

The Everett Mountaineers

Newsletter

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

DECEMBER — No Meeting.

JANUARY — Slide show of a Kayak trip off Vancouver Island presented by Tom Barnhart of the Everett Branch Sea Kayaking Committee. For people interested in the upcoming sea Kayaking course this is a must!

FEBRUARY — Louis Coglas and Loren Foss will present their outreach program for children. These two are famous for their outdoor characters. This is presented in the schools as part of conservation education. Children are encouraged to attend this meeting.

MARCH — Our annual potluck and used equipment sale. We also hope to have the Mountaineer book sale. The potluck starts at 6:30, see the Magazine for details.

STARTING IN JANUARY
THE MONTHLY
MEMBERSHIP MEETING
WILL BEGIN AT 7:00 PM

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

JAN. 4TH, FEB. 1ST, MAR. 1ST
7:00 pm • First Wednesday
Everett Congregational Church
2624 • Rockefeller
(Downtown Everett)

PUBLICATION DEADLINE

Winter/Spring
Newsletter articles due Feb 1st, '95.
For additional information
Please contact

Sandy Bingham 659-5461
Kathy Rule 794-3149

1994 AWARD RESULTS

MILEAGE AWARDS

100 Miles

Derral Hawkins, Phyllis Hawkins
Adrian "Buzz" Pintler,
Michele Royer, Duane Sandrin,
Eric Sandrin, Daniel Sandrin,
Susan Williams

200 Miles

Phyllis Hawkins, Norene Hogle
Scott Miller, Adrian "Buzz" Pintler
Michele Royer, Susan Williams

400 Miles

Lewis Turner

600 Miles

Sharon Orr, Lewis Turner

800 Miles

Judy Case

2000 Miles

Andy Boos, Beverly Robinson

3000 Miles

John Witters

Lookout Peaks

Judy Case, Adrian "Buzz" Pintler
Susan Williams

ALPINE SCRAMBLES GRADUATES

Paul Adriance, Judy Baker,
Lawrence Ball, David Barnet,
Lynn Berry, Don Cirino, Lauri DeVore,
Brian Diver, Steve Grasser,
Mike Hendrickson, Lawrence Ingalls,
Nancy Jones, Bonnie Lindley,
Loretta Matson, Roger McClain,
Chris McFarland, Gene Obie,
Fran Philbin, Buzz Pintler,
Donna Praetorius, Daniel Sandrin,
Elaine Schwarzmiller,
Jack Shabel, Bob Wicks,
Mark Morris (1993 extension)

INTERMEDIATE CLIMBING COURSE GRADUATES

Mike Bacon, Andy Boos, Louis Coglas,
Sam McClary, Matts Robertson,
Jerry Thompson

KEN NELSON AWARD

Mike Bacon

SERVICE AWARD

Gail McClary

BASIC CLIMBING COURSE GRADUATES

Julie Balogh, Morgan Balogh,
Doug Bardsley,
Philip Barress, Ron Bayer,
Ken Box, Kelly Butler, Penny Cannon,
Justine Champion, David Chantry,
Catherine Chute, Stephanie Conway,
Tom Dances, Roy Decker,
Veronique Facchinelli, Andrew Feldhaus,
Rachel Feldman, John Heritage,
Deborah Hughes, John Hughes,
Kevin Keierleber, Sarah Kopf,
John Kraft, Kimberly Kruse,
Scott Mathews, James Mushrush,
Bill Nickerson, William O'Neil,
Gavin Patterson, Stephen Phillips,
Kimberly Plum, Jennifer Potratz,
David Roser, Michele Royer,
Ivar Sandsmark, Lisa Schultz,
Matt Schultz, Teresa Shikany,
Joe Skokan, David Smith,
Andrew Strand, Berndt Stigger,
Lisa Surface, Lewis Turner,
Monica Van Der Vieren,
Michael Vaughan, John Witters

NORDIC SKI COURSE GRADUATES

Caroline Ware, Lisa Hutchinson, Doug
Coleman, Adrian "Buzz" Pintler, Susan
Williams, Paul Spitalny, Bill Jeffers,
Judy Baker

*Congratulations
Graduates and Awardees!*

THE 15TH NORTHWEST WILDERNESS CONFERENCE

by
Louis Coglas

I find somewhat ironic the name of this year's Northwest Wilderness Conference:



Brock Evans (National Audubon Society), Pat Goldworthy, Norm Winn discuss issues during the N.W. Wilderness Conference.

WILDERNESS: BACK TO THE FUTURE because it reminds me of the movie of the same name. And when, in the movie, the characters are transferred from one moment in time to appear in another I am reminded of how I feel when hiking along

a trail and come upon a wilderness boundary. I like to pretend there is an invisible force field, and when I cross over I am transported into the past, to a place where time is monitored by the movement of rock and ice and the growth rings in trees. And like the characters in the movie who knew their actions in the past would ultimately affect the future, I also realize the importance of preserving wild places of the past so that we all may have a better future.

At the conference I mingled with some of the first explorers to journey into the past to save it for the future. Polly Dyer, David Brower, Brock Evans, Henry and Mary Kral and others saw the greatness in the undisturbed wild places without human intervention. With clairvoyancy into the years ahead they proceeded to create a coalition to bring the past of ancient forest, towering peaks, colorful meadows,

secluded ocean beaches and hosts of different species into the future to preserve this natural encyclopedia of life. Some of the cooperating conservation groups were: The N.W. Wilderness and Parks Conference, the Wilderness Society, the National Audubon Society, the National Parks Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the U.S. Forest Service, the Sierra Club, the Friends of the Earth, the Earth Island Institute and the Washington Wilderness Coalition.

Some other groups represented were the Owyhee Canyonlands Coalition which is saving Owyhee from becoming a bombing range in Idaho and the Inland Empire Public Lands Coalition which works to preserve the fragile ecosystem of Eastern Washington, Western Montana and Idaho.

Call **Louis** for more info. at **672-4521**

*Join together
with other conservation-minded
Everett Mountaineers for any or all of the next conservation
committee meetings:*

NOVEMBER 23RD
7 to 9 PM
Everett PUD Building
2320 California St.

JANUARY 25TH
7 to 9 PM
Louis Coglas'
3109 228th SW
Brier

FEBRUARY 22ND
7 to 9 PM
Everett PUD
2320 California St.

NATURALIST CORNER (A PEAK AT MARMONTS)

Marmots are alpine creatures that Mountaineers enjoy as they gain elevation in their travels. Members of this family are found in colonies on mountain slopes, meadows and cirques. The Hoary Marmot is found at or above the tree line, the highest elevation in the marmot range. Hoary marmots occupy talus slopes and seem to prefer gray granite rock which provides a natural camouflage to their gray coats. Their distinctive whistle serves to warn the colony and other alpine dwellers of the arrival of dangerous or unusual intruders to their alpine homes. The marmot's whistle is a sure sign that the intrepid Mountaineer has left the forest behind and reached the elevations where winters are long, the slopes are becoming steeper and more rugged, and only the hearty and well adapted can live year round.

Marmots are actually the largest member of the squirrel family. Known a lower

elevations and in a stream and bank environment as woodchucks, there are five marmot species in the Pacific Northwest. They are hibernators, feeding on vegetation until they are nearly too fat to waddle and finally holing up in burrows and dens under shattered talus rocks, sleeping through the long alpine winter. Their body temperature hovers only slightly above freezing for the long winter months. At lower elevations the yellow-bellied marmot may also be found under logs, old buildings or burrows cut into banks. The Vancouver marmot is found in the mountains of Vancouver Island, and the Olympic

Olympic mountain range.

Marmot kits are born in litters of two to five in May and June. Predators include coyotes, bears, large cats and raptors. Although marmots have been hunted for fur in the past, today their only attraction to humans is ornamental. Marmots are sociable creatures, you can hear their whistle pass from one to another as you enter their meadow or cirque. (What is that thing? it only has two legs. Can it fly? Purple polar tee. Not very good camouflage.) A careful examination of the rocks will reveal the marmots watching you, at a careful distance, as you watch them.



Photo courtesy of Henry Kral

SOMETHING'S GOING ON WITH SINGLES

By
Pam Kepford

What do you think when you think about singles? Try out a few words and see: How about spinster, or old maid? Or divorcee, better yet—gay divorcee. How about bachelor, or confirmed bachelor? Finally, try widow or widower.

These are some of the types of "singles" which our language has recognized through the years. Did you get a clear picture in your mind?

There is something going on with singles today. There are more of us. There are more kinds of us. And, we don't automatically see being single as being somehow incomplete. We are evolving a life style which does not include a life partner, that at the same time it includes friends, camaraderie, home and community. Some are never married's, some are previously married, some are looking, and some are "never agains." (Some are also pseudo-singles, you know who YOU are.) Our lives are definitely not the 1950's version of every American family, although many of us have had long standing spouses and kids.

Singles have a lot to offer; to each other, to the community, and to the Mountaineers. When the Seattle Mountaineers Singles began to organize about 12 years ago it took about four years before the organization gained recognition, impetus and continuity. But look at it now. The largest section of the magazine is the Seattle Singles, not to mention the branch activities.

Single Mountaineers are very active people. We enjoy people, we enjoy the outdoors and have the time and energy to do something about it. Singles lead, teach, and participate in the traditional Mountaineer activities. The Everett Singles group has contributed five new hiking leaders this year. And now many of the existing leaders, organizers, and participators are single without ever coming to a "singles" meeting?

We also enjoy food, music, movies, games, entertainment, traditional celebrations, social activities and touring together. Single Mountaineers are creating community and friends through our common interests.

Many new members start with Singles. We provide a soft and sympathetic landing. It is surprising the number of brand new Mountaineers who find their way to Singles meetings, to Singles activities, to phone numbers listed in the Singles activities. "I'm a... Mountaineer." How does it work? Can I find a place here? Will I fit in? Many are so eager. And we help them. We help them to feel good about joining. We encourage them to grow, to learn, to enjoy. We explain to them how to read the bulletin. What the ten essentials are. How the lodges work. Who to call for a class. How to find the church for a meeting.

Something is going on with Singles.

For more Everett Branch singles information call **Elaine Short** at 488-1290.

FOLKDANCING NEWS

SEMI-MONTHLY DANCES on the second and fourth Fridays, except in December which will be on the first and third Fridays. The dances begin at 7:30 with an hour of teaching by Jerry Wade, assisted by Penny Cannon. No partner is needed and newcomers are welcome. A donation of \$5 is requested for live music and \$4 when it is recorded. Refreshments are Potluck. Wear comfortable clothes, flat or low-heeled leather-soled shoes. Directions to Floral Hall: From I-5, exit 192 to 41st St. Follow 41st West (uphill) through 2 signals, sharp left onto Mukilteo Blvd. Along the first curve to the right, turn left at WELCOME TO FOREST PARK sign immediately after an overpass bridge. Drive to the parking area at the top of the hill. Floral Hall is to the left of the Swimming Pool. For more information call Gordon at 353-2085.

EARLY BIRDS

One advantage of flexible time, such as retirement, is the ability to enjoy the mountains on short notice and take advantage of a break in weather fronts. This can lead to being there in ideal conditions, untracked snow, and sunshine with peaks visible to the horizon and few people. For quick access to skiing, the Mountain Loop road is good choice when the snow is low. It is plowed to Deer Creek early with minimal traffic before 8:00 AM. Last February I hiked Mt. Dickerman and skied new snow to Kelcema Lake under perfect conditions. Several more Mountaineers to share those days would have made it better.

I would invite interested early birds to call me to plot similar trips. My name is **Toivo Perala** and my phone number is 546-1830.

MOFA COURSES ARE COMING!

MOFA Refresher Course. Date: Saturday, March 11, 1995 8AM to 8PM.

Cost: \$10

For those who have a current or recently expired MOFA card and want to renew (MOFA cards are valid for 3 years). Contact **Cher Rudd** at 337-1822 to register or for more info.

MOFA Dates: Thursday March 23, 1995 6PM-10PM (Monte Cristo Ballroom)

Saturday April 1 8AM-8PM (Lions Hall-Forest Park)

Cost: \$25. Registration opens in January (in person or by mail only) through **Everett Parks and Recreation Dept.** at Forest Park 259-0300.

The First Aid Committee has decided to offer only one large class this year. It will be limited to 150 students, with priority registration given to 110 students of the Climbing and Alpine Scrambles Courses. However, this priority registration will only be honored for one week following the first night of these two courses. If you are a student in one of these courses, you need to register ASAP as MOFA usually fills up fast! Attach a note to your check stating which course you are in. If you are not a student, or you fail to register before the priority deadline, your registration will be accepted according to space availability. After the spaces fill up, any other registrants will be placed on a waiting list. For further information call **Cher Rudd** at 337-1822.

Attention previous MOFA Grads!! The First Aid Committee would really appreciate your help as victims or aides in the next MOFA course (see dates above). If you are interested, please call **Joellen Jackson** at 258-1388.

CPR Date: Thursday, March 30, 1995 6PM - 10PM Cost \$15

Not required for MOFA, but if you have a current Adult CPR card and take MOFA you will receive a Standard First Aid/MOFA card. (We will be using the American Red Cross Community First Aid and Safety manual from the MOFA class).

For more info. contact **Cher Rudd** at 337-1822.

BASIC CLIMBING COURSE

The Everett Mountaineers, in conjunction with Everett Parks and Recreation invite you to enroll in our 1995 Basic Climbing Course. We believe that this course offers an attractive approach to basic climbing instruction.

We will be accepting applications for 65 students through January 31, 1995.

As a student in this course, you will participate in a three month program of instruction including alpine travel, survival, navigation, and roped climbing on rock, snow and glaciers.

This year the course will be offered at Legion Hall starting February 21 and running through May 23. Course fees do not include the cost of equipment that will be required for the course.

If you are in good physical condition, 18 years of age or older, and want a comprehensive program of classroom and field instruction, then we encourage you to apply.

Complete the registration form below and mail to Larry Longley along with your check.

For more information call Larry at 658-0809.

BASIC CLIMBING COURSE SCHEDULE

DATE	SUBJECT
2\21 -----	ORIENTATION, EQUIPMENT LECTURE
2\28 -----	MAP AND COMPASS I, KNOTS I, CLIMBING CODE LECTURE
3\07 -----	MAP AND COMPASS II, KNOTS II LECTURE
3\14 -----	KNOTS III, BELAY LECTURE AND PRACTICE
3\18 -----	FUNDAMENTALS FEILD TRIP, FOREST PARK
3\21 -----	LEADER TIE OFF, ANCHORS, ALPINE CUISINE LECTURES
3\28 -----	ROCK CLIMBING, RAPPELLING LECTURE
4\04 -----	CLOTHING, WILDERNESS ETHICS LECTURE
4\08 -----	ROCK I FIELD TRIP, CAMP LONG
4\18 -----	MOUNTAIN RESCUE, SNOW CAMPING LEC., PRACTICAL SKILLS TEST
4\22-23 --	ROCK II FIELD TRIP, LEAVENWORTH
4\25 -----	WEATHER, AVALANCHE LECTURE
4\29-30 --	SNOW I FIELD TRIP
5\09 -----	GLACIER TRAVEL, CRAMPONS LECTURE
5\13-14 --	SNOW II FIELD TRIP
5\16 -----	FINAL EXAM
5\23 -----	POTLUCK

1995 BASIC CLIMBING COURSE APPLICATION

Name _____

Address _____

Phone: Work () _____ Home () _____

OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE _____

Mountaineer Membership?

Membership # _____

Everett Branch Member ?

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE COURSE ?

Friend

Mountaineer Newsletter

Everett Newsletter

Everett Parks and Recreation Department

COST OF COURSE IS:

125.00 Non-Member

110.00 Mountaineer Members

SEND APPLICATION AND CHECK PAYABLE TO "EVERETT MOUNTAINEERS" TO:

LARRY LONGLEY, BASIC CLIMBING COURSE COORDINATOR

EVERETT MOUNTAINEERS

P.O. BOX 2070

EVERETT, WA 98203

ALL APPLICANTS WILL BE NOTIFIED OF THEIR ACCEPTANCE IN THE COURSE AFTER FEBRUARY 15th, 1995.
CHECKS WILL NOT BE CACHED OR RETURNED UNTILL AFTER FEBRUARY 15, 1995.

1995 EVERETT MOUNTAINEERS ALPINE SCRAMBLE PROGRAM

The *Everett Mountaineers* Alpine Scramble Committee will offer many mountaineering activities in 1995 for individuals interested in off-trail and non-technical mountain climbing. Activities will include the Alpine Scramble Course, club scrambles, and other outings.

Correction to October Mountaineers Course Catalog: The information printed in the October issue was not correct; the 1994 course information was printed in error. Correct information is listed below.

1995 Alpine Scramble Committee:

- TERESA SHIKANY ----- 347-3631 ----- SCRAMBLE CHAIR
- KIM ANDERSON ----- 706-1880 ----- ACTIVITY COORDINATOR
- GENE BAKER ----- 658-8725 ----- SCRAMBLE TRIP COORDINATOR
- DAVID BARNET ----- 290-5916 ----- SNOWSHOE CLASS TREASURER
- ANDY BOOS ----- 258-6199 ----- SAFETY ADVISOR
- PENNY CANNON ----- 788-6153 ----- EQUIPMENT PROMOTIONS COORDINATOR
- FORREST CLARK ----- 487-3461 ----- ADVISOR
- JENA EVANS ----- 935-1542 ----- LECTURE COORDINATOR
- DENIS OUELLETTE ----- 771-0932 ----- SNOWSHOE CLASS COORDINATOR
- TOIVO PERALA ----- 546-1830 ----- SNOWSHOE CLASS TRIP CO-COORDINATOR
- CHER RUDD ----- 337-1822 ----- COMMITTEE MEMBER / MOFA COORDINATOR
- MATT SCHULTZ ----- 882-1683 ----- TREASURER
- MIKE SHIKANY ----- 347-3631 ----- FIELD TRIP COORDINATOR
- LEWIS TURNER ----- 684-8006 ----- STUDENT COORDINATOR
- MONICA VAN DER VIEREN ----- 367-1429 ----- SNOWSHOE CLASS CO-COORDINATOR

The 1995 Alpine Scramble Course will offer comprehensive instruction in non-technical (unroped) climbing. The course provides instruction on how to travel safely off-trail and scramble to mountain summits - - the rugged terrain and exhilarating views of most Northwest mountain summits are accessible by scramble routes. Students will learn about proper equipment and clothing, navigation and route-finding, avalanche avoidance, weather awareness, rock and off-trail scrambling, wilderness ethics, snow travel, ice axe arrest, and glissade techniques. Our goal is to teach the skills necessary to scramble enjoyably and safely, and with respect for the mountains. We do not teach roped climbing technique, glacier travel, or the use of crampons.

The course is open to *Mountaineer* members and the general public, age 16 and over (age 14-15 if taken with parent or guardian). There are no formal prerequisites; however, prospective students are advised that scrambling requires good physical condition, a positive mental attitude, a significant commitment of time and effort, and a complement of outdoor equipment, including an ice axe and stiff lug-soled boots. Applicants under 18 years of age must have parent or guardian permission and complete a supplemental application form.

Course Tuition is \$60 for *Mountaineer* Club members and \$65 for non-members. This tuition cost does **not** include tuition for Mountaineering Oriented First Aid (MOFA) (\$25), the scramble course textbook, membership in *The Mountaineers*, or any equipment cost.

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SCRAMBLES *Continued*

Course Registration. Advance registration for the Alpine Scramble Course is required. The class size is limited in size in order to provide high quality instruction, so register early. Applications will be accepted until January 27, 1995. For registration information and forms, send your name and address (*and your age if you are under 18 years old*) to:

• *Lewis Turner, 15600 NE 8th, Suite B1-429, Bellevue, WA 98008.* •

Graduation Requirements (*must be completed by October 15, 1995*):

- ATTENDANCE AT ALL SCHEDULED LECTURES.
- SATISFACTORY COMPLETION OF ALL SCHEDULED FIELD TRIPS.
- SATISFACTORY COMPLETION OF THREE CLUB SCRAMBLE TRIPS.
- SATISFACTORY COMPLETION OF MOUNTAINEERING ORIENTED FIRST AID (MOFA).
- MEMBERSHIP IN *THE MOUNTAINEERS*
- APPROVAL OF THE *EVERETT MOUNTAINEERS ALPINE SCRAMBLE COMMITTEE*.

1995 Alpine Scramble Course Schedule: *

- MAR 2, THUR --- LECTURE #1 -----ORIENTATION, EQUIPMENT AND CLOTHING
- MAR 16 THUR --- LECTURE #2 -----TEN ESSENTIALS, FOOD AND NUTRITION, & OFF TRAIL TRAVEL
- MAR 23, THUR --- MOFA -----MOUNTAINEERING ORIENTED FIRST AID
- MAR 25, SAT ---- FIELD TRIP #1 -----COMPASS & NAVIGATION - LECTURE AND PRACTICE
- MAR 30, THUR --- CPR ----- OPTIONAL INSTRUCTION AS PART OF MOFA COURSE
- APR 1, SAT ---- MOFA -----MOUNTAINEERING ORIENTED FIRST AID
- APR 2, SUN ---- MOFA -----MOUNTAINEERING ORIENTED FIRST AID
- APR 6 THUR ---- LECTURE #3 -----WILDERNESS ETHICS, CLIMBING CODE, SAFETY, TRAIL MAINTENANCE, & OVERNIGHT SCRAMBLES
- APR 15 OR 16 ---- FIELD TRIP #2 -----ROCK SCRAMBLE PRACTICE
- APR 20 THUR ---- LECTURE #4 -----AVALANCHE AWARENESS, SNOW TRAVEL & SHELTERS, & ICE AXE
- APR 29 AND 30 --- FIELD TRIP #3 -----SNOW PRACTICE
- MAY 4 THUR ---- LECTURE #5 -----MOUNTAIN WEATHER
- MAY 13 OR 14 ---- FIELD TRIP #4 -----SCRAMBLE PRACTICE
- MAY 18 THUR --- LECTURE #6 -----POTLUCK DINNER, SURVIVAL & EMERGENCIES, & LET'S SCRAMBLE
- SEPT 23 - 24 ---- REUNION -----8TH ANNUAL REUNION, SLIDES & PICTURES, AND SCRAMBLES

* MOST LECTURES ARE SCHEDULED 7 - 9:30 PM.

Mountaineering Oriented First Aid (MOFA). MOFA is a separate course and is not part of the Alpine Scramble Course. MOFA enrollment information will be provided at the first scramble class. Students of the Scramble Course must complete MOFA in order to graduate from the scramble course. You will be allowed to participate in the scramble course without MOFA training, but you must complete MOFA if you wish to graduate from the scramble course and continue scrambling with *The Mountaineers*.

Alpine Scramble Instructors and Leaders

Preparations are underway for 1995 field trips and scrambles. If you are a Scramble or Climbing graduate, we need and want your help with 1995 activities!!!! A great way to refresh your skills as well as help support a quality Scramble Program is by instructing and leading scramblers in 1995. We will pair you up with an experienced instructor at any field trip so that you may discover the rewards of teaching. Call our Field Trip Coordinator, **Mike Shikany (347-3631)** for further information. We also need leaders, and scramblers who want to become leaders, to lead 1995 scramble trips. Call **Gene Baker (658-8725)** for scheduling information, or any Committee Member for information on how to become a leader.

SCRAMBLE-LINE

Scramblers, snowshoers and climbers! As of December 1st the Everett Mountaineers Scrambles committee is offering a *Scramble-line* similar to the **Climbline**. The number is **348-7842**. This service will list scramble and snowshoe trips. If you are bitten by the Scramble Bug call **348-7842** now! Leaders desiring to list a trip on the *Scramble-line* should call **Gene Baker at 658-8725**.

GOLDEN TIMES OVER MONTE CRISTO

by
Marc Traylor

Chapter Five - Lake Byrne Revisited

In mid-September, Stacy Myers of the U.S. Forest Service's Darrington Ranger District called Jerry Thompson regarding a tentative arrangement for Everett Mountaineers to transport plants to the revegetation site at Byrne Lake above Kennedy Hot Springs in the Glacier Park Wilderness. Myers and other ranger district staff had a busy summer fighting fires. Some were still involved fighting fires in Idaho. Thompson had, in the back of his mind, hoped that maybe because of the fire situation the fall planting activity at Byrne Lake might be postponed a year. Myers' gentle persistence was effective in getting Thompson off his duff and busy organizing a work party.

Earlier conversations with Kim Dickey, Kris Maxwell, Carrie Strandell, and George Swan, all of whom were experienced meadow restoration workers, indicated that there would be little problem seeing that the plants were put in the ground once they arrived at Lake Byrne. Since these people would be carrying full packs with overnight camping gear they could not be expected to carry plants. Stacy Myers told Thompson that she and two other Forest Service people would be at the lake to work on and to supervise the planting. Thompson's main problem then was to see that one hundred and eighty partridge foot plants were carried from the end of the Whitechuck River Road to Lake Byrne, a distance of seven and a half miles with about a thirty-five hundred feet of elevation gain.

Louis Coglas and Lisa Hutchinson had expressed an interest in helping with the project at the September Lookout and Trail Maintenance committee meeting. Thompson quickly called and confirmed that they would be helping. Thompson's next calls were less productive. He heard all the excuses from "I have a Leading-on-Rock Seminar scheduled with Mike Bacon." to

"I'm leaving that day for Nepal with Sam and Gail." to "I'm helping with the Salmon Barbecue." With the day rapidly approaching, Thompson grew desperate. He was so desperate that he scheduled an intermediate ice climb on the Lyman Glacier of Chiwawa Mountain. The climb was successful and yielded an additional plant carrier for Lake Byrne. Mike Ward agreed to join the effort.

George Swan contacted Thompson and said that he wouldn't be working on the weekend but that he would carry a load of plants up on Wednesday or Thursday. Kim Dickey and Carrie Strandell left for Lake Byrne in the middle of the week and kept an eye on the plants that George had carried up. Thompson was still left with a hundred and fifty-seven plants to get to Lake Byrne and only four packers to do the job. He was relieved when Kris Maxwell and her fiancée Robin Stobbins offered to switch from planting at Lake Byrne to helping with packing on Saturday. All these changes made the success of the project within reach.

Steve Pisek and Jerry Thompson drove to the trailhead on Friday night the Thirtieth of September preparing for an early start on the weekend. The early arrival of Louis Coglas on October first got the day started at Owl Creek. Thompson made coffee. Pisek made mush. Louis cracked the whip. All was ready as the rest of the work party and the Forest Service pulled in around seven AM. The plants were quickly divided and packed. The first packers were off at eight o'clock. All of the plants were packed and headed for their home at Lake Byrne a bit later.

The trail to Kennedy Hot Springs is gentle but long. The shorter route that uses the ladders along the river is a bit faster. From the hot springs the trail to Lake Byrne rises with every step and is relentless and unforgiving for most of its way until it drops mercifully into a cirque below the lake basin. About forty-five more minutes and several hundred more feet of elevation gain puts one at the base of the "Stairway to Heaven" which leads

to the crest that drops to the shores of beautiful Lake Byrne.

At the lake, the packers were welcomed by Kim Dickey and Carrie Strandell. The plants were unpacked and set along side those that George Swan had carried up earlier in the week. An abbreviated celebration, of sorts, happened at this time. Further mention of that activity will not be discussed as this was a Mountaineer sponsored event. The packers returned safely to their cars.

That afternoon another ranger, Adrian, joined the planters at the lake as they gently healed in the plants that had been returned to their home. Steve and Rangers Stacy and Dean walked down to the hot springs to spend the evening. Carrie, Kim and Adrian stayed at the lake to see the young plants through their first night out in their wild new home.

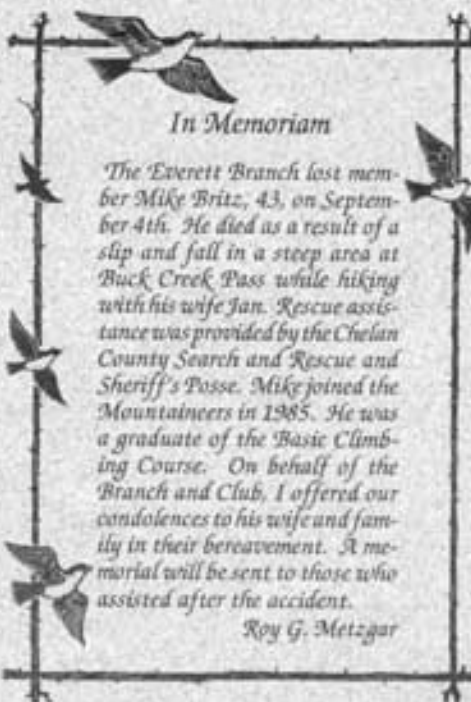
On Sunday, the Everett Mountaineers continued their efforts in lookout and trail maintenance as Louis Coglas headed up to cap off the Green mountain Lookout and Steve Pisek. Carrie Strandell and Kim Dickey made repairs at the wilderness ranger cabin at Kennedy Hot Springs.



In Memoriam

The Everett Branch lost member Mike Britz, 43, on September 4th. He died as a result of a slip and fall in a steep area at Buck Creek Pass while hiking with his wife Jan. Rescue assistance was provided by the Chelan County Search and Rescue and Sheriff's Posse. Mike joined the Mountaineers in 1985. He was a graduate of the Basic Climbing Course. On behalf of the Branch and Club, I offered our condolences to his wife and family in their bereavement. A memorial will be sent to those who assisted after the accident.

Roy G. Metzgar



**MOUNTAINEER MAGAZINE
ARTICLES**

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



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

**MONTHLY MEETING
TIME CHANGE**

Starting in January our monthly meetings will commence at 7:00 PM. The business session will adjourn no later than 8:15 PM followed by a social break. The evening programs, when scheduled, will begin at 8:30 PM. If desired or necessary, a business session can be reconvened after the program to facilitate the completion of any items still on the agenda. We will see you at 7:00 PM at our next monthly meeting on January 4th, 1995.

Roy G. Metzgar

A Big Thank You

from the Everett Branch to our retiring committee chairs:

*Vera Bonner - Social
Laurie Akers - Folkdance
David White - Climbing*

Jobs Well Done and Much Appreciated!

OFFICERS

Chair: Roy Metzgar 258-6985
Vice Chair: Dorores Wagner 568-3828
Secretary: Sandy Barr 788-2872
Treasurer: Don Heck 337-5742
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