

The Everett Mountaineers

Newsletter

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Mountaineer Banquet

The Everett Mountaineers have scheduled their annual Awards Banquet on Friday, November 18 at the West Coast Everett Pacific Hotel in Everett.

The doors will open at 6:30 PM. Plan to join us for a great evening. Contact: **Greg Warner - 488-9472.**

MOUNTAINEER MAGAZINE ARTICLES

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

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

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

SEPTEMBER—September's program is the annual membership slide show. All Everett Branch Mountaineers are invited to share 5-10 minutes of slides of their summer activities.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

1st WEDNESDAY

Sept. 7th • Oct. 5th • Nov. 2nd • Dec. 7th
7:30 pm

*Everett Congregational Church
2624 • Rockefeller
(Downtown Everett)*

PUBLICATION DEADLINE

Fall/Winter
Newsletter is Nov 30th, 1994.

*For additional information
Please contact*

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7TH ANNUAL ALPINE SCRAMBLES REUNION & SCRAMBLE FEST '94

The Everett Mountaineers Alpine Scrambles Committee is hosting a weekend get-together for students, past grads, leaders, friends, family & club members.

Come join us on this fine fun-filled weekend!! We will have a number of multi-level scheduled scrambles & hikes (to be announced), volleyball, ping-pong, frisbee flip, and scads of other activities. A major pizza festival will be held on Saturday night - all the fixins will be provided to create your own pizza. An assortment of beverages will also be available. For those music minded individuals, bring your instruments along for an after music mix. We will also have a slide projector, if you would like to share your slides. Find out what the rest of us have been doing this summer.

Your Invited . . .

Date: Saturday & Sunday, September 24 & 25
(optional stay over)

Time: Activity times vary

Place: Stevens Lodge (Stevens Pass)

Cost: \$12.00 Per person/members
\$20.00 Per person/non-members

(Includes lodging & meals - Saturday night
pizza & Sunday morning continental breakfast)

\$5.00 Per person
(Saturday night pizza, only)

What to bring: If you're planning on doing a scramble or hike, be sure to bring required gear and essentials.
Appropriate overnight gear - if applicable.
Lunches
Slides & pictures to share
Musical instruments

Don't miss out on this last minute graduation scramble opportunity - '94 students!! As space is very limited, reservations should be made well in advance. Please note that reservations are non-refundable. See you there rain or shine!! For potluck and reservation information, please call **Jena Evans at 935-1542.**

1994 ANNUAL SALMON BAKE

The Annual Salmon Bake will be held on Sunday, October 2, at the Granite Falls Masonic Park, located 4.5 miles east of town on the Mountain Loop Highway. The salmon bake will be free for members and their immediate families. The cost for nonmembers will be \$6.00 for adults and \$2.50 for children. Folkdancing and games will be held for the enjoyment of all. For further information, or to volunteer to help, contact **Sandi Barr at 788-2872**.



NATURALIST'S VIEWPOINT

The Everett Naturalists are off to a successful start. We have met our goal of offering two activities a month. Stargazing with the Everett Astronomical Society was an eye-opener for those who had never seen Jupiter and its moons, double stars, and globular clusters. Thanks to Bill O'Neil we will have another opportunity in October to inspect the night skies with Everett's astronomers.

Hikes have been well attended. Ancient Forest Hikes, in conjunction with the Mountaineers Forest Watch, will be offered through the Everett Branch this year. Dave Barnet and Pam Kepford recently received training in leading these interpretive adventures. Many thanks to Pam Kearsey of Port Hadlock for her knowledgeable leadership in the Olympics. We had a fascinating look at Tubal Cain Mines and a lightening blasted second growth forest. We look forward to joining Janet again. We are also looking ahead to birding this fall and winter with Linda Moore. A migratory waterfowl trip to Reifel Island, B.C. and an eagle search are on the seasonal bird calendar.

Do you have an interest or connection with any other naturalist group? How about mycology, geology, meteorology, or native plants? Is there an area of interest you would like to explore but don't know quite how? Come to our September meeting, or call Pam Kepford, 659-2967.

An aside to Roy Metzgar: Thanks for your article in the last issue and your thoughts on Climber/Naturalists. How about the Climber-Naturalist?



Photo courtesy of Henry Kral

NATURE'S CORNER

Chipmunks, actually diminutive squirrels, live in all parts of the Continental U.S. The Pacific Northwest has six families of this species, more than any other region. Chipmunks are distinguished by a series of alternating light and dark stripes over the back and sides. They go about their business of collecting seeds, leaves, nuts, stems, fruits, corms and some insects during the day. Chipmunks are adapted to this collection process by cheek pouches which enable them to carry away their plunder to hidden caches and burrows. Although shy, they are curious and becoaxes from their holes and perches by politely repeating their "kwiss". They come to see who speaks such awful chipmunkese. In the winter chipmunks hide out in burrows, not exactly hibernating, not exactly active, they feed on stored seeds, nuts, and such. Another strand in our complex web of life, chipmunks fill an important ecological niche at the bottom of the mammalian food chain. They are food for the forest predators. Hawks, owls, weasels, coyotes, etc. enjoy chipmunks as much as the Mountaineers, but in a different way.

The family that the Everett Mountaineers are most likely to meet is Townsend's Chipmunk, *Eutamias townsendi*, which inhabits the dense coniferous forests of the Olympics and Cascades in Washington and Oregon. Listen for them in shrubs and bushes along the trail, especially in the area of burns or windfalls. Residents of the ground and occasionally the understory, they can be found playing "chase" either in territorial disputes, or mating behavior. Chipmunks are specifically adapted to the habitat they occupy. Other Washington habitats are sagebrush/Lodgepole pine, *E. minimus*; Yellow pine, *E. amoenus*; Okanagan highlands/Bitterroots, *E. ruficaudus*.

FOLKDANCING NEWS

Our musical friends, the FOLK VOICE BAND will kick off our folkdance series on Friday, September 23, with a Live MUSIC dance at Floral Hall. We'll have recorded music on October 14, and then the Folk Voice Band will be back on October 28 with a live music Halloween dance. Our Veterans Day dance on November 11, and our December 2 dance will again be by recorded music. We have live music scheduled again for December 16, either by Allspice or Folk Voice — maybe both!

Take note that our dances are on the second and fourth Fridays of each month, except, we will not have one on November 25 because it's the day after Thanksgiving; and also except for December when our dances will be on the first and third Fridays.

We are lucky this year in two ways: (1) Our own Mountaineers, Jerry Wade and Penny Cannon will be teaching our Fall classes as well as doing the instructing for an hour preceding each dance. (2) Birgit and Philip Ages and their friends of the up-and-coming Folk Voice Band, have agreed to provide live music for one dance each month, insofar as they can schedule it.

Folkdancing is also to be featured at Annual Salmon Bake on Sunday, October 2, and we expect to have a pool of musicians to provide music. This was done last year with considerable success; so we hope to make it an annual event.

Of course lessons in basic folk dancing will begin October 10, and will run ten weeks until December 12, every Monday evening 8:15 to 10:15 at Floral Hall. Registration is through the Everett Parks and Recreation Department at Forest Park, or call 259-0300. The class cost is \$27.00, except for students under age 21 which is \$20.00. As noted above, Jerry Wade and Penny Cannon will instruct.

Everett Branch dances are open to the public, so bring your friends and neighbors. No partner is needed. Dance instruction starts at 8:00 and the program of dances from around the world starts at 9:00. Bring a snack for potluck refreshments. Wear comfortable clothes with flat or low-heel leather sole shoes. Admission is free; but donations are desired to cover expenses: \$5.00 is suggested for live music, \$4.00 for recorded music.

Submitted by Gordon Rodgers

DIRECTIONS TO FLORAL HALL: From I-5, Exit 192 to 41st Street. Turn west on 41st (uphill), through 2 signals, sharp left, turn onto Mukilteo Blvd. At

1994-1995 CANDIDATE INFORMATION

SANDI BARR

Member since 1991.
Present and past activities: Present Salmon Bake Coordinator, Hiking, Hiking with children.
Main interest: Hiking.

BOB CRUNKILTON

Member since 1989.
Present and past activities: Basic Climbing Graduate; Past Everett Branch Treasurer, 2 years; Climbing; Climb Leader and Instructor, 5 years; Nordic Skiing Graduate; Hiking.
Main interests: Climbing, skiing, and hiking.

DON HECK

Member since 1979.
Present and past activities: Basic Climbing Graduate; Nordic Skiing Graduate; Everett Climbing Committee Chair, 2 years; Everett Climbing Committee member, 6 years; Branch Chair, 3 years; Branch Trustee, 2 years; Club President, 2 years; Everett Branch Service Award.
Main interests: Skiing, climbing and hiking.

BILL IFRIG

Member since 1976.
Present and past activities: Climbing; Skiing; Branch Chair, 3 years; Climbing Committee member, 6 years; Skiing Committee; Ken Nelson Memorial Climbing Award; Basic Climbing Graduate; Intermediate Climbing Graduate; Everett Gold Pin Peak Award; First Snoqualmie Ten pin Peak Award.
Main interests: Climbing and skiing.

ROY METZGAR

Member since 1983.
Present and past activities: Present Branch Chair; 1993 Nominating Committee; Facilities Committee; Basic Climbing Graduate.
Main interests: Climbing and hiking.

MATT SCHULTZ

Member since 1991.
Present and past activities: Alpine Scrambling Graduate; Winter Travel Graduate; Alpine Scrambling Committee Member.
Main interest: Alpine Scrambling.

RON SMITH

Member since 1979.
Present and past activities: Present Branch Trustee; Alpine Scrambles Chair, 1 year; Basic Climbing Equivalency; Telemark Graduate; Lookout and Trail Maintenance Committee, 2 years; MOFA Committee, 3 years.
Main interest: Alpine Scrambles.

DOLORES WAGNER

Member since 1972.
Present and past activities: Everett Branch Service Award; Hiking; First Aid; Salmon Bake Coordinator, 6 years; Branch Secretary, 3 years; Hiking Committee Chair, 3 years; Banquet Committee; Hiking Awards Coordinator, 5 years; Mountaineer Representative to Snohomish-Arlington Trail Coalition, 5 years; Social Chair, 2 years; Membership Chair, 4 years; Nominating Committee; Hiking Leader; Backpacking Leader; Trail Maintenance Participant; Alpine Scrambles Graduate; MOFA Graduate; Nordic Skiing Graduate.
Main interest: Hiking.

of first curve to right, turn left at WELCOME TO FOREST PARK sign immediately past a pedestrian overpass. Drive to parking area at top of hill. Floral Hall is to the left of the covered swimming pool.

For further information: **Laurie Akers, 659-6559; Gordon Rogers, 353-2085; Jan Tanner** at Everett Parks and Recreation Department, 259-0300.



WHY DO THE MOUNTAINEERS SPONSOR FOLKDANCING?

by Gordon Rogers

Are you wondering what folkdancing has in common with such basic mountaineering activities as climbing, hiking and skiing? Well, perhaps the resemblance is closer than you think.

For that matter, sponsorship of wholesome but apparently unrelated activities has been a Mountaineers' policy from way back. For example, the Players have been performing annual dramas for the public ever since the early 1920's. Perhaps folkdancing got started back then, too. Anyhow, it was going strong in 1940 at the Polish Hall in Seattle, with live music. It's popularity began to grow about 1942 when recorded music was introduced, as that expanded the variety of dances, thus increasing its appeal.

One rumor says the Mountaineers started folkdancing as a Saturday night recreation at Meany Ski Hut. Another says it started in Seattle and was taken to Meany by dancers and musicians. Be that as it may, it is said that the Mountaineers have the oldest continuously-functioning folkdance group in the United States. Musicians still strike up impromptu bands at Meany on Saturday nights during ski season.

It is indeed a wholesome activity. Never does anyone smoke or drink alcohol at a folkdance. The sociability is outstanding. You can always find someone who will pull you through a dance you don't know; and group and mixer-type dances abound.

Speaking of variety, there are as many dances to learn, as mountains to climb. So it appeals to the adventuresome as a welcome diversion with similar challenges and satisfactions. The feeling of accom-

plishment resulting from learning a new dance well enough to perform it comfortably at a public dance is very similar to the feeling one has when arriving at the top of a new mountain; and mastering a new step like the "Hambo" resembles the joy of mastering a new skill such as telemarking. Many of the dances are vigorous enough to keep a regular attendee in good physical shape while having fun getting the exercise.

Folkdancing is also a form of fine art. It consists of the performance of dances which have risen spontaneously among the people of many countries. Tourists have learned the dances and recorded the music of the villages they have visited, then they've taught them here at home. The serious folkdancer endeavors to reproduce the spirit and style of the people who originated each dance, just as the serious musician tries to reproduce the spirit and style of each composer of the music he plays.

For all these reasons, folkdancing can easily become a fascinating hobby. In addition to learning steps and perfecting styles, many people become intrigued by a study of music and costumes. But you don't have to carry it that far to have the simple enjoyment of dancing, just as you don't have to climb Mt. McKinley or the Himalayas to enjoy the wilderness.

1994- 1995 Branch Officer Cadidates

by 1994 Everett Nominating Committee

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Roy Metzgar

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