# Mountaineers

### Newsletter

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#### **Annual Meeting 2003**

Wednesday, October 1, 2003, 7 P.M. at the First Congregational Church in downtown Everett, 2624 Rockefeller. Election of branch officers will take place at the October meeting. Your ballot is on the back of this newsletter. Mailed ballots are due by 5 P.M. Ballots can also be brought to the meeting. Phil Prins will present slides of his climb of Denali.

#### Class Participants an Alward Candidates

Remember to send your documentation to the appropriate committee. Most deadlines are in October so that awards and graduation certificates can be given at the Annual Banquet in November.

#### Everett Branch Salmon Bake

It will be held Sunday, October 5, 2003 at the Big Kitchen at Masonic Park. This year look forward to live entertainment with Reggie Miles and a special Dutch oven treat for dessert. Also, look for hikes, scrambles, and climbs scheduled the day prior. We will have a group campground set aside on Saturday for overnight stay. We will be serving alder cooked salmon, baked potatoes, and corn on the cob. Potluck contributions of salads, baked goods, casseroles and veggies are most welcome!

The event is free to Everett Branch members and their immediate families (same household). Admission for guests of \$7.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children. Masonic Park will collect its own \$2.00 per person day use fee at the gate.

We need time to order salmon, so please make reservations by October 1. Contact Tony Tsuboi at ttsuboi@oz.net, or 206-459-9398. Email is preferred. Leave your name, phone number and the number of members and guests who will attend including yourself. If you can help out with food prep, tending fire, cooking, cleanup or would like to volunteer a potluck contribution that would be great. Please mention this in your message.

Masonic Park is located 4.5 miles east of Granite Falls on the Mountain Loop Highway. Bring plates, utensils and cups. We will have hot-spiced cider and coffee for all. Food will be served at around 2 P.M. Helpers are welcome at 10 A.M.

#### The Haba Bean & El Pico de Orizaba

#### Dianne Jochimsen

Continued from Fall 2002 Newsletter. The quartet, Mike Bueler, Diane Jochimsen, Jim Civey and Mike Conner, have left the Piedra Grande Hut and are on the way to thier first camp on El Pico de Orizaba.

Both Mikes' have GPS units and are making way points "just in case" for our early morning portion of the summit. We hike up for a couple of hours to the edge of the rock band which connects to the glacier, approximately 16,150' where we will set camp. We meet a Spanish couple also camping at this level. On the trip down, we met a group of people who went to the 15,000' level. One of the members is a young German woman. She says her group is doing this portion of the hike as a team building exercise. Their group is from Volkswagen in Puebleo. As a side note, she mentions that their plant is the only one that she is aware of making the

new beetle. (What you learn climbing is sometimes not about climbing.)

We were awakened several times during the evening. It turns out that groups of native Mexicans climb the mountain on the weekend; hmm, that makes sense. Two parties have driven down from Texas. Music plays, lots of talking, laughing. The music finally quits a tad after mid-night; all must have left to go climbing. Getting up this morning, we see several parties near the summit. Jim says he's sure glad we're near the end of this aclimization stuff. Mike C. says it's going to be a long day.

Then, Mike C. comes down with a stomach/intestine bug. We think it is something he caught in Washington before we left; no-one else is sick. Jim, now our un-official doctor, has been doctoring him all day. We've decided to

delay the climb one day hoping Mike C. gets better. We spend the day talking to people who have summitted and talking to people who had to turn around due to altitude or conditioning problems. Mike B., Jim and I play hearts to pass the rest of the day. Mike B. wins and Jim says he is tired of Mike winning; he always won when they were on Denali.

The wind is blowing, really blowing this evening. Pedro, from the Reyes, has come to watch our gear and will spend the night even though we have decided against going. He is able to tell us quite a bit of the mountain history; how much the glacier has disappeared in the last 20 years. When he first climbed it, the snow level was at the huts.

The wind is still blowing very hard the next morning when we get up. I cannot

To be continued....

## 2002 Everett Branch Ballot

BRANCH CHAIR			SECRETARY			I RUSTEE	
Brian Hench			Hal Watrous			Phil Prins	
Write-in Candidate, Voter 1	_		Write-in Candidate, Voter 1	_		Write-in Candidate, Voter 1	-
Write-in Candidate, Voter 2	_		Write-in Candidate, Voter 2	_		Write-in Candidate, Voter 2	-
Vice Branch Chair			Treasurer			Mailed ballots must be received by	
Matt Vadnal			Don Heck			5:00 P.M. on Wednesday, October Ballots may also be brought to the Meeting on October 1, 2003. The ballot was designed for t	ne Annual wo voters
Write-in Candidate, Voter 1	_		Write-in Candidate, Voter 1	_		per ballot as only one newsletter sent to a household. If there are than two voters per ballot, feel fi	more
Write-in Candidate, Voter 2	_		Write-in Candidate, Voter 2	_		improvise.	

Ballots due back by Oct. 1!

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