

# The Everett Mountaineers

## Newsletter

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### UPCOMING PROGRAMS

September 3 —The Annual Members' Slide Show. Astound and impress your fellow Everett Branch members with 5-10 minutes of slides. Also, the ballots are counted.

October 1 —To be announced.

November 5 —To be announced.

December —No Meeting.

### Newsletter Position Open

If you've ever read the "Old News" and thought to yourself, "I could do better than that!" or felt that it's time for some changes to our Branch publication, this is a good time to say so. Russell and Loretta need to give it up in order to expand our participation in other Branch activities.

**Benefits:** You get to interact regularly with the most interesting people in the Branch. You can enhance your writing, editing and graphic design skills and develop samples for your portfolio.

**Responsibilities:** Collecting submissions, communicating guidelines for submissions, preparing text and graphics, page layout, and delivering camera-ready artwork or files to a commercial printer. Then attaching labels, sorting and bulk mailing procedures.

**Training and equipment:** We can design a newsletter template that works with your software, explain every step in the publication process, and modify both to fit your abilities.

Call Russell or Loretta, (425)316-7973, for more information.

### Annual Salmon Bake

The Everett Mountaineers Annual Salmon Bake will be held Sunday, October 5, 1997, at Masonic Park, 4.5 miles from Granite Falls on the Mountain Loop highway. We will be serving salmon, baked potatoes and corn on the cob. Bring dinnerware and utensils, plus any other foods to complete your meal or contribute as a potluck addition.

The event is free to Everett Mountaineers members and their immediate families. The charge for other members and guests is \$6, children under 12 are \$2.50. A \$1-per-person parking fee is charged at the gate by the Masonic Park.

To sign up or for additional information, call Suzanne Cole, (360)387-3969, and leave a message on voice mail/answering. We need a head count for purchase of salmon and food.

### Mountaineer Magazine Articles

Submit to Russell or Loretta at (425)316-7973 by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the preceding month.



*Rollo Rodent says:  
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and vote often*

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# THE CANDIDATES

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## BRANCH CHAIR

### Larry Ingalls

Joined 1992

Past and present activities: Everett Branch chair, vice chair, graduate of Hiking, Alpine Scrambling and Basic Climbing courses, scramble leader, hike leader, assistant instructor for scramble course navigation field trip, trail maintenance volunteer.

Interests: Alpine scrambling, rock and glacier climbing.

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## BRANCH VICE CHAIR

### James Abbie

Joined 1993

Past and present activities: Climbing Committee position (2 years), leader and instructor for basic and intermediate climbing, alpine scrambling, skiing.

Interests: skiing, scrambling, climbing, architectural design.

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## SECRETARY

Write-in candidate

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## TREASURER

Write-in candidate

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## TRUSTEE

### Roy Metzgar

Joined 1981

Past and present activities: Everett Branch trustee, Branch chair (1993-1996), Nominating Committee (1993), Facilities Committee, leader and instructor for hiking, alpine scrambling and basic climbing, trail maintenance volunteer.

Main interests: climbing and hiking.

# 1997 Everett Branch Ballot

## BRANCH CHAIR

Larry Ingalls

 

Write-in Candidate, Voter 1

Write-in Candidate, Voter 2

## SECRETARY

Write-in Candidate, Voter 1

Write-in Candidate, Voter 2

## TRUSTEE

Roy Metzgar

 

Write-in Candidate, Voter 1

Write-in Candidate, Voter 2

## VICE BRANCH CHAIR

James Abbie

 

Write-in Candidate, Voter 1

Write-in Candidate, Voter 2

## TREASURER

Write-in Candidate, Voter 1

Write-in Candidate, Voter 2

Mailed ballots must be received by 5:00 P.M. on September 3, 1997. Ballots may also be brought to the Annual Meeting on September 3, 1997.

The ballot was designed for two voters per ballot as only one newsletter may be sent to a household. If there are more than two voters per ballot, feel free to improvise.

## Old News from the Really Boring Business Meetings

This news is compiled from the June and August business meetings. No news from July because Russell and Loretta were busy innertube-surfing out at Copalis Beach. At the June meeting we saw a vintage brochure showing the actual number "4" on Big Four. This was a revelation to those who've always wondered **why it's called "Big Four."** Way-cool Trustee Roy Metzgar says in Seattle the Club budget is a very big deal this year. Will Seattle have access to **Everett's money?** We need to get Sue Weckerly up here to explain. Roy says proposed **changes to Club by-laws** are documented in the July Magazine. The Club is developing a position on a **proposed tax** on outdoor gear and books that would support Fish & Wildlife. See the August Magazine for details. Scramble Chair Matt Schultz reported that approximately **40 scramble students** got through all the field trips for the scramble course. Darn it, Climbing Chair Mats Robertson missed a **rainy climbing field trip** complete with grumpy students because of a conference for climbing committee chairs. Mats says REI recently **mislabeled some carabiners**. If you bought any locking carabiners lately, check to make sure they really lock. Branch Chair Larry Ingalls says people are organizing to pull **noxious weeds** at Icicle Creek to obviate the need for spraying. First Aid Chair Joellyn Jackson says no one signed up for the June **CPR challenge**, but she will offer another one in September even if only two people sign up. She reminded everyone that **you need an adult CPR card** already beforehand to take MOFA now. No ifs, ands or buts. No exceptions. No refunds if you try to take the class and get kicked out because you have no CPR card. Better get one, I think. Better sign up for **fall MOFA**, too, or there won't be any. Joellyn reported that only 3 people had signed up as of the August business meeting. We need at least 20 MOFA students per course to make it feasible. Deadline for signup is September 12. The next First Aid Committee meeting is August 25 at the PUD. You can go even if you are **merely curious**. Lookout and Trail

Maintenance Chair Forrest Clark says 114 Everett Branch members participated in **National Trails Day**. Business meeting attendees wearing 1997 National Trails Day T-shirts were admiring each other. Forrest presented questions regarding the **Green Mountain lookout**. Tear it down? Let Nature tear it down? Maintain it? It's still condemned at this point and the road is still closed. Rumors of the road being open are still rumors. Louie Coglas displayed **trail maintenance tools** one of which Joellyn calls "Six-Sucking-Chest-Wounds-on-a-Stick." Actual purchase of tools using the money from the Fred Beckey program was approved by the Branch. Forrest is applying for a grant from the National Recreational Trails Funding Program so we can buy even more tools. The Heybrook lookout is 25% done. **Its toilet now has a location** and a splendid view of Mt. Index. Forrest encourages you to adopt a lookout and get involved in its restoration and maintenance. If you remember the original color of the inside of the Three Fingers lookout, let Forrest know. He suspects **seafoam green**. John Witters says the **backpacking course** enjoyed unprecedented interest this year. There was no report from the ski committee in June, but in August, Ski Chair Dennis Miller was ready to **think snow** and recruit committee members. Social Chair Ron Smith says **it's okay for men to bring treats** to business meetings even when it's not Men's Treat Night. Larry Ingalls was applauded for recruiting a coordinator for the **Salmon Bake**, Suzanne Cole at (360)387-3969. The Salmon Bake will be held October 5 at Masonic Park. George Swan recommended the article in the June Magazine about the Iron Goat Trail. George also expressed an expectation of **being on T.V.** after a camera crew visited an Iron Goat work party. Trailhead parking passes are available at Forest Service offices and visitor centers. Some attendees report that the Forest Service is checking for parking passes although we didn't think this would be enforced in 1997. Gordon wants to know: Will hikers whose cars are

vandalized **sue the Forest Service** because they paid their money and expect protection? The Bicycling Committee was approved as a permanent standing committee by the Branch. Larry Ingalls read a story about **three lawyers** and three consultants. Roy Metzgar says at least four people have been Everett Branch members for **50 years** or more. Perhaps one of them remembers the original color of the inside of the Three Fingers lookout. Having been assured that Membership Committee members are all self-motivated, self-directing self-starters, Phyllis Hawkins has at last agreed to become the new chair, **allowing Dana Miller to retire** after eight years of service in this position. Dana's retirement will not be slothful, however. She intends to get some activity going in the area of promotions. That means providing club T-shirts and other items as her still-busy schedule permits. Membership held a drawing for new members attending the business meeting and gave away a red Everett Mountaineers T-shirt. It was beautiful. Dana says the Singles Committee now has its own voice mailbox on the Branch message line. There is still one voice mailbox available for a committee that doesn't currently have a phone number or wants to switch to a more economical **voice messaging solution**. The Seattle clubhouse received a complaint from the leader of a Mountaineers Outing to Europe suggesting that the Club review its policy regarding **alcohol consumption** at Mountaineer-sponsored events. Joellyn says our lovely **banner** is available for use at your Branch event. It is now stored at the church where the business meetings are held. Call Larry if you want to use it. **Spider Meadows** will be dedicated in October. The 1998 budget passed with ease, thanks in part to Larry's easy-to-follow and enthusiastic explanation of all **the good places our money goes**. The only drama erupted when Roy questioned the need to issue MOFA cards. If we are on record as having passed the class, do we really need to go to the expense of issuing cards? Let your favorite chairperson know your opinion.

# Red flags to Gunn Peak

by Norm Buckley

The view from Gunn Peak was breathtaking; looking south we saw Baring Peak on our right, Merchant on our left with a vast expanse of Cascade range to the east, flowing north and south. Three of us were on this trip which Tom and I had attempted once before. We had left the red tape up and down the mountainside on the first trip and even then found navigating back to the trailhead difficult. The tape was still marking our route from our earlier trip and was very much needed in the dense brush.

Our first attempt was October 16, 1994 on the first fallen snow of winter. We ran out of daylight and found our movement slowed by rocks made slippery with snow. Tom and I did get to a nearby peak, 5,842', a half-mile south of Gunn.

On our latest trip, the August 13th date would give us enough daylight to complete the scramble, but only if we could find the route up the "V-notch", vaguely

described in Beckey's Guide. Tom Barnhart, John Kelly and I departed Bothell and got to the trailhead at 7:45. After fifteen minutes of preparation we were off over the stream and through the brush until we found an old logging road and then a climbers trail that went up and up. We gained the top of the ridge and continued up to a saddle (5,600'), then down heading easterly across a valley and up a boulder field to a wide gully. At about 5,700', after not finding a better route and backtracking, we went up a ravine on the right. We decided Becky did not take this trip and must have gotten his information from others. We did find the V-notch that was mentioned in his guide and made a note of the elevation (6,160'). The 5,700' is important way-point because the route is not readily apparent.

We arrived at the summit at 2 P.M. The view is the best of any in the Cascades and well worth the difficult journey. After spending a half-hour on the summit we made our way down. We definitely needed those trail markers to find our way out of the brush on the steep downward slope. The worst part of the trip was crossing

back across the valley through the brush and old logged off area. We were all tripped up by fallen limbs and had the marks on our shins to prove it. Tom led us through this area and John and I questioned his route finding skills. Tom and I occasionally question each other's route finding, tempered with plenty of humor. Finding a way over the stream proved to be another difficult obstacle. We ended up at the Barclay Lake trailhead, about a half-mile from where we had started. It was a long day and very strenuous trip. The sun was setting as we made our way back to the cars. We agreed we would like to come back again but not too soon.

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## Publication Deadline

The deadline for our next issue is November 23 at the Banquet. Be there. Contact Loretta or Russell at (425)316-7973. You can E-mail your submissions to [deadrat@u.washington.edu](mailto:deadrat@u.washington.edu).

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