

PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

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Sargent, Greg  
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NOSTALGIA

Black October 1970 - On the 3rd and 4th our club was the unwilling host to a Rock Festival, pot party and general outing of a motorcycle club. They camped out on the big ski hill, used our lights for target practice, ran our member, Tom Schuh off the hill (guns were involved) and then for fun chopped up our ski tow rope.

Special work party on Oct. 11th and 18th re-spliced the rope, re-hung the counterweight, picked up two large bags of garbage, and got the tow back into operation for the winter. Owen Alloway

# Washington Alpine Club

## BULLETIN

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### INSTALLATION DINNER/POTLUCK, NOV. 11

**Attention:**  
**Cabin entry combination  
has been changed.**

#### BOARD MEETING

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

#### LOOKING AHEAD

Nov 10 Board Meeting  
Nov 11 Annual Banquet  
Nov 11/13 MOFA Class Guye  
Cabin  
Nov 16 - 18 Ben Gadd lecture  
Dec 24 Thanksgiving  
Dec 08 Board Meeting  
Dec 10 New Snow Dinner

#### PRESIDENTS CORNER

The snow is here! Dave Mitchell reported the first snow on the ground at Guye Cabin on October 27! Then on November 01 they had the plows out on the roads at Snoqualmie Pass as lots more snow fell. Crystal Mountain opened on the 4th, so if you haven't dug out your winter clothes, and that ski gear by now, don't put it off any longer! (Keep you fingers crossed that this early snow stays around)

We recently had a great Annual Meeting at the Cabin. We enjoyed the most delicious food for lunch, while we caught up on old friends that we hadn't seen all summer. Afterwards, we easily had a quorum for meeting. The WAC has a very high level of involvement by it's members. Old and new, from all aspects of the Club were in attendance. It was a real treat to meet everyone that attended and see their enthusiasm and interest in our Club. The WAC continues to be really focused on the future and how we can improve everyone's experience while maintaining the historical uniqueness of the WAC. 2006 is already shaping up to be great year!

Our 2005 Board and Chairs have done a fantastic job over the last year. They just get better and better every year. Lynne Miller is once again handling the membership. Thanks Lynne! When you run into these folks that guide our Club as it approaches its second century be sure to give them a big "thank you"! Our club is run 100% by volunteers donating lots of time, energy, money, and effort. We can make the WAC whatever we want it to be, it just takes folks willing to step up and lead that first aid class, climb, outing, snowshoe, ski lesson, cabin repair, or kids hike!

Our Annual Banquet is this coming Friday, the 11<sup>th</sup>, once again at the Odd Fellows Lodge in Ballard. The WAC has become known for its great cooks so the food will be outstanding as always. Our members are so smart, that if they are not

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*The primary objective of this club is to encourage the healthful enjoyment of the great outdoors, to preserve its natural beauty and to promote good fellowship among all lovers of nature.*

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**Special Activities**

Special advisor

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good in the kitchen, they'll stop off at Thriftway or QFC and pick up a gourmet item from the deli! Rhonda Jalali is organizing this year. If you come, don't forget to bring your best 5 slides from the last year, and stories of adventures.

This coming weekend the Mountain Oriented First Aid Class will be held at Guye Cabin. They are learning important skills that will help them in Backcountry emergencies. We hope to grow a number of instructors out of the group of 21 students so we can offer the MOFA class twice a year.

Coming up on December 10, is our annual New Snow Dinner at Guye Cabin. Rosemary Daszkiewicz and Lynne Miller will do the main course this year. Woohoo! As always, salads, veggies, and deserts will be specialty potluck. Yummm! Please join us for a wonderful afternoon, evening, and night at Guye Cabin. We hope to see new members, and those of you that haven't been up for a while. An evening of great food, lots of fun, meeting old friends, and making some new friends!

Jeff Wright, with Randy Oakley, Mike Beck, and Megan Nedzinski stepped up and are reinventing the WAC Telemark class. The class has been around for a number of years and has produced most of Washington's telemark skiers. Interest in the class is higher than it has been in recent years, and with the early snow it will be long, fun, season. They are already accepting applications online.

Pat O'Brien reports that Mica Schonbeck, Kris Arnold, and Katherine (KP) Pryde have stepped up to co-chair the 2005 Basic Climbing class! Applications will be accepting application after Jan 01.

November always brings Thanksgiving Day, our wonderful national feast day, and one of our most important holidays. On this special day, we all pause for a moment to reflect on the bounty of our lives, and also those

people less fortunate than ourselves. As our Club nears the end of its first century we continue to work to ensure that this gift to us from the past is preserved and that we take care that it will remain intact for the next century, and our children's children. A lot has happened in the last year and we have many reasons to be very proud of our club. I am very proud to be a small part of the WAC, it is great fun to meet all the wonderful people who enjoy our Club!

Mike

**WASHINGTON ALPINE CLUB ANNUAL MEETING**

**Opening Remarks** - I want to thank everyone for coming to the Annual Meeting today. It is great to see everyone! Through out the Washington Alpine Club's long history it has been a Club that appealed to many different aspects of the outdoor community. Our Club began in 1916, by Anna Louise Strong with Major Inghram to lead folks from Seattle to experience the beauty of Mount Rainier. Major Inghram had the honor of guiding John Muir to the summit of Mount Rainier. It was on that trip, that Camp Muir was founded and named. We have focus on climbing, skiing, winter backcountry, first aid, and Guye Cabin. We do canoe and kayak trips, bike rides, participate in conservation issues. Our Club is able to include everyone, from the very young, to novices, to the most experienced. All of us here today have a common unique, special bond that holds us together through the years, and makes our great Club special! Mike

**MINUTES**

**Financial Report** - Doerte Mahanay distributed and reviewed financial report. 2005 continued with a strong financial status. Many WAC/Guye Cabin improvements in the last three years. Annual cabin fees decreased slightly, while daily/night use is up. All classes overall profitable, except Teliski class due to cancellation because of lack of snow. Donations are up. Mem-

bership was noted as still the most import source of income. Regarding expenses, two new furnaces have been purchased for the cabin, and expenses remain to cover monitoring for sprinkler system. The online bulletin is saving significant money, cutting copying and postage costs (and switch from printing at Kinko's to Costco has added to savings). Utilities are up at cabin. Insurance expenses, 13.5%.

**Climbing Class Report** - Recognition was give to 2005 Basic Climbing Class Cochairs George Snelling, Christie Fix and Murray Kahn; and also to Intermediate Class Cochairs Andy Toyota and Todd Gitz, with Todd Lee and Maria Lee. The upcoming basic class will be cochaired by Mica Schonbeck, KP Pryde, and Kris Arnold.

**2006 Telemark Ski Class Report** - The club is seeking individuals to re-invent this class, given that there is pressure from the Mountaineers and other clubs offering same type of instruction. Jeff Wright, Mike Back, Randy Oakley and Megan Nedzinski volunteered to run this years telemark class.

**Nordic** - Eli Holmes, with husband Karel, said they would offer clinics in nordic and skate skiing for adults in the club.

**Guye Cabin Report** - Upgrades accomplished at cabin reported as follows; carpet has been installed at stairs, garage door replaced, ping pong room renovated, outside stairs redone, rock wall built, kids area created off living room, and sprinkler system and monitoring installed (strategically placed smoke alarms still to be added). 3 new furnaces being added at this time.

**Guye Cabin Land** - 2 acres of forest land (former ski hills) have been added to the existing 44 acres of Open

Space. A PBRS (Public Benefit Resource System) application was submitted in August and approved in September to add the two acres. Through a Forest Stewardship Program under the PBRS, a significant tax deduction (10%) will be given with our forest management plan put in place under the PBRS.

**Guye Cabin Furnace** - Old unreliable oil burning furnaces are in the process of being replaced with electric (electric choice made after research and in consideration of volatile value of oil). The electrical service had to be upgraded to accommodate new furnaces. Les Sargent and Dave Mitchell have put in huge amounts of time and effort and job is almost complete.

**Guye Cabin Security Alarm** - this will be activated soon, more information to follow.

**Membership** - There were 279 renewals this year, almost exactly the same as 2004. Our new members were down a bit due to low snow last season and cancellation of classes, but percent of renewals is up.

**Bulletin** - Online bulletin has saved money on printing and postage.

**Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs (FWOC)** - Reece White attended to represent the WAC. The FWOC is comprised of 52 groups like the WAC (a charter member) who banded together in the '32 to increase their legislative power to have an impact on environmental and land use issues.

**Winter Parking** - The survey is complete, and Rosemary Daszkiewicz created an easement document and sent it to Sahalie for review. Sahalie responded by offering to sell the WAC the strip of land (.3 acres).

Research must be done into what fair market value will be, and Sahalie's approval must be gained. With this pending purchase, there will be no need for a new parking lot. The winter parking plan for this year is; we park on the WAC side of the road, we pay \$200 to Sahalie as traditionally done, a WAC sticker must be in place on the car or a

WAC parking permit (copies obtained from the cabin) placed on the dash.

**2006 Board of Directors** - The following members were approved by vote.

President	Mike Mahanay
1st VP	Pat O'Brien
2nd VP	Dave Mitchell
Treasurer	Ira Rushwald
Secretary	Rhonda Jalali

Pres. ex-officio vacant

Jr. President	John Sargent
Jr. 1st VP	Megan Nedzinski
Jr. 2nd VP	Jeff Wright
Jr. Treasurer	Lawrence Colagiovanni
Jr. Secretary	Lynn Simmons

Membership Chair: Lynne Miller

**Changes to the Bylaws** - approved by vote.

A committee comprised of Dorte and Mike Mahanay, and Lynne Miller reviewed the current membership structure and developed the following proposed changes.

- 1) Eliminate the 1/2 year membership.
- 2) Move membership renewal to calendar year.
- 3) Change to #2 Schedule A, in all cases full initiation fee must be paid if membership lapses.
- 4) The 60 day grace period for renewals will change to 30.
- 5) Add multi-year memberships, 2-5 year renewals will get discounts.

These changes were discussed, and it was noted that for 2006 renewals they will be good for 1 1/2 years to take everyone to the new calendar year schedule. It was also noted that the fiscal year for the WAC will not change. The above proposed changes to the Bylaws were all approved by vote.

**WAC Website** - To maintain website now costs \$30 per month, and Sim Larkin reported that by switching providers a lower monthly rate can be achieved (\$10), but this will require a reprogramming effort. It was asked that if anyone

is interested in volunteering their time to research options and do the necessary reprogramming to please contact Sim.

**Cabin Hosts** - There are those that would like to re-institute Cabin Hosts for winter weekends again. There was general discussion of host responsibilities, including being point person to answer questions and opening and closing the cabin.

**Donation Items for Cabin** - Items needed, refrigerator, microwave, kid's bookshelf.

**WAC Upcoming Events** - The installation dinner will be Nov 11th, and the Snow Dinner will be Dec 10th.

**Appreciations** - Mike Mahanay acknowledged Les Sargent for all his help with the cabin and being instrumental in getting things done, and also Dave Mitchell for his efforts as chief furnace installer and brownie maker, and for many years of input.

**Meeting Concluded.**

Minutes by Anne Herrick.

**Mike's closing remarks** - What do we wish to accomplish this year?

Continue to increase our Club Membership. Please do your part to bring good people into our Club!

Work to solve the winter parking for the long term. This year's parking procedures are a step in the right direction. Lets work to keep our momentum.

Initiate a Cabin Host for each weekend of ski season. We used to do this! It is good to have someone "in charge" to see that everyone is happy, questions are answered, and things get done that need doing. You also have the option of selecting a theme for the weekend, such as a vegetarian night, or BBQ, a potluck, or other activities. The host and their immediate family will be free on the weekends. Call or email me, and (first come first serve) I'll put you down for a weekend or two.

For its 89 year existence the WAC has always been an eclectic collection of climbers, families, skiers, hikers, peak baggers, and lovers of the outdoors. The jewel of our club, Guye Cabin was

built, and is maintained by the efforts of members volunteering their time, labor, and often, their money. Our great classes, website, bulletin, email, administration, are all maintained by the efforts of members.

Everyone of you deserves a big thank you for your involvement!

**ANNUAL BANQUET!**

Friday, November 12, 2004. 7:00 PM

No WAC member will want to miss this annual event! "The" special social event of the season, the Installation Dinner! Old, young, new, skiers, climbers, hikers, snowshoers, retired, dancers, etc. all are welcome! Bring a friend and stop by for great food, fun, and some slides of the thrilling days of yester-year!

Happy Hour is at 6:30 PM. Dinner is at 7:00 PM at the historic Odd Fellows Lodge at 1706 NW Market Street in Ballard. The Odd Fellows Lodge is a beautiful historic hall with a nice kitchen, and parking at the Realty Office next door.

As last year it will be potluck, so bring your best specialty! We will get a liquor license so small amounts of beer and wine will be okay.

After dinner we'll have a slide show of trips, the cabin, and who knows! Start putting your 5 digital slides or old school slides together. Plan for an evening of great food, fun, meeting old friends, and making some new friends! We'll wrap at about 9:00 PM.

Want to help? Arrive early to help with the setup, and stay to take down the room.

For more information contact Rhonda Jalail at [rhondajalali@comcast.net](mailto:rhondajalali@comcast.net)

**NEW SNOW DINNER**

Saturday, December 10, 2005 at 5:00 PM.

The New Snow Dinner is an annual event to welcome in the Winter Season. Many of you will remember

2003 when there was already 3' on the ground. We are hoping for the same this year! With some luck we will be skiing by then. This is one of the biggest events of the year at Guye Cabin, the heart and the soul of the Washington Alpine Club!

Come up to our beautiful historic Guye Cabin for the day and play, socialize, read a book, play chess, snowshoe, ski up Commonwealth Basin, work on the cabin, or just relax and meet your old friends and make some new ones! Come early! Stay late! Spent the night! We are expecting a big turnout so make your plans now! You won't want to miss this one!

Rosemary Daszkiewicz and Lynne Miller have volunteered to organize the entrée. Everything else will be specialty potluck. Please bring your best side dishes of salads, appetizers, vegetables, deserts, or drinks. Can't cook? Please bring non-alcoholic drinks, or flowers. We will eat promptly at 5:00 PM! Afterwards, Chris Bridgeman will entertain us with his guitar and singing.

What is the cost for all this great food, and fun? We are asking for a mere three dollar minimum donation each to cover the costs of the entree. Any money left over we'll use to acquire and organize more toys in the cabin for the WAC Kids! You can also donate good toys, kids furniture, etc to the cabin to make it more kid friendly.

Questions or need more information? Call Mike Mahanay at 206-933-6801 or email [mike@grandcanyontreks.org](mailto:mike@grandcanyontreks.org)

## THE NEW WACLIST ON YAHOO

We have 177 WAC members signed up already!

Just go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/waclist/> click the Join This Group button

You can the messages delivered to your email box, or view them on the yahoo group website.

Important: We only let people sign up who are current WAC members. When you click the Join This Group button, we have to approve you before you can join. All we see is your email address unless you tell us more. Please put your name in the comment section. As much as we love you all, we haven't memorized your email addresses, and if we can't figure out who you are from your email address alone, then we'll deny your request.

If this happens to you just apply to join the group again and in the comment section, tell us your name.

Go here to see your profile on the wac website

[http://www.wacweb.org/Membership/MemberList/photroster.view?Last\\_Name~startswith=A](http://www.wacweb.org/Membership/MemberList/photroster.view?Last_Name~startswith=A) >

If you don't have an account on the [www.wacweb.org](http://www.wacweb.org) you can use the shared name and password:

**User name:** climbing

**Password:** climb

This new list is open to all members of the Washington Alpine Club. See <http://www.wacweb.org>

Thanks a bunch for your patience during our cyber-shuffle. -George Snelling, Mike Garrison, Sim Larkin WAC Nerds

## CABIN

**Winter 2006 Parking procedures** - Sahalie is expanding their side parking, which will allow us to have 10-15 WAC specific spaces this winter. In my talk with Ray Devries from the Gymnastics Society, they were quite clear that we must follow the procedures below. I urge everyone that uses the Cabin in the winter to make sure that you understand where to park. Email or call me if something is not clear.

We will park on our side only and South of the A frame fire hydrant

We must put the signs out

Friday evening, and return them Sunday afternoon.

The area in front of the A frame fire hydrant, and North must be kept clear for the Summit shuttle bus.

If we need more spaces we must park at the N end of Sahalie side only.

Sahalie reserves the right to request additional parking on New Years or their Carnival in April. All WAC cars must have decal or parking pass displayed

Friday around noon they will plow, so we must have the entire parking area cleared at that time.

Everyone must be aware of the procedures

Everyone must help monitor and police the parking

There is a Sahalie cell phone contact for any issues, Gary Odegard . Mike will be the WAC contact.

We must not allow the public to park in our spaces, or in the Shuttle bus area.

Sahalie should not park on our side. If they do we must be very nice, and call the cell contact.

## Guye Cabin Combination has changed

- As it does every Annual Meeting we have changed the combination to the lock at Guye Cabin. (Thanks Dave Mitchell!) If you are a cabin opener simply give Mike, Dave, or Bill a call to get the new combination.

Do not give the combination out, ask everyone to go through us so we can confirm they are still an active member, and are signed off to open and close.

Although the Cabin has been open most every weekend this year, and will be for sure every weekend over the winter, our Club is unique in that

the Cabin is available to virtually any member on their own that wants to use it, as long as they are signed off as to the various procedures and protocols. To get signed off just volunteer in some aspect of the Club for at least one day.

The next opportunity to learn the opening/closing procedures of Guye Cabin and get "signed off" will be at the Annual New Snow Dinner on December 10 prior to 4 pm.

**Cabin Host** - This year, due to popular demand we are reinstating the Cabin Host for the winter. Folks will sign up for a weekend to be the Host of the Cabin for that weekend. For example, I might sign up for the first weekend in February. I would have a vegetarian theme potluck on Sat night, arrange a night ski after dinner, and also be go to person for questions, ensure everything runs smoothly and the cabin is cleaned and closed on Sunday. If you are interested in a particular weekend sign up now! I'll keep the list.

Thanks, Mike

**Furnace Report** - The electrical work in the cabin has been completed. Now all that needs to be done is to get the power reconnected. Problem is that there is now snow on the ground and in the hole that has been dug at the transformer vault. PSE has not made a commitment for getting it done yet. UGH. Dave M

## GUYE CABIN ANNUAL FEE

Guye Cabin fees are only \$10.00 per night per WAC member (which includes two days), \$15 for guests, or \$4.00 for day use. Kids under 13 are free! There is no parking fee at this time. You can also pay an Annual fee! \$70.00 per person, \$100.00 for two, or \$120.00 for three or more family members. This is a great way to not have to worry about sending in your fee every weekend to the WAC Treasurer.

Plus the added benefit of knowing that YOU are helping to support Guye Cabin! Couples which only include 1 WAC member must pay the guest fee for the spouse/significant other/friend.

Please send your 2006 Annual fee now ( or daily Cabin fees after each stay ) to:

Ira Rushwald, WAC  
2527 32nd Avenue South  
Seattle, WA 98144

When you arrive at Guye Cabin park only on the WAC side of the road south of the Standpipe! Sahalie has an easement on both sides, and allows us to park only on our side, or the very far north end of their side. In the Winter, if you are the first arrival, put out the No Parking Signs, Pylons and yellow tape.

Be sure to sign in the Cabin Log Book, pay your fees, introduce yourself to everyone, and check with the Cabin Host to see if any chores need to be done. We always need to shovel snow to keep a path open to the cars, off the stairs etc.) Please follow the rules while at the Cabin. ( no smoking, no alcohol, quiet time 10 PM to 7 AM, eat and drink only in the dining room and kitchen ) Also, before you leave restock firewood, clean a room of the cabin so it is even nicer than you found it, or sweep a floor. Take the recycles and trash home if you can. (There is no garbage service) Mike

#### **FALL MOFA INSTRUCTOR COURSE**

Do you want to improve your first aid knowledge and skills? Would you like to help out your fellow WACer's and give something back to the club? Become a MOFA instructor! If you have a current MOFA card, join a Fall instructor course to be held weekday evenings and one Saturday. The course tuition is only

\$70.00

Dates: NOV. Thu. 17, Sat. 19, Tue. 22, Tue. 29, DEC. Thu. 1, Tue. 6 and Thu. 8th.  
Times: Thur/Tues 6p-10p and Sat 8:30a-5:30p.

LOCATION: American Red Cross serving King and Kitsap Counties;  
1900 25th Ave. S.; Seattle WA 98144.

#### **SKIING**

**Telemark Ski Class** - Sign up now for the famous 2006 WAC Telemark class! The Washington Alpine Club Telemark ski class offers Telemark ski instruction at all levels to WAC members. Classes are held at Summit Central at Snoqualmie Pass every Wednesday night from 7:30 to 9:30 for six weeks. Classes are taught in small groups split by skill level for personalized instruction. The cost is only 120 for six lessons! For more information contact [jeffwright98168@yahoo.com](mailto:jeffwright98168@yahoo.com) or sign up on the WAC website

#### **CLIMBING**

Kris Arnold, Katherine Pryde "KP", and Mica Schonbeck are excited to be co-chairs for the upcoming '06 class. Students - check out the class site below. Instructors - It's not too early to start thinking about how you might help out. Whether it be as an organizer or just a body on the sidelines, we welcome you. Think of it as an easy way to refresh your skills, or pass on those pearls of wisdom. Tell your friends who might want (or need) to take the class; Get them involved...The best part is that you get to connect with old friends and meet new ones too. See [wacweb.org/classes](http://wacweb.org/classes) <http://wacweb.org/classes> for more. Thanks, KP