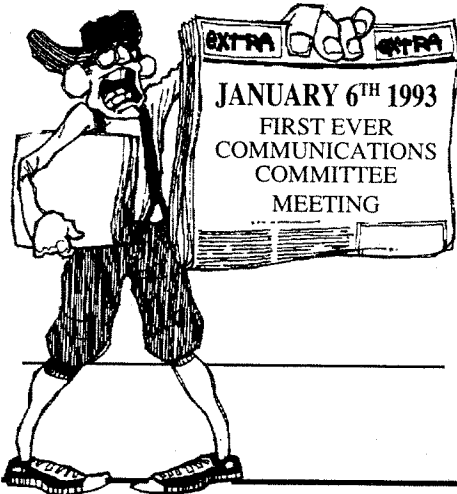
FEBRUARY: Seattle Mountaineer Robin Day will present us with a program highlighting her expedition to Mt. McKinley.

MARCH: Instead of the usual program there will be the annual potluck and used equipment sale.

NEW COMMITTEE

The Communications Committee will have their first meeting on Wednesday, January 6th at 6 P.M. The meeting will be held at the First Congregational Church before the general membership meeting. Bring your nutritious fast food dinner if you are coming from work. For more information call: Sandy Bingaman659-5461.

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AWARDS BANQUET RESULTS

100 Miles: Kirsten Mooney, Jenna Evans, Mike Shikany, Teresa Shikany, Rick Lewellen

200 Miles: Mike Shikany, Teresa Shikany

400 Miles: Dennis Miller, Dana Miller, Linda Sebring

600 Miles: Molly Beeman, Myra Beeman

1000 Miles: Andy Boos

2500 Miles: John Witters

LOOKOUT PEAK AWARD:

George Swan, Linda Sebring

ALPINE SCRAMBLE GRADUATES:

Jim Abbie, Rick Burach, Penny Cannon, Jill Colpitts, Jenna Evans, Michael Eyster, Carrie Klein-Lasky, Andrea Kurlinski, Denis Ouellette, Mark Osterud, Steve Pisek, Shirlee Read, Sigrid Reinhardt, Clyde Salisbury, Eric Sandrin, Lisa Schultz, Matt Schultz, Mike Shikany, Teresa Shikany, Lewis Turner, Alison Vickers, Frank Voris, Melanie Wright, Sherry Zane

BASIC CLIMBING COURSE

GRADUATES:

Kevin Andringa, Tom Barnhart, Mark Baxter, Norman Buckley, Angie Burlingame, Sarah Cassatt, Valerie Chabot, Melody Christensen, Al Clarke, Sean Curran, Jim Daubert, Clay Frick, Anne Hall, Chris Herter, John Hughes, Thomas Kestas, Jim Ketchum, Ursela Kirkpatrick, Jill Langer, Jennifer Laraby, Karen LeWarne, Kris Maxwell, Chad Miller, Brad Mitchell, Ravi Myers, David Phelps, Stephen Phillips, John Phillips, Patricia Schrag, John Slotemaker, Lucinda Soha

INTERMEDIATE CLIMBING COURSE

GRADUATES:

Mike Bueller, Schneider, David White, Ken Wilcox

BASIC NORDIC SKIING

GRADUATES:

Bill Hansen

TELEMARK SKI GRADUATES:

Randy Fritch, Connie Bennett

CLIMBING AWARDS:

Classic Eight Peaks

Bob Kandiko, Karen Neubauer

Five Major Peaks

Ginger Decker, Teri Kane

Everett Bronze Award

Robin Day, Neil Johnson,

Sam McClary

Everett Silver Award

Andy Boos

Irish Cabin Peaks

Heidi Ondrasik

SPECIAL SERVICE AWARDED:

Jerry Thompson

KEN NELSON AWARDED:

Gail McCleary

*Congratulations
Graduates and Awardees*

LEADERSHIP SEMINAR

The annual Leadership Seminar will be held February 16, 1993 7:00 PM at Legion Hall. The purpose of the Leadership Seminar is to provide instruction and a forum for group discussion of general leadership characteristics relevant to climbing. Participants will review strategies for leading successful climbs, and dealing with adverse situations. Emphasis will be placed on "people skills", as opposed to the technical aspects of leading a climb. Attendance at this seminar is required of all new climb leaders, and is recommended for recent Basic Climbing Course graduates wishing to instruct at field trips. Current climb leaders must attend this seminar at least once every three years to remain on the approved leader list.

HOW TO BECOME A BASIC CLIMB LEADER

There may be some of you who desire to become a Basic Climb Leader. The Climbing Committee has a process in place that you can follow in order to get on the leader list.

The initial requirements are:

1. Be a current Mountaineer member.
2. Be a graduate of a Mountaineers' Basic Climbing course or have a Mountaineer equivalency.
3. Participate on two Basic level climbs, one rock and one glacier, as a leader. (The three Basic climbs done in fulfillment of these requirements for Basic Course graduation may not be used to meet this requirement.)
4. Have current MOFA certification.
5. Attend the Everett Mountaineers Instructor Review.
6. Attend the Everett Mountaineers Leadership Seminar.

Once these initial requirements are met, then you need to petition the Climbing Committee. The petition must include the following information:

A. Biographical Data

1. Name
2. Address
3. Home telephone number
4. Work telephone number
5. Desired qualification (Basic Climb Leader)

B. Education/Training

1. Climbing courses: Specify course title, year graduated, and branch
2. Climbing seminars: Specify seminar title, date, and sponsoring organization.
3. MOFA: Attach a copy of certification card

C. Experience

1. Field Trips: List all field trips at which you have instructed
2. Climbs: List five climbs you have completed. For each climb, include the name of peak, ascent route, date, and climb leader name.

D. References

List names and telephone numbers of three branch members who are qualified to lead Basic climbs. These references must have climbed with you and be able to attest to your qualification to lead. Be sure to include your leader in training mentors. The Climbing Committee will review and validate petitions, then approve or reject the petition. Applicants will be notified of the committee's decision. If you have any questions about this process feel free to call: Dave White 368-8178.

EVERYONES INVITED

The Mountaineers, in conjunction with the Everett Parks and Recreation Department, sponsor folk dances twice a month, on the second and fourth Fridays at Floral Hall in Everett's Forest Park, from 8:00-11:30 P.M. The dances include an hour of instruction followed by a program of varied dances from numerous countries. The instruction period at 8:00 coaches beginners in the basics as well as offering reviews and new dances to the more experienced.



Our December 11th dance will feature instruction and a program by Jack Becker, who brings refreshing pieces from his fine collection of dance music. This is our only dance in December. The next dance is January 8, 1993.

Our January 22 dance will feature live music by the versatile and increasingly popular Folk Voice Band, with the instruction period by last year's very excellent teacher, Rhonda Paulson.

A Valentine's Day dance is planned for February 12, and the committee is arranging for live music at one of our dances in February or March.

Classes in popular pattern and free-style dances as well as basic steps will be from 8:15 to 10:15 every Thursday evening, January 21 through April 1, except March 18.

We are fortunate to have a professional quality teacher, namely Maureen Pettit, who is the leader of the La Pe Kie Ko performing group which specializes in Finnish dancing and was featured at the Folklife Festival last May. Price is \$25 for the series of ten lessons. Sign up with Everett Parks and Recreation Department at 259-0300, or Committee Chairwoman, Laurie Akers at 659-6559. Or call Gordon Rogers at 353-2085 for information. Our dances and classes are open to everyone; so bring your friends. Even children enjoy this unique activity!

ANNUAL SCRAMBLE CLASS POTLUCK/SOFTBALL GAME

by mike Shikany

The 1992 Scramble Class potluck was held on September 27 at Forest Park in Everett. The gorgeous autumn afternoon made for perfect softball weather. The optimum conditions failed to help the instructors though, as the students prevailed with a score of 15-9. After the game, a sumptuous feast was enjoyed by all of the 35 attendees. Students from this year's class and previous classes responded to written questions about the leaders. The questions dealt with the accomplishments from this year's scrambles. After dinners, the questions were tallied, and the following leaders were given prizes:

Andy Boos, for bringing the best treats for students (cookies).

Ron Smith, for displaying the most creative route finding. He apparently led a scramble that bushwhacked up a mountain, and then followed the trail on the way down.

Lynnette Andres, for having the most unique 10 essentials.

Mike Smith, who had the most creative excuse for not obtaining a summit. His excuse was an injury to a student due rock fall.

Forrest Clarke, who had the most unique method of delegating students to carry gear. His method was to state: "I'm already carrying a radio." He also put the rope on the ground, assuming someone would pick it up and carry it. Last but not least,

Neil Johnson, for the most interesting wardrobe.

Each lucky winner was rewarded with a purple pile Mambo sock sewn by Teresa Shikany. We are looking forward to seeing the socks on the summit leaders!

Thanks to all for a successful day, and a mightily successful scramble season. 🐾

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The Eight Principals of Wilderness Ethics

- 1) Stay on established trails.
- 2) Camp in established campsites.
- 3) Properly dispose of human waste.
- 4) Use a camp stove.
- 5) Wash well away from camp and water sources.
- 6) Leave natural features undisturbed.
- 7) Keep wildlife self-reliant by not feeding them. Leave pets at home.
- 8) Pack out all party litter.

AUTUMN TRAIL MAINTENANCE ADVENTURE

by Jerry Thompson

A trail maintenance work party had been scheduled for September 28. The plan was to spend a second day brushing on the Tupso Pass/Saddle Lake/ Goat Flats Trail. An earlier Everett Mountaineer work party had found that trail in perhaps the finest condition in recent years. A Forest Service crew had spent several days there, and stumps and logs that folks had been climbing over or around for years, obstructions that many took as permanent features of the trail and had used as mileposts to mark their progress, were gone. Much more attention to that trail, and one might consider venturing up it pushing an old auntie in a wheelchair.

On the way home from the first work party, Andy Boos, Carol Jacobson and Jerry Thompson had located what they believed to be the Forks Trail off Forest Service Road 41. The trail near the road was completely overgrown, but the track was obvious as it wound its way down between large trees. Jerry returned a few days later and followed the trail down into a large clearcut. He soon lost the tread in the ruin. He dropped down into the clearcut and found a road he thought might take him back to Road 41. Shortly after crossing the last big berm in the road at the edge of the clearcut, he spotted a trailhead sign: "Forks Trail - 1 Mile". But where was the trail? With a bit of searching, he found the trail going straight up into the air (or maybe it was straight down?) at the edge of a huge root ball on a blowdown, its roots facing the road. Beyond, the trail wound gently down through large old-growth timber to some spectacular pools on the South Fork of Canyon Creek, a few hundred feet upstream from where it joins the North Fork. The trail appeared to get little use (and maintenance).

On the way back, Jerry found that the road into the clearcut was F.S. Road 4140, and did indeed take him back to his car on Road 41.

September 28 dawned, and Jerry met Linda Clemens, Eldon Jacobson and Dwayne Wright at Road 41 and the Mountain Loop Highway. Eldon had enjoyed exploring other abandoned trails in the area and was interested in seeing the Forks Trail. The group readily and unanimously agreed to redirect its efforts for the day to the Canyon Forks Trail. Two tree

across the upper half of the trail made quick work of Eldon's little chainsaw. The group enthusiastically brushed its way down to Canyon Creek, saving heavier logging operations for another trip and a bigger chainsaw.

At Canyon Creek, where the trail now appears to end, were two small camp sites. The larger of the two housed a trail shelter in very sorry condition. The roof of the shelter, where it still existed, consisted of rotten shakes covered with several layers of plastic sheeting between which were thick heavy layers of wet moss. The group packed a couple of garbage bags full of plastic and garbage from around the two camps. Eldon and Jerry located the old trail at the edge of the stream and followed it to a possible ford on the north fork of Canyon Creek. They could see no sign of a trail on the other side.

The group packed up the garbage and headed up the trail. Near the upper end of the trail, just below Road 4140, gunshots caused some concern. Three young men had set up camp on a landing in an adjacent clearcut and were having a wilderness experience of their own, along with some spirits. Before heading home, the group drove on to Tupso Pass, where Eldon guided them to the upper end of the long lost Boulder River/Tupso Pass Trail. It was completely lost at the pass, but was quite obvious in forested areas between salmonberry patches.

As the group headed home, they were pleased with what they had seen and done. And were resolved to continue work on the Canyon Forks Trail next season. 🐾

*Interested in exploring and
re-establishing old, and new trails?
Become involved with
the Everett Mountaineers Lookout
and Trail Maintenance.
Call 653-7390 for information.*

CONSERVATION CORNER

Hello members, my name is Louie Coglas, and I chair the Conservation Committee of the Everett Mountaineers. My task, as envision it to be, is to rally a committee to discuss ongoing environmental issues, then determine if it is pertinent to the Mountaineers and communicate those issues to the Branch.

Coming together once at month, usually on the 3rd or 4th Wednesday, the highly intelligent, thought provoking and creative committee solves the problems of nature. We then distribute the tidings to the membership in various wags such as this newsletter, the Conservation Newsletter of the Mountaineers, telephoning, bulletins at business meetings and activities like "Walkie Talkie" nature hikes and work shops.

The Conservation Committee deals in many aspects of conservation. This comes in the form of asking members to write letters or phone congress (U.S. and state), the national parks, state parks, Fish and Wildlife Department, County Council, and local leaders.

Informing members on issues and policies of the Mountaineers such as protection of ecosystems (old growth, wildlife habitat, endangered species, wild and scenic rivers, etc.), to teaching the new enacted wilderness ethics policy.

A new coalition of environmentally oriented groups has formed to promote legislated protection of habitat essential to the salmon and trout of Snohomish County. Members include the Mountaineers (Everett Branch), Snohomish Sportsmen's Association, Tulalip Tribes, Pilchuck Audubon Society, Wet Net, Adopt-a-Stream and others.

The coalition is launching a letter writing campaign to urge the Snohomish County Council to pass a critical areas ordinance as required by the Growth Management Act. Without the law, continued loss of critical salmon and trout habitat threatens the major state industries of commercial fishing and tourism.

Please write today to express your concern for our streams and wetlands. Send your letters to: Bob Drewel, County Executive, 3000 Rockefeller, Everett, WA 98201
For more information you may call:
Lou Coglas 672-4521.

*One of the best sources
for information on environmental
issues is the Mountaineers
Conservation newsletter.
Call the Seattle Clubhouse at
281-8509 to subscribe.*

IN A BLAZE OF GLORY

Dorothy Beeman is resigning her position as Programs Director after serving a very successful term. We all thank her for doing a great job. This position involves setting up speakers and presentations for the program following the branch business meetings each month and is said to be loads of fun! Anyone interested should contact Dennis Miller for more information.

PILCHUCK AUDUBON

Pilchuck Audubon Society is a local group which is involved in conservation and recreation. It offers a variety of programs including hiking, skiing, boating trips, camping trips and educational weekend seminars for purposes of conservation, birdwatching and just plain fun. Regular monthly programs are held every second Friday at the General Hospital Annex at 7:00 P.M. For further information or a free copy of their newsletter, contact:
Marianne McKnight337-4777.

NEW COURSES OFFERED

The Hiking committee will be offering two new courses this season. A snowshoe class will begin January 14th with a lecture to be followed by an all day practical, January 23. The cost for the course is \$4.00 for members.

For signup and information call:

Neil Johnson258-3679
Linda Sebring742-4351

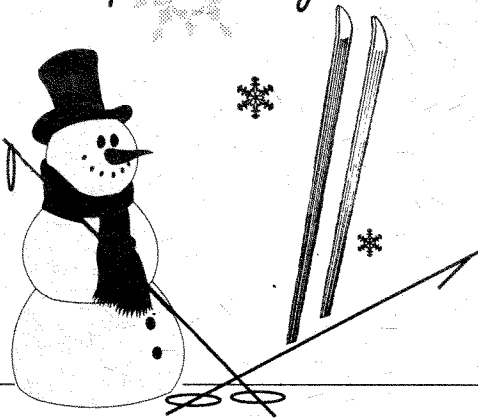
A hiking safety/ten essentials seminar will be offered January 27th with the ten essentials seminar on February 3rd before the business meeting. Learn what precautions, concerns, and planning are needed to have a safe and fun hiking trip. As well as what the ten essentials are and why you need them.

For further information contact:

Forrest Clark487-3461
John Witters353-4672



Have a Great Holiday Season



MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday
January 6th 1993
7:30 p.m. at the
Everett Congregational Church
in downtown Everett,
2624 Rockefeller

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