

The Everett Mountaineers Newsletter

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

JULY:

John Almack, a wildlife research biologist will present a slide show on grizzly bears and wolves in the North Cascades.

AUGUST:

Susie Schaeffer will share her slides of her experiences with Earth Watch in Poland, Viet Nam and Columbia.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday's
July 7, Aug 4
7:30 pm

Everett Congregational Church
in downtown Everett,
2624 Rockefeller

CONSERVATION CORNER

by Lou Coglas

The Conservation Committee Meeting is held every 3rd Thursday of the month. Anyone interested is invited to attend. For more information about the Conservation Committee or any of the following activities, please contact: Lou Coglas at 672-4521.

June 29, (evening)

Float trip on the lower Stillaguamish River and look for point pollution.
Leader: Steve Dean.

*Let's hear
from you*



LACK OF SUBMISSIONS SLOWS NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION

A funny thing happened on the way to the printer's. When all of the submissions to the current newsletter were assembled and formatted we were left with big gaping holes. Approximately one page of the newsletter turned up blank. To fill those spaces with pictures alone would defeat the purpose of information dissemination. So please excuse the tardiness of this epistle while we solicit more articles to make this a truly worthwhile offering. My apologies to those of you who submitted material that became "old news" with the passage of time. For future reference, you, the reader, should understand that this first year of quarterly issues is a trial to determine the need and feasibility of a branch newsletter.

The Mountaineer Magazine is a most valuable resource for most of our information regarding dates and events. Whether or not the information presented in this newsletter is worthwhile or not will be evaluated over the summer. Our next Communications Committee meeting will be at 6:00, immediately preceding the July membership meeting. The determination reached at that meeting and with the executive board will be passed on in our next newsletter/ballot scheduled for the first of August. Anyone who has input regarding the life or death of the newsletter please plan on attending the meeting or talk with one of the committee members: Carrie Strandell at 629-9386/Sandy Bingaman at 659-5461.

VOLUNTEERS FOR OUTDOOR WASHINGTON

VOW just celebrated its 10th birthday on the Iron Goat Trail. This nonprofit organization is people who volunteer to conserve Washington's natural resources in fun and satisfying ways. VOW provides many kinds of support to enable volunteers to provide stewardship of public lands. This is done through service projects, education and training, and by providing information and referral.

Each year VOW conducts 20-30 programs and workshops, organizes about 40 days of service projects, and connects hundreds of volunteers with public land management agencies who badly need help.

VOW workshops are among the best organized and most informative. Basic trail maintenance, re-vegetation, and workshops for trail maintenance leaders are among the most popular offerings.

For more information, or to sign up for workshops or projects, call VOW at (206) 545-4868. One need not be a member of VOW to participate in any of their offerings.



FOOTSTEPS FROM THE PAST

The Everett Mountaineers, founded in 1920 with 50 charter members, is very close to reaching 1000 members. This column will recall tidbits of our rich and varied history.

25 YEARS AGO

January, 1968 - Supreme Court Douglas has been made an honorary member of the Mountaineers. Ralph McKay, Jim Brown and Sam Fain attended a meeting with the other branches in an effort to bring the climbing courses together. The Climbing Committee is concerned about the use of nylon ropes. Two ropes broke during the crevasse rescue practice. The other branches will not use nylon rope and will return to using manila. It was thought a letter to DuPont might yield some information concerning nylon ropes.

50 YEARS AGO

January, 1941 - Herman Felder, Trustee, reported that membership in the Everett Branch numbered 66. A suggestion has been made that the branches receive, in addition to the \$1.00 now refunded out of the annual dues, \$2.50 of the initiation fee.

February, 1941. Kenneth Chapman's resignation as Chairman of the Everett Branch was presented; since he had been called for service with the naval reserve.

FROM THE 1920's

October, 1920. The proposed amendment relating to a raise in membership dues was discussed at length. Resolutions, read by Dr. H.B. Hinman, suggested that a raise in dues seemed unnecessary, were adopted with a copy to be sent to Seattle.

October, 1921. A motion was passed that Mabel McBain be reimbursed for money spent for railroad fare in attending Board Meetings in Seattle.



WRITE FOR ANCIENT FORESTS

Our June membership meeting presentation by Muggins Peters suggested a letter writing campaign to preserve ancient forests. Some key points suggested by Muggins are:

1. Establishment of a system of permanently protected ancient forest reserves, no logging within the reserves!
2. Sound, scientifically-based management of adjacent forest lands.
3. Include protection of the East side forests; we must protect ecosystems on both sides of the Cascade crest.
4. Intensive watershed restoration to protect salmon habitat.
5. Federal aid to timber dependent communities to assist in economic diversification.
6. Timber harvesting based on sustainable harvesting levels, unlike the devastating cut levels of the past.
7. Reduction of log exports.

SEND YOUR LETTERS TO:

◆President Bill Clinton
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20001

◆Katie McGinty
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Old Executive Office Building, Rm 358
Washington, D.C. 20501

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Mr. Mike Espy
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◆Secretary of the Interior
Mr. Bruce Babbitt
U.S. Dept. of the Interior
1849 "C" Street N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240

CLIMBLINE

The Climbing Committee is sponsoring a climbline. An "announce only" voice mailbox which lists current climbing activities. This is intended to supplement the usual printed means of informing Everett climbers of current climbs. Now we have the ability to schedule climbs and get the word out after the deadline for the magazine. If you don't know already, here is how the system works:

Climbers: to find out about climbs call 348-7829. The recording will list the trip and the leader and his or her phone number. To sign up or get more info you will have to call the leader.

Leaders: to get a climb listed on the climbline call Bill Iffrig at 334-2126. He will record it.

CLIMBLINE REMINDER

Would you like to lead a climb but missed the deadline for getting it in the bulletin? Don't forget the Climblime. It's a great way to let climbers know of your last minute plans. Instructions on using the Climblime are in the Winter/Spring issue of the newsletter.

THANKS INSTRUCTORS!

As the 1993 Basic Course comes to a close, the committee would like to thank all of our instructors. Because of you our program is known for quality and safety. Thanks for all your time and hard work. Have a good summer climbing.

HIKING COMMITTEE NEWS

New Lookout Award!

Recently the hiking committee decided to add a new lookout award to the patch that is already available. For those of you new to hiking, the old award was offered to any Everett Mountaineer that summited twelve of the twenty listed Everett Lookouts. The new award offered is a plaque to be awarded to any Everett Mountaineer who summits all twenty of the listed Lookouts or eight summits as leader of official Everett hike. For more details or to help design the new plaque contact the hiking committee at 742-4351.

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF THE LOOKOUT PEAKS:

Alpine Lookout
Anderson Butte
Church Mt.
Mt. David
Mt. Dickerman
Dock Butte
Green Mt.
Hidden Lake Peak
Mt. Higgins
Huckleberry Mt.
Lookout Mt.
Park Butte
Mt. Pilchuck
Rock Mt.
Sauk Mt.
Mt. Si
Sourdough Mt.
Surprise Mt.
Mt. Townsend
Winchester Mt.

In order to qualify for lookout awards you must petition the hiking committee with a listing of:

- 1) Peaks climbed
- 2) Dates
- 3) Members of the party

(party should be a minimum of three, at least one other a Mountaineer).

GOLDEN TIMES OVER MONTE CRISTO

by Marc Trayle
Chapter One

Early on the morning of September 21, 1991, five Everett Mountaineers met two Forest Service Employees at the Verlot Visitor Center. After gathering some tools and materials the group drove to Barlow Pass where loads were moved from cars and trucks to backpacks and the journey began to Silver Lake.

The forest service people, Martha Stathis from Massachusetts and Mark Schulmann from New York City spoke fondly of their activity at Silver Lake. They had spent a good portion of their time with the Darrington Ranger District in the last three summers working on this project. This was the last weekend of their last season of work on the project and together they had vowed to return to see the fruits of their labors but not for thirty years! Martha had a contract to work for a year in Antarctica while Mark was planning on studying archeology at a university in Israel. The Everett crew found it a challenge to keep pace with these seasoned and professional outdoors people.

Once at Silver Lake, the Mountaineers were allowed to set up camp on a grassy flat near where a semipermanent Forest Service camp was located. Mountaineer George Swan, bold fellow that he is, elected to share a tent with Martha and two of the lovely Mountaineer ladies, Kris Maxwell and Carrie Strandell. The Spartan Judy Faulhaber was intentionally without a sleeping bag and was finally enticed into sharing a tent with Mark Schulmann and Jerry Thompson.

After a short lunch break, the crew was quickly put to work. Judy, Kris, and Carrie were taken by Martha and taught a technique called layering where young heather and partridge foot plants still attached to mother plants were pulled out into areas to be revegetated. George and Jerry worked with Mark to locate and remove young trees that had been root pruned a year ago.

Somewhere while working on this Jerry discovered the fine crop of Silver Lake berries. His productivity rate dropped a bit. The more trees he dug the more blueberries he consumed. His back became sore and his mouth turned blue but he didn't grow hungry.

Later in the afternoon, the ladies, who



were still going strong, moved over to the stream at the outlet of Silver Lake and began planting sedges in several of the former campsites that were being restored to nature and made unusable as campsites. The fellows brought their young hemlocks here to plant. The crew were all pretty tired when the Forest Service people said they could break for dinner. It wasn't long after dinner when people were heading for bed. Most slept well. Only George and Judy remained conscious enough to count and evaluate the twists and turns of their respective tentmates.

Carrie roused everyone out at the crack of dawn. (In fact, she did this a bit before dawn had cracked.) Morning found the crew finishing projects of the previous day. When that was done they got to gather cuttings of *Luetkia Pectinata* (partridgefoot). They gathered hundreds of these cuttings. They gathered thousands of these cuttings! They quit at a little less than ten thousand! These were dampened and packed for the trip down in the Forest Service litter bags. Finally, camp was broken and the Forest Service camp was dismantled for the season.

As the crew hiked back down to Monte Cristo, they were able to talk Martha and Mark into taking a tour of Monte Cristo. These young people had spent three seasons working at Silver Lake but hadn't taken the time to hike up

Silvertip or even to visit Monte Cristo. The Mountaineers were proud of the work they had done but they realized it paled in comparison to the work done by Mark and Martha over the past three years.

An old fellow in a Japanese four by four kindly gave the group's packs and George a lift back to Barlow Pass. Jerry drove home and had turkey weinies for dinner. ☺

CREVASSE RESCUE SEMINAR

Have you practiced crevasse rescue techniques since you took the Basic Climbing Course? If you're a little rusty, or just want to learn new techniques, plan to attend the crevasse rescue seminar **July 10 at Nisqually Glacier, Mount Rainier**. The seminar will include the new technique being taught at this year's Basic Course, a modified version of that shown in *Freedom of the Hills*, 5th Edition. Participants will also learn alternative rescue techniques, including techniques for single rope teams, middleman rescue, and self-rescue with a pack. Advantages and disadvantages of each technique will be discussed. This seminar is open to Basic Climbing Course graduates and equivalents. Bring normal glacier climbing equipment. Limit: 18. Sign up with either of the leaders, **Dave White at 368-8178** or **Kevin Broderick at 784-2143**.



The Mountaineers - Everett Branch
PRESENT:
Folkdance!

ALL DANCES are at Floral Hall in Forest Park, Everett. Dances start at 8:00 PM with teaching for all comers. A program of varied folk dances runs from 9:00 to 11:30 and the leader (master of ceremonies) reviews the dances for the benefit of those unfamiliar with them. All are welcome. Wear comfortable clothes and flat leather-soled shoes. Refreshments are furnished. Donations are requested, \$4 ordinarily, or \$5 for live music. Bring your friends. Dance experience is not required.

INFORMATION:

Laurie Akers (Chairperson) 659-6559.

Gordon Rogers 353-2085.

Everett Parks & Recreation 259-0300.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Singles Group

July 1, Thursday: There has been lots of interest in organizing the single members of the branch. There will be a planning meeting at the Millers' at 7 p.m.

TRAIL MAINTENANCE OPPORTUNITIES

THREE FINGERS

July 24-25,

Repair shutters and roof. Contact: **Kim Dickey** at 337-2867.

July 31-August 1 or August 7-8:

(alternate date) Glazing work party. Putty with your Mountaineer buddies. Contact: **Forrest Clark** at 487-3461 (before 9:30 p.m.)

August 14-15, Alternate work party for July 24-25 plus a climb of the north peak led by **Kris Maxwell**. Contact: **Kim Dickey** at 337-2867.

LAKE BYRNE RESTORATION

August 28,

Contact: **Kim Dickey** at 337-2867

THE IRON GOAT TRAIL

Call to sign up:

July Ruth Ittner282-8737

Aug. Dennis Evans..... 243-5314

Sept. Sam Fry.....232-3829

MUGS AND T-SHIRTS

Available now are Mountaineer mugs and T-shirts and canvas grocery bags. Everett Mountaineer short sleeve T-shirts are \$9.00, long sleeve T-shirts are \$11.00 and can be special ordered.

Pilchuck shortsleeve T's are available for \$15.00 or 2 for \$25.00.

Grocery bags made of canvas with either the Everett Mountaineer logo or Pilchuck logo are available for \$9.00 each. Coffee mugs featuring our Everett Mountaineer logo are available for \$5.00 each.

Colors include white mug with black logo, light blue mug with black logo and black mug with pink logo.

Interested in shirts or mugs?

Call **Forrest Clark** at 487-3461

or come to the business meetings.



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PUBLICATION DEADLINE

Submission deadline for our
Summer/Fall

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