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Snow 1 at Snoqualmie Pass!

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2007 Climbing Class Group Photo! Photo by Andrew Sullivan. More photos are at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/andrewjohnsullivan/sets/72157600158738130/>

Orcas Island Bike Ride Report

This might be our favorite of the San Juan Island bike trips! This ride was voted one of the top 100 climbs in the United States by Bicycle magazine.

John Sargent sets a high standard with the bike rides he organizes and this one was certainly no exception!

Everyone had a blast!

We camped at Moran State Park and on Sunday morning did the hillclimb to the top of Mt. Constitution.

As an extra we had most of the ride back to the ferry in the rain, but even that was fun! Thanks to John for organizing and Laura Sargent for running the Sag Wagon!

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Get involved!

- *Board Meeting May 10*
- *Snoqualmie Conservation Coalition Meeting May 08*
- *Work Party May 12*
- *Work Party June 16*

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President's Corner April 2007

The almost 500 members of the WAC are ready for some warm spring weather! Walking, hiking, running, climbing, team sports, and skiing are all still taking place, but our weather has been cool and cloudy for most of April and so far in May. Pat reports that the snow is melting fast! Any guesses on when it will disappear from the shade of the Cabin near the new rock wall? As always there will be many folks still getting some runs in the backcountry ski runs all through the summer. Camp Muir, Mount Baker, and other private stashes are on the agenda.

Our 2007 Climbing Class will be on Snoqualmie Pass the next two weekends and will base out of Guye Cabin for climbs of The Tooth, Snoqualmie Mountain, Lundin, and other alpine summits. They are one of the best classes ever this year! I wonder how many of them will complete the mountains required for their Chief Six Pin? Our co-chairs, Doug, Fred, and Mica are doing a wonderful job running the class!

The WAC Bike Division had two Bike Outings in April/May and both were big successes! John Sargent led both the Iron Horse Trail to the Columbia River and Orcas Island Bike rides. The Iron Horse Trail had 25 people on the ride! The Orcas Island ride is one that folks come from all over the country, and world, to do. The highlights of Orcas Island were the mountain scenery and 2500' hillclimb to the top of Mt. Constitution. John always does a fantastic job organizing the ride from start to finish! Thanks to Les and Laura Sargent for running the sag wagon! Many WAC folks will also ride Bike to Work Month and the Seattle to Portland Ride in July and other rides through out the Bicycle season. This is a wonderful way to cross-train.

For the sixth year in a row the WAC again participated in the Olympic Wilderness Beach Cleanup. We were 12 strong, and working as a team easily made the beaches from the Hoh River all the way to Jefferson Cove and Hoh Head look like they did when Captain Cook sailed by 500 years ago looking for the Northwest Passage! It is a fantastic feeling to take an opportunity to "give something back" and enjoy amazing beauty and wilderness at the Pacific Ocean. All of us came back with a good story and a new experience! Will we do it next year? Absolutely!!

Mike Brown's annual Hanford Reach Columbia River trip will not be held this year. He will be in the Pacific Northwest for most of July before leaving for the West Bank for Aurgurs and back to Harrisonburg, PA for the fall. Please check often our excellent Washington Alpine Club web page that Sim Larkin and George Snelling have put together. Everything you want to know about the WAC is there! You can find out what is happening in the club, find members email addresses and phone numbers, check trip reports, and gather information. Send your photo to Sim to



upload. It is great fun to look through and see all the photos of the smart people in our Club! If you haven't already, send your photo to Sim today!

Our Club has one of the most active, collaborative, dedicated Boards ever. Everyone is working hard for the best interest of the Club. We continue to work to reduce expenses, keep the Club overhead at a minimum, and make things easier for those that come after us. Beginning this month we will again have the Board meetings at Gasworks Park at the shelter. Always the second Thursday of the month at 7 pm. Our Board Meetings are always open so please come by and join us for an hour!

Our first big work party of the year will be on May 12. We'll fire up the grill and have a potluck cookout of burgers and stuff. Come on out and visit the Cabin, find a project to work on, and bring some food and drink to share. Build some memories at Guye Cabin! We will have these work parties the second or third Saturdays of May, June, July and August from 10-6.

What makes the WAC such a special Club? Certainly a lot has to do with our long outdoor history, our commitment to conservation and education, and our magical Guye Cabin. Most, however, is simply the people in the WAC. You, our members, your family and friends, are what makes our Club truly special, fun, and amazing!

Thank you everyone!

Conservation Opportunities in the NW

The WAC Board has approved a list of organizations to support as a Club, and as individuals.

Access Fund	www.accessfund.org/
Audubon Washington	www.wa.audubon.org/
Cascade Land Conservancy	www.cascadeland.org/
Conservation Northwest	www.conservationnw.org/
Earth Corps	www.earthcorps.org/
Mountains to Sounds Greenway	www.mtsgreenway.org/
The Nature Conservancy	www.nature.org/
Washington Trails Association	www.wta.org/

WAC Planned Giving is encouraging Washington Alpine Club members to remember the Club in their wills, or through donations. Have you made arrangements to help see our Club into the future? The WAC is almost 100 years old, and Guye Cabin is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year. Please help to ensure that this grand Club that has given so many of us so many wonderful memories continues to provide outdoor opportunities to children and people of all ages! In the twenty first century this is more important than ever before.

Olympic Coast Cleanup Report

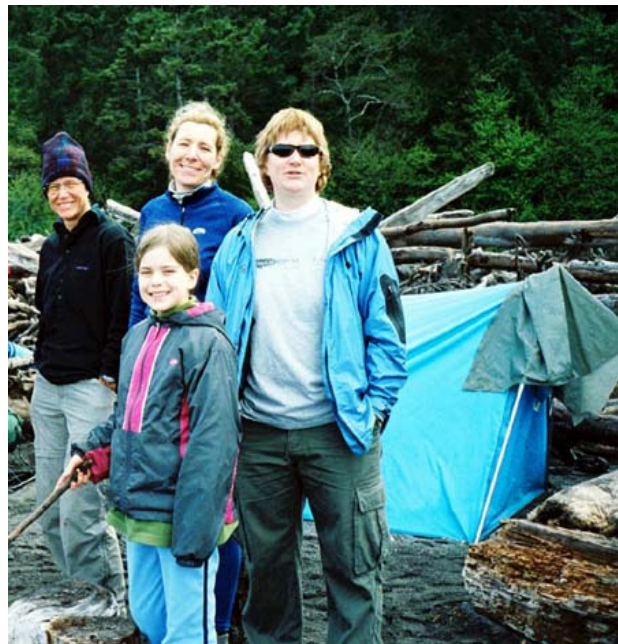
For the full report and photos please go to
<http://www.grandcanyontreks.org/olympic/olympiccleanup2007.html>

The Washington Alpine Club participated in this annual event once again on April 21/22, 2007 for the sixth straight year!

Our strong, and committed team of volunteers enjoyed a great time at the Olympic Coast and gave a little back!

"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

John Olds and Eli led us on some sing alongs in the evening! Rumors on the beach was that this was the best Cleanup ever!



Eli Holmes, Chloe Parsons, Doerte Mahanay, and Tammy Sargent at camp.

Guye Cabin

With the long ski season and plentiful snow we have had a wonderful winter season at Guye Cabin. There have been members at Guye Cabin each weekend since early November.

Guye Cabin is getting even more popular. Have you seen how good it looks? Folks have been up every weekend since November to enjoy the beautiful weather, relax, and enjoy the fellowship. 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 when! Be sure to pay your dues and do a chore. The Cabin is a great place to meet new friends and renew old friendships!

As the ski season comes to sad close, the Cabin will see less and less use. Are you looking for a quiet, secluded mountain retreat to get away from the hectic pace of the City? Do you need a special place to host a family event such as a birthday party, reunion, anniversary, or just a get together? Guye Cabin is the perfect year-round hideaway.

Let us know if you are interested in bringing a group up sometime between now and October. Although we have the entire summer ahead of us, some dates are already taken so do you planning now!



Spring Day at Guye Cabin. Photo by Chris Bizak

Can you help the WAC become a 501C3 Corporation?

The WAC is currently a 501C7 organization as a social club. Many folks have asked, "Hey why aren't we a 501C3 so donations will be tax deductible?" To qualify for exemption under the Internal Revenue Code, our Club must be organized for one or more of the purposes specifically designated in the Code. We could reorganize for a Educational purpose. This might be easy to do since we already have so many classes in place. We might need to alter our mission statement a bit.

Is there anyone that can investigate and help with this?

www.legalfilings.com/services_501c3faqs.htm

Join the WACLIST on Yahoo!

If you want to get mail on the new WAC email list, join the yahoo group at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/waclist/>

Post message: waclist@yahooogroups.com

Subscribe: waclist-subscribe@yahooogroups.com

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.

You must be a current Member! Does the WAC have your email address? You can check these things on the WAC website.

If you don't have an account on the www.wacweb.org you can use the shared name and password:

User name: climbing

Password: climbon

This list is open to all members of the Washington Alpine Club.

Please see www.washingtonalpineclub.org

Thanks a bunch,

Cascades Freeheel Festival Podcast

Doerte Mahanay created a podcast of our recent Cascades Freeheel Festival !

If you have DSL or Cable you can listen to the 35 minute report on your computer or download it to your MP3 player to listen at your leisure.

Listen to the FreeHeel Festival Podcast hosted by Doerte Mahanay >>>>

http://www.grandcanyontreks.org/wac/freeheelfestival2007/Freeheel_Festival_Podcast.mp3

The Cascades Freeheel Festival event was created by skiers for skiers to promote the fellowship, climate, magic, fun, skill, and knowledge of freeheel and backcountry skiing. There was socializing all day at the Old Milwaukee Lodge, at the base of the Mountain.

<http://cascadesfreeheelfestival.blogspot.com/2007/04/cascades-freeheel-festival-podcast.html>

GERALDINE TARVER

Geraldine M. Tarver, 88, of Kennewick, died April 11 in Kennewick. She was born in Seattle, and lived in Kennewick for the last eight years. Vic and Gerry joined the WAC in 1953. She was known to be very active in the Guye Cabin Kitchen.

WAC Calendar

May All > Bike to Work Month
 May 08 > Conservation Summit 7
 May 10 > Bike to Board Meeting
 May 12 > Second Saturday Work Party
 May 18 > Bike to Work Day

June 10 > Conservation Summit 8
 June 16 > Yellowstone to Yukon Exhibit
 June 23 > Third Saturday Work Party

July 14 > Old Timers Day
 July 14/15 > STP Bike Ride
 July 21 > Third Saturday Work Party
 July 21 > WTA Trailfest at Rattlesnake Lake, N Bend
 July 28 > Seafair Torchlight Run Downtown

August 04/05 > Belise/Moss Wedding
 August 10-12 > FWOC Convention at Snoqualmie Pass
 August 11 > Second Saturday Work Party
 August 11 > Conservation Summit 9 at Guye Cabin

September 01/03 > Labor Day Weekend
 September 08/09 > Inner City Outings
 September 15 > Third Saturday Work Party

October 21 > Annual Members Meeting
 December 08 > 75th Annual Snow Dinner

Burke Museum of Natural History!

New exhibit Yellowstone to Yukon

Opening Day: June 16 10 am – 5 pm

Join the Burke Museum for the opening of *Yellowstone to Yukon: Freedom to Roam*, featuring an update on the progress of the Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative by US Regional Director Penelope Pierce, as well as presentations by Conservation Northwest, the I-90 Wildlife Bridges Coalition, and others on the effort to preserve local wildlife habitat and corridors.

The exhibit will run through the end of 2007.

<http://www.burkemuseum.org>

Guye Cabin Work Parties this Spring and Summer!

As everyone knows Guye Cabin sustained some damage in the big windstorm of last December. Mike is working with the insurance company to finalize the settlement. We'll need a lot of help to put our Cabin back in perfect shape over the next six months. This is the 75th anniversary of Guye Cabin so it is a very good time to celebrate, and put the Cabin in shape for the next 75 years! The Cabin is a great place to base for hikes, bike rides, and climbs in the Snoqualmie Peaks! Consider combining a trip outside with a day at a work party.

We'll again have a potluck cookout for lunch, bring stuff for burger or hotdogs and sides to share! We'll look for a couple of people to organize this each time. Do you see something you can help out with? We need some skilled folks to lead projects. We also need folks who can just help out, and learn some new skills. **Please RSVP Bill or Mike**

Schedule for this year! Mark your calendars! (During the big jobs we might do both Sat and Sunday to get the job done)

May 12 > Second Saturday Work Party

June 16 > Third Saturday Work Party

July 21 > Third Saturday Work Party

August 11 > Second Saturday Work Party

September 15 > Third Saturday Work Party

Here is the list of stuff we are working on!

Inside (could be done prior to snow melt, April and May)

Various Electrical repairs

Window Cushion repair

Shim the furnaces (between the floor and furnace)

Redo shower room

Paint projects - bathrooms, basement, entryway

Sand and finish basement benches

Storm Repair

Replace the rafters in women's dorm area

Repair the floor above the women's dorm

Replace the rafters in entry way roof

Repair 30% of existing roof, or New Metal roof for entire Cabin

Chimney lining

Rebuild the outside stairs

Inside after the roof repair

Fireplace Room ceiling insulation

Fireplace Room ceiling

Repair ceiling fan in Fireplace room

Refinish hallway floor

Refinish Fireplace room floor

New carpet in hall from landing to women's dorm

Redo bathroom ceilings

Outside in the Yard (beginning May or June)

Parking area fill, packing, grading, and gravel finish

Bring down additional trees at risk

Big Firewood detail

Big Cleanup detail

Build Benches for outside

Build a Bridge (Beginning June)

Site preparation

Build forms

Pour concrete

Install steel

Needed Donations (must be nice)

New Ping Pong Table

Couches (no hide a beds)

Wooden table and chairs

Refrigerator > Donated by Donn Brooks. Awaiting arrival

Short book case (any furniture carpenters out there?)

Yesterday! Nostalgia

May 1953. – The ski committee will be among those operating a chair lift at Chinook Pass as soon as the pass opens. This operation consists of one or more automobiles letting off skiers at Lake Tipsoo where they ski down to Ohanopecosh Junction. Each skier takes a turn driving the four miles down the switchbacks to call for the skiers. Usually the skiers take about seven minutes and the driver requires ten. A half hour per round trip is good time and 15 round trips per day can be attained if the gasoline holds out.

The new electric ski tow was shut down April 5th after a successful season of 15 days of operation, which brought in \$9150 not including cabin fees. In future years with better snow conditions, several times this amount should be realized.

Electric power amounted to \$50.00 including the \$25.00 shutdown fee. The cost of the ski tow was approximately \$2,500 in cash plus about 3000 man hours accumulated in its fabrication and installation. Specialized services and equipment from many individuals were utilized free of charge. The ski tow machinery has been highly rated by many skiers and has a value of about \$6000. Many thanks to the more than 170 persons who helped make this great project successful.

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