

The Everett Mountaineers

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

March 2nd: Mountaineer Books annual book sale will take place during the March meeting and potluck. 20% Discount for Members.

April 6th: Tom Hamer, a wildlife biologist, will present slides of the Marbled Murrelet and the Spotted Owl complete with sound.

May 4th: Otis Allen of the Baker River Hot Shot Crew, the crack team for wildland fire fighting out of Sedro Woolley will present a slide show on wild fire suppression, management policy, and urban interface.

June 1st: To be announced.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

1st Wednesday

April 6th, May 4th, June 1st
7:30 pm

Everett Congregational Church
2624 Rockefeller
(Downtown Everett)

PUBLICATION DEADLINE

Submission deadline for our
Spring/Summer
Newsletter is April 30th, 1994.

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MOUNTAINEER MAGAZINE ARTICLES
Submit to **Sandy Simila** at 481-8952 by the
20th of the preceding month.

LARRY LONGLEY RECEIVES DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

At the November Awards Banquet the 1993 Distinguished Service Award was presented to Larry Longley. Larry has been very active in the Everett Branch since he joined the Mountaineers in 1985. He has served on the Hiking committee for 4 years, the Conservation committee for 7 years, the Folkdance committee for 4 years, and had been very active on the Climbing committee from 1986 to 1990. While on the Climbing committee Larry served as lectures coordinator for the Basic climbing course and later as the climbs coordinator for 3 years. He also is the person responsible for writing both the Basic Climbs Guide and the Intermediate Climbs Guide that are used every year in both climbing courses. He is currently serving as the Basic Climbing Course Coordinator for this year's course. He was also on the Freedom 5 committee and helped in writing one of the chapters for the new 5th edition. Larry served as Branch Treasurer from 1987 to 1989 and was our Branch Chair from 1989 to 1991.

Larry is most often thought of for the thousands of hours he spent coordinating the Mt. Pilchuck Lookout Restoration Project. It was Larry's initial idea to try to save the old lookout on top of Mt. Pilchuck that was scheduled to be burned in the next winter due to its deteriorated condition. Larry convinced the club to undertake a complete historical restoration of the lookout and managed to get the project selected as one of the State's Official Centennial Celebration projects. He did all of the historical research, fundraising, and coordinated the project with the many different agencies that ended up being involved in the project. Larry worked countless hours up at the lookout, along with Stan Koska who was the construction supervisor, and said he made 49 trips up to the lookout in one year. Last count, Larry says he has made 76 trips up Mt. Pilchuck. During Larry's tenure as Branch Chair he established a new standing committee as the Lookout and Trail Maintenance Committee, appointing Jerry Thompson to be

the first chair of that committee. Now that Jerry has stepped down from chairing that committee it seems only reasonable that the current chair of the Lookout and Trail Maintenance Committee is Larry Longley. Maybe this is why Larry's mountaineer nickname is "Lookout Larry." Congratulations Larry, you are very deserving!



The annual potluck dinner will be held March 2, 1994, before the business meeting at 6 p.m. Bring your own utensils and dishes. Also bring the following if the first letter of your last name is...

A-H Dessert
I-Q Main dish
R-Z Salad

... Or bring any dish that is your favorite. The club will furnish the beverages. After the potluck will be the annual used equipment sale so either bring stuff you may want to sell or be prepared to shop!

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

The major topics during the meeting on January 19th were Sandy Bingaman's report on the Branch communications and Teri Kane's report on our Annual Banquet.

Our newsletter's function and fate were discussed without conclusive results. Consequently, Andy Boos volunteered to take another look at the issues and prepare some ideas which he has on Branch publications/communications. If you have any suggestions or ideas, please call Andy at 258-6199. (By the way, in response to a reader survey two issues back, 20 responses were received: 16 supported continuing this newsletter and 4 were opposed to continuation.)

Concerning our Annual Banquet, based on Teri Kane's report to the Committee, November 18, 1994 at the Everett Pacific Hotel was approved as the date and place for our next one. Teri also advised us that she doesn't wish to continue her role as the person in charge of banquet planning.

The Branch Chair presented a brief report on our business meeting room. The Committee concurred with his assessment that we will continue meeting at the First Congregational Church. However, due to membership growth and related increased meeting attendance, we are just about at meeting room capacity. Therefore, a search needs to start for other possibilities. No time table has been set for a decision. Bob Crunkilton has agreed to conduct a search for other meeting rooms. If you should have any ideas or suggestions, please give Bob a call at 334-9443.

NEXT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING—April 20th at 7:00 P.M. Location TBA.

COMINGS AND GOINGS ON THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Three changes have occurred on the Executive Committee. Sandy Bingaman and Mike Jones resigned their positions as chairpersons for Communications and First Aid committees respectively. Cher Rudd has agreed to replace Mike as the head of our First Aid Committee. Replacement action on the Communication Committee Chair is pending further consideration of Sandy's report to the Branch Chair and Executive Committee.

To Sandy and Mike we owe a very big thank you for their service and contributions to us.

SOMETHING NEW

A Leadership Study Group

The Everett Branch held a very informative, entertaining, and thought-provoking Leadership Workshop on January 22.

MEMBERSHIP MILESTONE

Sometime during December, the 1000th member joined the Everett Branch of the Mountaineers. Exactly who that person is, however, can't be determined. Why not? Briefly, there were 31 total new or reinstated members, but also 14 members dropped. Thus, we had a net gain of 17 members. Remember that these changes were occurring throughout the month. So whoever you are, we welcome you along with 23 other new members and seven former members who rejoined with us.

BY-THE-NUMBERS

The Everett Branch membership roster looked like this for December, 1993:

Regular	799
Spouse	107
Junior	28
Life	6
25 year	3
Senior	36
Senior Spouse	9
Out-of-state	4
Student	17
Total	1009
DECEMBER 1992	939

(SOMETHING NEW CONTINUED)

Among other things, we found that the issues of effective leadership are so numerous and inter-related that they can hardly be covered completely in a one-day session. In a sense, we only "scratched the surface."

We'd like to keep the ball rolling, so in March, and for the next three months, we're going to offer a chance for anyone interested in developing their leadership skills (in mountaineering and in life) to get together and talk. These will be informal gatherings in an informal setting with only one specific goal: to help make effective leaders.

Please note that ANY BRANCH MEMBER is welcome to attend, even if not present at the workshop in January. Degree of mountaineering experience doesn't matter—novice hikers and veteran technical climbers alike can contribute and hopefully benefit from these get-togethers. We would especially like input from members who have leadership roles in their professional lives, and from those who've experienced particularly good (or bad) leadership in dealings with the Everett Branch.

The first Leadership Study Group is planned for Monday evening, March 7. After that, we expect to meet again on the first Monday in April and May. If the response is favorable, we will make this an on-going monthly activity.

For details about the March 7 group, contact Andy Boos at 258-6199. The group size will be limited to approximately 15.

MOFA NEWS

M.O.F.A. (Mountaineering Oriented First Aid) will be offered this Spring in cooperation with the Everett Parks Department.

MOFA will be Thursday March 3, 6-10 PM, Saturday March 12, 8 AM to 8 PM, and Sunday March 13, 8 AM to 5 PM at Lion's Hall in Forest Park. The fee is \$20.

CPR will be Wednesday, March 9, 6 to 10 PM at Walter E. Hall Park. The fee is \$22.

The MOFA Refresher course will be offered May 7th, 8 AM to 8 PM at the Horticultural Center at Forest Park. The 3rd Edition of the Mountaineers First Aid book will be used. Registration for this course opens March 28th.

Register for any of the above courses through Everett Parks and Recreation at 259-0300.

For more information call Cher Rudd at 337-1822.

HELP STOP TRAILHEAD THEFT AND VANDALISM

On Saturday, August 14, 1993, seventeen different cars were broken into at trailheads in the Darrington Ranger District of the Mt. Baker Snoqualmie National Forest, with damages and losses totaling in excess of \$6100. On another night nineteen other cars were hit with damages and losses of over \$11,500.

These are our cars that are being vandalized. Hikers, backpackers, scramblers, climbers, snowshoers, skiers, nature lovers—we are all being victimized! It's time to start protecting our property!

This year the Everett Mountaineers and the United States Forest Service will begin building host campsites at the trailheads where this theft and vandalism has most occurred. After these campsites are completed, the Forest Service will draw from the Mountaineers, Volunteers for Outdoor Washington, Boeing Alpine Club, Search and Rescue, Boy Scouts, Sierra Club, Washington Alpine Club, and the Pilchuck Audubon Society, and hopefully others, for volunteers to act as trailhead hosts. It is hoped that this will deter the trailhead problems.

Campsites are to be built this year at Barlow Point, Whitechuck Trailhead, Suiattle Trailhead, and Bald Eagle Mountain Trailhead (at Sloan Creek). Construction dates will be:

March 19 & 20

June 4 & 5

June 11 & 12

and at least one other weekend to be determined later.

Come out and have some fun helping. Be part of the solution.

For more information or to sign up call: Kim Dickey 337-2867.

GOLDEN TIMES OVER MONTE CRISTO

by Marc Trayle

CHAPTER THREE
Lake Byrne

With revegetation efforts having come to a successful and happy conclusion at Silver Lake above Monte Cristo in the fall of 1992, Jeff Leisy of the Forest Service's Darrington Ranger District suggested that a similar use of volunteers may be needed the following summer at Lake Byrne above Kennedy Hot Springs. Jeff, and later, Stacy Myers worked with the Everett Mountaineers' Lookout and Trail Maintenance Committee to make preliminary plans for a late summer weekend work party. Stacy, who returned to Darrington in the spring with a lovely tan after having spent several months working beneath the ozone hole in Antarctica, eventually turned over the specific planning of the Lake Byrne activity to Marty Pompermayer. Marty had several long conversations with Mountaineer Jerry Thompson and worked out the finest details of the activity. The work party was scheduled for August 28th and 29th. Thompson set about collecting a crew for those dates.

Marty, Stacy and other Forest Service people made several trips to the worksite in mid-August. Significant work had already been done and tools and materials had been carried to the site.

Marty went up to Lake Byrne on Wednesday, August 25th. Returning to the cabin at Kennedy Hot Springs in the evenings on Wednesday and Friday, he had carried up all of the cedar slats that were needed for check dams in the gully to be revegetated.

Kim Dickey, Carrie Strandell, and George Swan, eager to become involved, went up to Lake Byrne on Thursday. They were joined by Marty Friday evening and started the Mountaineer portion of the effort in earnest. Many buckets of rocks were hand carried several hundred meters to the erosional gully that was the target of the weekend's activity. Marty and later other Forest Service personnel appreciated the skill and expertise of a professional stone mason in the person of Kim Dickey.

Stacy Myers met five Everett Mountaineers at the Whitechuck River Trailhead at 7:00 A.M. Saturday morning. Ginger Decker, Steve Pisek, and Jerry Thompson had come up Friday night and camped at the trailhead. Norm Buckley and Kris Maxwell had driven up Saturday morning.

Bundles of Curlex (a roll mat of excellent-like material used in covering and protecting revegetated areas) were cut and repacked. A couple of bundles of curlex (which was bulky but didn't weigh much) and a couple of tools (shovels and pulaskis)

made each Mountaineer's pack a sight to behold. Hikers and backpackers the group met stopped and stared in awe. Some even took photographs.

The group arrived at Kennedy Hot Springs in two hours and took an extended break. The final two miles to Lake Byrne were steep and taxing compared to the five mile hike to the hot springs. A little over halfway, the trail wound out of deep forest into subalpine meadows. The group was passed here by a Seattle Mountaineer party of dayhikers led by Nelson Dow. They offered to help carry some of the tools the last three-quarters of a mile to the lake. The climax to the hike to Lake Byrne is the new "Stairway to Heaven" finished by Forest Service people earlier in the season.

As the rest of the crew arrived at the worksite, Kim Dickey was finishing the foundation work for the fifth of eleven steps in the gully that was the main target of the activity. The Saturday crew walked to a grassy campsite a bit over halfway down the east side of the lake. As tents were being set up, the sky turned dark and a squall line moved in. It began to rain and hail. There was thunder and lightning. Most everyone found shelter in their tents. Carrie Strandell left in the height of the storm because she had to be at work the next day.

As the storm let up, the crew drifted back to the worksite. Kim, Stacy, Marty, and George looked as if they had continued to work in the foul weather. Jerry launched an inflatable boat and began to ferry four bucket loads of rock to the worksite. Others tried to ignore him as he sang sea shanties and tried to fish on his trip across the lake. Work stopped at 6:00 P.M. as it started to rain again.

Back at the south campsite (Kim, George, and Kris camped closer to the worksite), the crew was joined by Jeff Leisy. Dinners were prepared and, as it grew darker, the atmosphere grew more festive. Steve Pisek provided the Jiffy-Pop. Stacy Myers made chocolate mousse. Marty Pompermayer contributed a cheesecake. Jeff Leisy provided brownies. Jeff and Jerry Thompson took turns making "Hot Snotties". People from the north camp visited the south camp and the party went on until about 9:30 P.M.

Norm Buckley was the first one to bed Saturday night and the first one up Sunday. The others soon followed. Backcountry ranger Katie Towson joined the crew. Work began fairly early. After getting a load of rocks from across the lake, Jerry rowed Norm to the south end of the lake to collect chinking rocks, to be used to fill spaces on the foundation rocks, so they could hold soil that would be added later. Jerry caught one fish on his first trip across the lake, and two more as he hauled the chinking rocks that Norm had collected. After two trips to the far

end of the lake, Jerry brought Norm back and they both helped the rest of the crew haul subsoil, then topsoil from borrow sites several hundred feet above, and over a half mile from the worksite.

After the worksite had been covered with topsoil, plants brought down from the borrow sites were planted and watered. The site was then covered with curlex. Work was finished at 4:30 Sunday afternoon. Stacy and Jeff remained at the lake to work yet another day. Everyone else went back to their cars and were saying good-byes at eight o'clock Sunday evening. ☺

PRESIDENT'S DAY WORK PARTY, 1993

by George Swan

Saturday, September 18, 1993, was the President's Day work party on the Iron Goat Trail. Three Everett Mountaineers attended - Don Heck (of course), Cindy Noon and George Swan. The Forest Service had left the last 100 feet of the upper grade to be completed by the stalwart Mountaineers. This section was not easy. A major portion of the work involved digging out a ditch at least two feet wide, several feet deep and 50 feet long. There was much water seepage into the work area, which soon became a huge quagmire.

After considerable effort, the ditch started to take shape, except that at one end there was a huge sunken log that stopped water from draining. Many of the Seattle Mountaineers attacked the log, attempting to break it up, but as time went on each worker collapsed, exhausted, into the surrounding mud. Then came a voice, loud and clear - "Let me have a go!" It was the Mountaineers' indefatigable leader, Don Heck.

Don raised his pulaski high in the air and delivered a mighty blow to that log. At impact a huge jet of mud came back and splattered him in the face and chest. In a terribly loud voice, for all to hear, Don cried, "Aw, shucks!", or something similarly presidential. Somewhat aggrieved at this insult, Don started chopping away at the log with increased vigor. With every blow on that damned log another jet of mud came and decorated him. Finally, one giant blow split that log. From those watching a great cheer rang out, which could (so I am told) be heard all the way down in the Skykomish Ranger Station.

Now the ditch could be drained and tons of rocks dumped in it to form the foundation of part of the trail. I took out my handkerchief and wiped away tears of joy. How proud I was to have my fellow Everett Mountaineer and Club President open up that section on the Iron Goat Trail.

Yes, folks, one person really can make a difference. ☺



ANNUAL EARTH DAY TRAIL CLEAN-UP

The Snohomish Centennial Trail Coalition will hold its annual Earth Day trail clean up on Saturday, April 23rd. The meeting area will be the Lake Cassidy Trail Head off Hiway #9 near Marysville. Meeting time is 10AM.

On past clean ups the Everett Mountaineers have been a willing and enthusiastic group. Our part in brushing unpaved sections has been appreciated by those who use that section of the trail. We will only be doing this brushing for a few more years. Plans are to pave the northern section sometime in 1995.

If you can work for a short time we'd love to see you. Bring pruners if you have them. For additional information and sign-up call Dolores Wagner, 568-3828.

IRON GOAT UPDATE

October 2, 1993 was the official dedication of the first four miles of the Iron Goat Trail. This landmark trail construction was accomplished through the cooperation of the US Forest Service and the Volunteers for Outdoor Washington who coordinated the volunteer efforts of many groups including the Mountaineers. Many Everett Mountaineers worked on varying projects during the last two years and have produced a successful high-quality trail.

The Iron Goat program for 1994 will have less trail construction and will be broadened to include five additional functions: Trail Maintenance, Revegetation, Botanical Survey, Interpretive Hikes, and

LOOKOUT AND TRAIL MAINTENANCE

The next two Lookout and Trail Maintenance meetings are to be held on March 9th and April 13th at the home of Larry Longley:

8211 59th Ave. NE
Marysville,
658-0809
(the last house on the right)

IRON GOAT CREW LEADER REFRESHER & NEW LEADER TRAINING

This is for new and qualified Iron Goat Trail Crew Leaders and will be held Saturday April 30 and Sunday May 1. The course is free and covers the historic significance & archeology of this unique rail-to-trail conversion, as well as the specific goals and standards for construction and maintenance of the Iron Goat Trail. Qualified leaders need attend only the Saturday session. Sign up with Sam Fry, 232-3829.

SEA KAYAKING COURSE

The Everett branch of the Mountaineers is sponsoring one branch member in this year's Sea Kayaking course. The course begins March 8. See the January Mountaineer magazine for details and class schedule. You do not need your own kayak to complete the course. If you're interested call Tom Barnhart at 485-2732.

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