

The Everett Mountaineers

Newsletter

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

September 1: All Everett Branch Mountaineers are invited to bring 5-10 minutes of summer trip slides to share at our annual slide show.

October 6: Wildlife Biologist Martha Jordan will present a program on Trumpeter Swans.

November 3: Lowell Skoogs a mountaineer of renown will do a presentation on backcountry skiing.

Seattle Clubhouse Toll-free number
for all Mountaineer business based in Seattle.
1-800-573-8484

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday's
Sept 1, Oct 6, Nov 3
7:30 pm

Everett Congregational Church
in downtown Everett,
2624 Rockefeller

PUBLICATION DEADLINE

Submission deadline for our
Fall/Winter
Newsletter is November 3rd 1993.

For additional information.

Please contact

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Sandy Bingaman at 659-5461

Kathy Rule at 794-3149

ARTICLES FOR THE MOUNTAINEER MAGAZINE

Must be submitted to **Sandy Simila** at 481-8952 by the 20th of the preceding month.

1993 ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

The 1993 Annual Awards Banquet will be held on Saturday, November 13th at the Everett Yacht Club. Join us for a special evening of good fellowship. There will be the annual awards presentation and a great dinner, along with our special presentation by Steven Whitney, the Washington State Director of the Wilderness Society.

Steven has been with the Wilderness Society since 1986 and is best known as an expert on National Parks. His presentation will focus on issues surrounding Washington's National Parks and Ancient Forests.

Lynette Andres is in charge of ticket sales contact her at 691-5851. The price will be \$18.00. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend.

ANNUAL SALMON BAKE

The Everett Mountaineers annual Salmon Bake will be held Sunday, October 3rd at the Masonic Park 4.5 miles from Granite Falls on the Mt. Loop Highway.

Everett Mountaineers and their immediate family are invited to eat free. Other branch members and guests will be charge \$6 for adults, \$2.50 for children. All should plan on paying a gate fee.

We will be serving salmon, baked potatoes and corn-on-the-cob. Bring dinner ware, silver, plus any other foods to complete your meal. We will be serving between 1 to 2 p.m.

The Folk dance committee will be leading folk dancing after the meal. Come, eat, and join in the dancing afterwards.

Last day to sign up or cancel is October 1st. If you do sign up and don't attend, you will be requested to pay.

Sign up and for additional information call **Barbara Mathiesen**, 659-6734 or **Delores Wagner** at 568-3828.



TAKE THIS PIZZA AND LOVE IT!!

Come one, come all to the Everett Branch Mountaineer's first ever *Singles* activity! A Pizza Party is planned for Wednesday, September 8th at 7:00PM. We are meeting at Izzy's Pizza, 10117 Evergreen Way (the corner of Evergreen and Everett Mall Way).

This meeting is for all Mountaineer *Singles* and their friends. We will get to know each other, decide which types of activities the Everett Mountaineer *Singles* would like to pursue and plan our next activity.

Anyone who is interested, has ideas or suggestions please try to attend or give a call to let us know you want to be involved.

You may call **Jeanette** at 653-6731 for further information.



Twin Lakes- Monte Cristo Area

Photo courtesy of Henry Kral

FOOTSTEPS FROM THE PAST

More tidbits from our past gleaned by Dana Miller.

25 YEARS AGO

May 1968 - Sam Fain reported on the condition of the present climbing ropes. The branch approved the purchase of one coil (10 ropes) of Perlon at a cost of \$27.00 per rope.

Cadet Barnes helped with the Camping/Hiking course. It included 5 lectures and one field trip. 35 people took the course.

50 YEARS AGO

May 1941 - John Lehman read a letter asking the Mountaineers cooperation in furnishing entertainment for the locally stationed Army men. A motion was passed that we offer to supply leadership for specially organized trips and an opportunity to join our regular hikes and climbs. Another motion was passed to write to Colonel Strickland at the Airbase offering our services to help familiarize the pilots with the chief topographical features of the country.

NOTES FROM THE 20'S

March 1921 - A motion was made and carried that the Bear Creek property be leased and the government be paid at a rate of \$10.00 per year. The Chariman, A.J. Madden, appointed a committee for the purpose of seeing that the cabin be put in order and furnished, with special instructions to get quick action on purchasing mattresses.

CONSERVATION CORNER

by Lou Coglas

The Forest Service has chosen a Preferred Alternative for managing overuse in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness. Proposed is Alternative 9 which emphasizes resource protection and social standards through a wilderness-wide permit system for all overnight and most day users.

The preferred alternative is more restrictive than the position taken by the Mountaineers earlier this year. Our position includes support for an immediate permit system use only in high use areas and areas showing resource damage. We agree with the Forest Service that a great deal can be done through public education, by eliminating campfires, and by restricting or designating campsites in high use areas.

Norm Winn, Mountaineers Conservation Division Chair, and Donna Price, Activities Division Chair, will review the Environmental Assessment and will work together to draft a club response that will be approved by the Mountaineer's board at their meeting on September 2nd.

We encourage you to let us know your opinion about how we should respond as a club. Please send your comments to the Conservation Division at the Mountaineer Clubhouse. Comments will also be accepted by the Forest Service through September 24th.

Send comments to:

The Mountaineers Conservation Division,
300 3rd Ave West, Seattle WA 98119.

and/or

Dave Redman, Mt. Baker - Snoqualamie National Forest, 21905 64th Ave West, Mountlake Terrace, WA 98043.

Our committee's fondness for nature has brought us to a point of overindulgence with an overflowing stack of information. Anyone interested in taking on a project such as letter drafting, clipping newspaper articles, organizing nature hikes, or just learning more about conservation of the mountaineers are more than welcome to come to our.....

EVERETT MOUNTINEERS CONSERVATION COMMITTEE ORGANIZATIONAL PARTY

October 21, 7PM at Louie Coglas' house. For details, call Louie at 672-4521. See you there!

HISTORICAL TRIVIA

The following is excerpted from an article in the 1912 edition of the Mountaineer written by Dr. H.B. Hinman:

The Everett Mountaineers had their inception in a chance meeting between Mr. Asahel Curtis and the writer at Reese's Camp, Mt. Rainier, in August, 1909. At that time there were no members of "The Mountaineers" in Everett.

Immediately upon my return, however, I made application for membership. How well the plan has been carried out can be judged from the following facts: There have been elected from Everett, forty members. We have held up to date, thirteen local walks. The average attendance at these walks has been fifteen. Eleven of our members were on the Glacier Peak Outing, nine of them reaching the summit. The Board of Directors has granted us a tentative organization with a Local Committee of Managers consisting of three members. We think that we have made good, and will do even better in the future. We trust that some permanent provision may be made in the charter of the club for local organizations, and that the work we have started will result in local branches in Tacoma, Bellingham, Spokane, and other points throughout our state.

GOLDEN TIMES OVER MONTE CRISTO

by Marc Trayle

CHAPTER TWO

Friday evening, September 18, Jerry Thompson had his nose out of joint. He had talked to the Everett Mountaineer Executive Committee into providing up to ten scholarships for the Volunteers for Out door Washington (V.O.W.) Site Restoration Class. Six other Everett Mountaineers had agreed to participate in the class and earlier in the week Thompson had asked Treasurer Bob Crunkilton to cover the tuition of all involved. The very same evening, two would be participants in the class called to cancel. Thompson quickly got back to Crunkilton and had him adjust the amount of the check he would send to V.O.W. Later in the week, a third person called to say she wouldn't be attending the class. The check had been mailed by this time and Thompson wasn't about to ask V.O.W. for a refund. The person agreed to reimburse the club for the cost of tuition. Everett Mountaineer participation in the class was suddenly down by fifty percent. Thompson wasn't a happy camper as he pulled into the Verlot Ranger Station.

Fortunately for everyone involved, Ron Smith arrived just a bit later to share Jerry's camper for the evening. Ron set about immediately and skillfully to perform urgently needed first aid on Jerry's attitude. Ron's therapeutic banter was supplemented by the right amount of the stuff he had in his jug. Thompson's sour attitude sweetened in about thirty five minutes.

The next morning Thompson and Smith went into Granite Falls for breakfast. They returned to Verlot to meet the rest of the class participants. Ginger Decker arrived but one more Everett Mountaineer person failed to show. There were a number of V.O.W. members in the class as well as a couple from Yakima and a city parks person from Anacortes.

The class was presented by Russ Handbey assisted by Stacey Myers. Handbey is an authority on site restoration and author of the text used for the class. Myers was a Forest Service employee and represented agency concerns for the class. Saturday, the class walked to a site along the trail to Pinnacle Lake. The site was located on a subalpine meadow not far from the lake. The group carefully evaluated the site and planned for its restoration. The site was a place where the trail divided into three tracks. It was determined that the most heavily used (and most deeply rutted) track had probably been the original trail. It was thought that the other tracks developed early in the season when the original track was covered with snow. A plan was organized and sketched out on paper. It was decided to make the early season route the main trail as it passed over stable terrain and was exposed earlier.

The group's efforts were then turned to making the other two tracks less usable and

QUESTIONNAIRE

Please take a moment to reflect on the viability of the Branch Newsletter.
Do you think it is a good idea to continue to put out a branch newsletter? Why or why not?

as much as possible to make them look as if they had never existed.

When the group finished, it evaluated its work. Scores ranged from the "B" given by the Forest Service, to the "A" given by the Yakima couple, to the "C-" pronounced by Decker and Thompson.

Saturday, after the class activities ended several of the non mountaineer class members announced they weren't going to stay for Sunday's part of the class. Ginger Decker went home but said she would be back in the morning. Most of the rest of the group left Verlot for dinner. Ron Smith invited Stacey Myers for spaghetti dinner in Jerry's camper. Stacey was a attractive young lady and Smith didn't have a lot of trouble convincing Thompson that he should share some of his dinner. Stacey didn't impress Thompson as the type that would eat a lot so he said okay.

During dinner, Myers brought up the Silver Lake project. She said she was trying to help organize an activity for mid-October to transport and plant seven hundred and fifty partridge foot plants in four inch pots. Thompson recalled that a group of Everett Mountaineers had collected the cuttings about a year ago that were now the plants that had to be carried back to Silver Lake.

Sometime in the middle of the night it began to rain really hard. This continued into the morning. Thompson made coffee and pancakes for the class but most had eaten by the time he got the food to the bunkhouse.

Ginger returned just as the class was ready to reconvene.

It was decided to review the procedures that were used yesterday and to spend most of the day on indoor activities as it was continuing to rain. A group would go in the afternoon and retrieve tools that had been cached along the trail yesterday.

Toward the end of the session the class had been divided into small discussion groups and given specific problems, and were to develop plans for each problem. Stacey Myers' group happened to be assigned a problem that had many elements similar to problems faced by Forest Service personnel at Silver Lake above Monte Cristo. Stacey's group shifted their efforts to specific aspects of the Silver Lake Project. Before the session let out, Thompson told Stacey that the Everett Mountaineers would carry her 750 plants to Silver Lake. He wasn't sure yet how this might be done but he was sure the Everett Mountaineers could provide the manpower to do the job.

The three Everett Mountaineer participants helped Myers and Handbey get the tools that had been left along the trail the previous day. After the class was over, Ron, Ginger and Jerry had dinner at the Mountain View Inn. ☺

TRAIL MAINTENANCE OPPORTUNITIES

Three Fingers: Kim Dickey - 337-2867
August 14/15 Shutters & roof.
Forrest Clark - 487-3461 (by 9:30PM)
September 4/5 or 11/12 Glazing.
Lake Byrne Restoration: Kim Dickey
August 28/29 or September 11/12.
Iron Goat: Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday's - August: Dennis Evans - 243-5314; September: Sam Fry - 232-3829.
President's work party with Don Heck September 18. Dedication will be October 2nd, everyone is welcome.

NEW CHAIR FOR TRAIL MAINTENANCE

After a long and distinguished career as chair of the Lookout and Trail Maintenance committee Jerry Thompson has handed over the loppers to Larry Longley. Jerry has done an excellent job of coordinating and encouraging the efforts of our branch volunteers. Well done Jerry! Larry Longley is well qualified to continue the coordination of branch efforts in lookout and trail maintenance, he may be reached at 252-1669. Welcome, Larry!

The next Lookout and Trail Maintenance Committee meeting will be August 31, 7PM at Alf's on Broadway in Everett.

THE MOUNTAINEERS

EVERETT BRANCH BALLOT, FALL 1993

(Please vote for one in each office.)

Member / Spouse **BRANCH CHAIR**
 Roy Metzger

Member / Spouse **VICE CHAIR**
 Andy Boos

Member / Spouse **SECRETARY**
 Ginger Decker

Member / Spouse **TREASURER**
 Kris Maxwell

Member / Spouse **TRUSTEE**
 Ron Smith

Please mail this ballot to:
 PO Box 1848 Everett, WA 98206

or bring it to the September 1st membership meeting which is the ballot deadline.

OFFICERS:

Chair:..... Dennis Miller 335-5336
 Vice Chair:..... Andy Boos 258-6199
 Secretary:..... Ginger Decker 691-5644
 Treasurer:..... Bob Crunkilton 334-9443
 Trustee:..... Gail McClary 337-7712

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 Lookout/Trail
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 Skiing:..... Connie Bennett 568-7773
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KEY PERSONNEL

Alpine Scramblers:..... Ron Smith 347-0763
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