

PLEASE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome the following new members to the WAC!

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Klicitat Bike Ride, April 2

BOARD MEETING

March 10th Thursday
7:00 PM
Meeting to be held at the home of Ira Rushwald. Contact any board member for directions.

LOOKING AHEAD

Not all are WAC events, but ALL are fun!

- Mar 10 Board Meeting
- 16 REI lecture- How to travel safely at altitude, see announcement above
- 18/20 Sierra Club Inner City Outings at Guye Cabin
- 19 Climbing Class Instructor Training, new instructors
- 20 Climbing Class Instructor Training, returning instructors
- April 02/03 Klickitat Bike Ride
- 05 Climbing Class Knots 1
- 12 Climbing Class Knots 2
- 14 Board Meeting
- 23/24 WAC Outing Olympic Beach Cleanup

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

For most of us this year March comes as a big relief, with the days finally getting longer, and finally, we can quit worrying about when all the snow will come. I have finally accepted the truth that the snow is not coming this year. We are heading for the vernal equinox and the official beginning of spring on the 20th. Our weather has just been gorgeous, and the blooming yellow daffodils make everyone feel very happy!

The 2005 Climbing Class is now underway! It is led this year by Christie, George, and Murray. The WAC Climbing Class was started by Pete Steele who joined the WAC in 1952! Thanks for the vision, the determination, and all the hard work over the years Pete! Thanks to the co-chairs and all the volunteers who work so hard to organize and teach these classes!

On April 2/3 John Sargent will again lead a bike outing. This year we will do the Klickitat Trail near Hood River, Oregon. If you went on last years epic Iron Horse Trail ride you will certainly want to do this one! If you missed last year, you

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certainly won't want to be left out again! See the info elsewhere in this bulletin or on the website. Sign up with John now!

April 23 is the 4th annual Olympic Beach Cleanup. We have done this three times and each year it has been even more fun than the year before! It makes everyone feel good to know they help cleanup our stretch of wilderness coastline. Did you know the WAC used to have its very own beach in West Seattle? Come on out on April 23, to where the water from Mount Olympus meets the Pacific Ocean! Sign up with Mike.

Guye Cabin is getting even more popular. Have you seen how good it looks? Folks have been up every weekend to enjoy the beautiful weather and relax. Be sure to sign in the Cabin Log Book when you visit the cabin, even if you only stay a few minutes. The Log book is a great source of history for the club and it is great fun to look through the old log books and see who was up to what! Be sure to pay your dues and do a chore. The Cabin is a great place to meet new friends and renew old friendships!

Sometimes we forget just what the Washington Alpine Club is. Now a tradition, the WAC started in 1916 and is going stronger than ever. Do you know someone who would be a good fit for the WAC? Please take some time and introduce them to some of the many benefits our unique Club has to offer. The Washington Alpine Club is made up of many different little parts, and these parts come together as a great outdoor social club. Find a part of the club that you enjoy and reap the many rewards!
 Mike

JUST A FEW WAC POSITIONS STILL OPEN!

Want to launch a new career? Do you have leadership skills? Want to practice, or develop them? The WAC is a perfect place to start, and everything transfers to all other areas of your life. Like everything in the WAC you can make these what ever your vision of them is to be! Contact Mike or your favorite Board member if you are interested in helping our Club in the 21st Century!
 Conservation Chair

Be the advocate for the WAC on issues such as the Wild Sky Wilderness, Dark Divide, Rails to Trails. Work with the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs, Mountaineers, WTA. Give a short update for the Bulletin each month. Keep the Club informed, and advised of what they can do to help.

Wilderness First Aid Chair

We need someone to set up an ongoing program for the Club that will remain consistent year to year. We have done MOFA, SOLO, and WFA, and each has their advantages and drawbacks. Help decide on a program and set it up to run on a regular basis.
 Junior 1st Vice President

Still looking for that special someone! Serve on the WAC Board and help administer the Club, help out with events and projects. We have an excellent board again this year, and just need someone to help out with this last available position.
 Mike

PARKING AREA UPDATE MARCH 10, 2005

The Parking Area Committee - Bill Higgins, Dave Mitchell, Les Sargent, Mike Mahanay, have met three times so far. The last time was on Feb 24. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

Anyone who can assist in this project is encouraged to step up.

On Feb 19, Bill Higgins, Dave Mitchell, Les Sargent looked at the proposed parking area and found the survey to be inaccurate and incomplete. Based on their findings there is actually a bigger slope than is indicated on the survey, and thus more fill would be required. Bill suggested lowering the Parking area below road grade to keep the cost down. It would be a 5-10% slope toward the river. The location and size are good. We might have to have only one entry/exit instead of two. The new parking area would hold 28 cars, a few less than originally planned.

At the Feb 10 Board Meeting \$5,000 was approved to begin the permit process.

Preparation for the permit Here are the steps that must be done in order:

1. The Survey is incorrect in many places. It appears to use meters instead of feet, and the parcels are not labeled. Bill will gather up his questions and contact Larry Sargent at Dryco Surveying. Larry will need to clean up the survey to give us something useful. They will also need to add the Quit Claim Deed from 1968 and bearings and distances. Once we have the proper survey and a plan we can then move to step 2.
2. Rosemary Daszkiewicz is assisting with how to get the two new easements (entry and exit) from the Gymnastics Society (Sahalie Ski Club). And also a construction easement for the area between the two entry/exits since the parking area will meet the property line.

Jack Gunner is the contact at Sahalie. Mike will contact Jack and get an informal conversation going.

3. Present the easement request, and get it signed and recorded. Once we have the easements recorded we can proceed with hiring a Civil Engineer.

4. Hire a Civil Engineer to start the work for the county requirements. Bill has a list from Murray of potential candidates. Requirements are King County experience, clearing and grading experience, and SEPA review experience. Know requirements, and Shoreline Development review. Work for a fixed fee.

The Board will have to approve the selection.

Notes:

Can we stockpile fill in advance of construction?

We don't need to count trees in the parking area at this time.

There is an existing culvert draining the Sahalie property that we will need to extend.

We will need to prepare:

1. Drainage Study (We are not in the 10 year flood plain)
2. Clearing and grading permit (Type II since we are not residential)
3. SEPA checklist
4. Soil Report (prepared by a Geotechnical Engineer)
5. Forest Practice Permit
6. State Timber permit to log the trees (by who ever logs the trees)
7. Substantial shoreline development permit
8. Public Notification
9. Storm Drainage Management Plan (retention area for 100 flood)

A licensed Civil Engineer would need to prepare the Drainage Study and Grading Plan.

Since we are adjacent to the Snoqualmie River we might need at

"Substantial Shoreline Development Permit" This might require Public Notice. This would all be discussed at a pre-hearing at the end of March. 5. The Permit

It might take as long as 6 months to get the permit.

6. Construction:

We would need to be ready for construction no later than September 01 in order to complete the project this year. Otherwise it might roll to 2006.

Log the .2 acres and sell the trees
Stump removal and site preparation

The Parking area would have a 5-10 % slope front to back to maintain the existing drainage patterns. This would be about 7' front to back. There would be a 3-1 slope off the back. Fill would be at least 1000 yards at \$5 a yard (\$5,000). There is 16 yards to the truck, to reach 1000 yards we would need 62.5 truck loads. We will check with both North Bend and Cle Elum area for fill. If hauled from N Bend it might cost an additional \$20 a yard to haul. Les said that there is fill available from Lake Kacheese.

Pack and grade Machine time would be 1-2 days (cost ??)

It is estimated it would take 200 yards of gravel to surface the area at \$20 a yard. (\$4,000) It would be spread by WAC Workparty crews.

Re-vegetation of disturbed area, new trail to Cabin, and landscaping all done by a WAC crew

Total cost of the project estimated to be 20K Mike

WACLIST

Ever wondered how to get on the WAC email list serve so you have up to date immediate information? It's easy!

To subscribe to the list, just send an email to: waclistssubscribe@icomm.ca

MEMBERSHIP

In the old days the WAC was quite exclusive and the requirements for joining were quite strict. You had to be sponsored by a member, and attend at least two work parties to be considered by the Board for membership. Luckily, Les Sargent somehow found Bill Hooper and was able to sponsor Bill's membership!

Now we are open to all, but over 90% of our new members still join because of a referral from an existing member! Do you know someone who would enjoy the many benefits of the WAC? If so, direct them to our website at www.washingtonalpineclub.org and encourage them to join! I challenge everyone in the Club to "sponsor" a friend to join the WAC in 2005! Mike

GROUPS AT GUYE CABIN

Our Guye Cabin is the perfect place to bring family, friends, kids groups, scouts, church groups, work retreats, etc. Although Guye Cabin is never exclusive use, there are plenty of weekends outside of ski season that the Cabin is available. Please take advantage of this wonderful resource!

Lisa Foss recently brought a Passages NW group to Guye Cabin, and soon Robert Knodle will bring a group from Inner City Outings. Seattle Inner City Outings, a program of the Sierra Club, takes urban youth on outings in the wilderness where they learn about themselves and the environment. Working in partnership with local agencies and schools that serve youth, trained volunteers lead hiking, camping, canoeing, sledding, snowshoeing, orienteering, and other fun expeditions. These youth also receive

environmental education and life-building skills.

Volunteers who want to work with youth are trained and certified in outdoor education, First Aid, and leadership. All of our Trip Leaders must attend the mandatory New Leader Training weekend before they can go on outings with the kids. The next Training weekend will be held in September 2005 at Guye Cabin on Snoqualmie Pass.

Passages Northwest is dedicated to educating and motivating girls and women to develop leadership and courage through the integrated exploration of the arts and the natural environment.

is dedicated to offering programs to all girls and women. For those who find the costs a barrier, full and partial scholarships are available. Our programs include Mother/Daughter Programs, Girls Wilderness Programs, Girls Rock! Programs, Women's Programs, Alumnae Programs, and Partnership Programs.

Founded in 1996 to provide girls and women with opportunities to develop their own voices and self confidence through the medium of the arts, natural science, and the physical challenge of outdoor sports. Passages Northwest inspires girls and women to develop physical courage by backpacking, rock climbing, kayaking, and for many, simply living outside for the first time. Mike

OLYMPIC COAST BEACH CLEANUP APRIL 23, 2005

This is the 4th year of this annual event.

"The wildest, the most remote and, I think, the most picturesque beach area

of our whole coastline lies under the pounding surf along the Pacific Ocean in the State of Washington . . . It is a place of haunting beauty, of deep solitude." William O. Douglas"

Jefferson Cove is a beautiful low tide beach about a mile long. At the North end is the first ladder and the route over the big Hoh Head that eventually makes it's way to Third Beach, some 17 miles distant. Hoh Head can never be rounded, even at an extreme low tide. It is 1.5 miles to the low tide beach at the North side of Hoh Head, and 3.5 miles by trail to Mosquito Creek.

You are invited to participate in a grand adventure: to join others in removing debris from of Olympic National Park Pacific Ocean beaches during the April 23, 2005 weekend. We will camp at the Oil City Beach on Saturday evening, about two miles from the trailhead. We have been known to have a little fire (not really. it is actually a big fire!!) in the evening, and have a lot (yes, a lot!) of fun!

Not enough adventure for you? I am also looking for some people who would like to backpack in to Mosquito Creek to camp and then spend a few hours cleaning up that remote beach.

Contact Mike Mahanay at mike@grandcanyontreks.org to register. We will again do the Oil City Beach and Jefferson Cove Beach south of Forks. Last year we saw Bald Eagles, seals, and lots of life in the tide pools. We had a party of 13 last year. Out goal this year is 15 volunteers. We would like firm commitments by April 10, but of course will take late comers up to the last minute.

Participants have in the past received a pass good for Olympic National Park for the year. I am sure they will do the same this year. More specific information will be online at

the WAC website, in the April bulletin, and on the waclist. Mike

KLICKITAT BIKERIDE AND TRAIL REPORT

Are you wondering what to expect on the Klickitat Trail bike ride? Simply put, a double your money back, guaranteed, incredible ride. This ride starts on the High Prairie above the Columbia River and descends down into Swale Canyon for 12.5 miles and then follows the Klickitat River. My brother and I check out each trailhead and road 3 miles upriver starting in Lyle, trail conditions went from very rocky in places to packed soil, for those who road on last years ride, I did not see any sand. You must bring a camera on this ride to capture its beauty, otherwise, when you get home and describe it to your wife, her most likely response is "You must be lying or are you just drunk" Does any one have an IMAX camera? I'm afraid my 35mm SLR my not capture all of the wild life. I saw eagles and a bobcat close up and a squirrel very close up. At the start of this ride there is a perfect view of Mt Adams, this would be a great spot for a group photo.

Friday night, April 1, look for me at Wishbone Campground 10 Canyon Road, 1.5 miles up Old Hyw 8 on the West side of town. Or you can meet me Saturday morning at the Lyle trailhead on State Highway 14. The trailhead is at the confluence of the Klickitat and Columbia rivers and I drive a large green Dodge van. Meet me there at 9:00 am to work out car pools to the starting point.

Wishbone Campground is at an 800 ft elevation, 1 mile from the Columbia River and charges \$15 per night. It's about a 4 hour drive from Seattle.

6 John Sargent 360-377-3217

THE BULGER 100 HIGHEST PEAKS IN WASHINGTON

The 100 highest peaks in Washington are now called the Bulger 100! The Bulgers were a guerrilla climbing offshoot of the Mountaineers that climbed the 100 highest peaks in Washington in the early 1980's. Do you know where the word "Bulger" comes from?

Lots of people are pursuing the Bulger 100 in Washington State! I estimate there are less than 50 people who have completed them all. Many people in the WAC are working on the list! How many have you done?

Most of these are hard! Many require multiday backpacks for the approach and technical climbing on the easiest routes! After the volcanoes, you'll likely see very few people and have a real feeling of wilderness. The people you do see will likely include someone you know- from the WAC!

Scott Stephenson and Brian Bongiovanni have a nice new guide out called Summit Routes that focuses on the Bugler 100. Find more info at SummitRoutes.com The new book is available at Second Ascent, REI, Metsker Maps, and of course, online. This book makes a nice gift for that person you want to see more of, or less of on the weekends! Mike

CLIMBING CLASS NEWS

It's not a lost ski season, it's a extra long climbing season! The 2005 Basic Climbing Class is upon us. We had an excellent crop of applicants this year, and expectations are running high.

Instructor Training, Saturday and Sunday, 3/19 - 20, at REI, 10am - 4pm. Saturday's training will focus on hard skills review and teaching techniques. Sunday's will spend

more time on risk assessment and decision making in the wilderness, and is for instructors who are leading or helping to lead climbs.

New instructors should come Saturday. Returning instructors can come to either.

Come on down this year, even if you haven't helped out in a while. It's a great way to reconnect with your climbing friends, brush up on the latest rope tricks, and get out early this year.

There's a new web site we'll be using to disseminate climbing class info: www.wacclass.org. Log on with user=climbing, password=climbon to see protected pages, and if you see anything that's not correct, you can edit it right there and fix it. Check it out!

Christie Fix,
Murray Kahn, George Snelling

NOSTALGIA

Feb. '97. Skagit River Eagles Trip - On Sunday, the 16th, we floated the Skagit River on a cool, overcast day. Many of the eagles had moved on by this date but we did sight 36 and one on a snag about ten feet over the river for the closest observation yet. Two years before we had sighted over 100.

To make up for the lack of eagles, our leader, Ernie Dietrich, with Hans Heia, did some fancy canoe work and ended up in the river. With water fresh off the snow it was a chilly event. Ernie and Hans were fine after a bit but the canoe required some fixing.