

# *The Everett* Mountaineers

## Newsletter

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### Annual Meeting 2001 & Members' Slide Show

September 5, Wed., 7 p.m. at the First Congregational Church in downtown Everett, 2624 Rockefeller. Our annual election of officers for the Everett Branch will be followed by the members' slide show. Bring your ballot, slides, photos, tall-tales, and stories. Phil says he has a device to project photos. Find out who has been to the most exotic places.

### On-line Voting?

The bylaws currently allow voting in person at the annual meeting and with the Newsletter ballot. Our webmaster would like to know—for long range planning—if there is any interest in being able to vote at our website. Such a feature could be included into an already requested but not implemented “members only” area of the website that would restrict access to sensitive information such as the roster or spontaneous listings of activities. You can indicate your interest on the ballot.

### Salmon Bake 2001

The Everett Mountaineers Annual Salmon Bake will be held Sunday, October 7, 2001 at the Masonic Park rain or shine. The park is located 4.5 miles east of Granite Falls on the Mountain Loop Highway. Find us at the Big Kitchen. We will be serving salmon, baked potatoes and corn on the cob. Bring utensils, dinnerware, and cups, plus any other foods to complete your meal or contribute as a potluck addition (salads, baked goods, or veggies). The event is free to all Everett Mountaineer members and their immediate family. As more details become available, they will be posted on the website, [www.everettmountaineers.org/events.html](http://www.everettmountaineers.org/events.html).

## *Denali 2000*

Larry Ingalls

Part 2. Part 1 was published in issue 94 and will appear on the website.

The day temperatures were typically between 10 and 20° F with nighttime temperatures between -10 and -30°. Amazingly, when the sun came out, it was very comfortable in shirt sleeves because I wore black. However, when we went into shadow, it got very cold, almost instantly. That is when the pile pants, the down coat, the pile hat, and the warm mittens would be layered on. When the wind was blowing, it did not matter if the sun was shining or not; it was cold. We had a saying—the wind rules.

After nine days we were in position to try for the summit. We made our second trip up the West Buttress Headwall, about a 45 to 50 degree slope. Our first trip had been to carry five days of food, the spare stove, and gas up to the high camp. We encountered several new friends coming down from the summit. They were one day ahead of us in their schedule and we had met them on our earlier ascent. They came from many places to climb Denali. Two nameless guys and a gal were from Davis, CA. Tony and Cohen came from Great Britain. Peta was from Scotland and Dave was from the Bahamas. Peta and Dave were experienced Mt. Everest climbers just “out to have a little fun”

We reached high camp and built a snow wall around the tent for protection from the wind. This is something we did at every camp in case it really started to blow hard. During the night the tent started to shake. The wind had come up and a storm was on the way. In the morning we wisely decided not to stay at high camp. As painful as it was, we packed up and headed back down to 14,000'. The West Buttress was being hammered by the wind, and once I was blown off my feet. At

times we almost crawled along the ridge to keep from getting blown off. Fortunately, the 14,000' camp is much more sheltered.

The next three days were spent at 14,000' watching a lenticular cloud grip the summit. I took a couple of pictures of the swirling cloud that spoke of 100+ M.P.H. winds. Then on our 13<sup>th</sup> day of the trip, the wind started to abate. On day 14 we headed back up to high camp with two other groups that we made friends with at our haven. When we reached high camp, we were really tired, but nether the less had to build our wind walls again as the storm had blown away the ones we built on our earlier summit attempt.

We would have enjoyed a rest day, but the weather forecast indicated that another storm was coming and would likely cause bad weather for a week or more. We decided that we must summit the next day. Conditions were not too bad climbing the 1,000' to Denali Pass, but above that we were exposed to the fierce wind. We had about everything on and were none too warm. I tried to cover everything up, but had to keep my nose and mouth uncovered just to be able to suck in enough air. At that altitude even taking a drink was a challenge. I would take a swig and then pant for 10 seconds to get my breath back. We would travel about 20 yards and then rest for about 30 seconds breathing hard, then go again. In less than an hour my beard was one big icicle. By the time we covered the first 2,000' we were tired. Even though it was blowing and cold we had to stop to eat and drink.

To be continued...

# 2001 Everett Branch Ballot

## BRANCH CHAIR

Brian Hench

No Candidate

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Write-in Candidate, Voter 1

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Write-in Candidate, Voter 2

## SECRETARY

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Write-in Candidate, Voter 1

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Write-in Candidate, Voter 2

## TRUSTEE

Roy Metzgar

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Write-in Candidate, Voter 1

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Write-in Candidate, Voter 2

## VICE BRANCH CHAIR

Doug Donaldson

Don Heck

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Write-in Candidate, Voter 1

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Write-in Candidate, Voter 2

## TREASURER

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Write-in Candidate, Voter 1

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Write-in Candidate, Voter 2

Website voting      Yes    No

A potential nominee for Secretary, Chris Davidson, was found after the August business meeting. He most likely will be nominated from the floor at the September meeting. Until then we have no official candidate for Secretary.

Mailed ballots must be received by 5:00 PM on Wednesday, September 5, 2001. Ballots may also be brought to the Annual Meeting on September 5, 2000.

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.

Ballots due back by Sept. 5 !

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