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Our Seventh Olympic Beach Cleanup. This view is to Jefferson Cove from high above on Hoh Head. We had a beautiful day and an awesome team 24 strong.

WAC technical T's are back!

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Due to popular demand for the classic WAC t-shirts we placed and order and now have them in stock! You can pick them up at a work party, climbing class, or downtown at lunch.

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Looking Ahead! WAC Calendar

May > Bike to work Month

May 09/11 > Climbing Class Alpine Climbs from Cabin
May 10 > Guye Cabin Work Party
May 16 > Bike to Work Day
May 16/18 > Climbing Class Alpine Climbs from Cabin
May 17/18 > San Juan Island Bike Ride

June 14 > Guye Cabin Work Party
June 26/29 > Mount Hood Summer Telemark Ski Camp

July 12/13 > STP Bike Ride
July 19 > Guye Cabin Work Party

August 09 > Guye Cabin Work Party
August 16 > Summer Party

Sept 06/07 > ICO Train the Trainer

October 19 > Annual Meeting

Work parties May through Sept.

Join the WACLIST on Yahoo!

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group at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/waclist/>

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Important: You must be a current Member! We have to approve
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tion. 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
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ment section, tell us your name.

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If your address changes please let us know!

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*

Thanks -George Snelling, Mike Garrison, Sim Larkin

President's Corner May 2008

It The 503 members of the WAC have really been enjoying the warm spring weather! Walking, hiking, running, climbing, team sports, and some are even still skiing! Alpental was still open as of last weekend (the first weekend in May) There is still plenty of snow. 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 all through the summer.

Our 2008 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, Freed, Kristin, and Doug are doing a wonderful job running the class!

The WAC Bike Division has a San Juan Island Ride planned for this month! San Juan Island is a ride that folks come from all over the country, and world, to do. 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 seventh year in a row the WAC again participated in the Olympic Wilderness Beach Cleanup. We were 22 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 intrepid 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!!

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. Are you interested in serving on the Board? Get in touch with any Board member. Our meetings are 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 10. We'll fire up the grill and have a potluck cook-out 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!

The Bulletin is 100% online. Our new format allows us to offer photos, color, more timely content, and save a lot of paper and trees. For those without email, with dial up connections, or with incompatible software we will continue to mail the Bulletin. Do you have a story or photo you would like to share? Please send it in to us.

Climbing Hiking Biking Skiing Partners

Many folks are looking for skiing, hiking, biking, and climbing partners. The Yahoo Waclist is a very effective way of looking for someone on short notice. Participating in Club events is also an excellent way of making new friends and finding long term partners.

Can you help the WAC?

The WAC is looking for people help can help with: Outreach (attending events to educate folks and promote the club), marketing, and legal consultation. If you have the time, energy, and drive to assist with any of these things please contact your President– Mike Mahanay at mikem@grandcanyontreks.org

Jan Klippert Passes

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Jan Klippert, the Founder of the Olympic Coast Beach Cleanup. Jan passed away January 22, on his 73rd birthday.

Jan had been battling cancer for the last several years. In spite of this challenge, he remained dedicated to the Beach Cleanup and worked tirelessly to build it up to what it has become today (now part of the Washington Coast Cleanup). In his last annual letter to volunteers, Jan noted how gratified and hopeful he was that the Beach Cleanup, now in its ninth year, is being unified with similar efforts along the Washington Coast.



Born in Rochester, New York, Jan graduated from the University of Rochester. After moving to Seattle, he earned his Masters Degree in Public Administration. He began his public service career as an administrative assistant to Seattle Mayors Clinton and Braman. Jan served 28 years with the King County Department of Public Works, where he was the first Community Relations Director. He was a past President of the Washington Chapter of the American Public Works Association, past President of the Engineers Club, and a past Board Member for APWA Historical Society.

Jan was a gentleman and a gentle man, a planner and organizer, a visionary whose dreams he made reality. He loved to travel and was an avid photographer, writer, hiker and environmentalist. Jan believed in giving back to the community. He was past President of the Haller Lake Community Club, and past Board Member of Washington Trails Association and frequent contributor to their Washington Trails Magazine. Jan was founder of Earth Fair (1990), co-founder of TrailsFest (1996), and was integral in the creation of the book, Building Washington: A History of Washington State Public Works. After retirement, he founded the Olympic Coast Cleanup in 2000, which has now blossomed into the Washington Coast Cleanup. Jan's Cleanup efforts have been praised by the Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary and Olympic National Park for helping to protect delicate coastal ecosystems and for providing an opportunity for people to connect to the beauty and wildness of the coast itself. Sierra Club Magazine celebrated Jan's accomplishments in a feature article in 2005. And just last year, Volvo selected Jan as a semi-finalist in its prestigious Volvo for Life Awards program to recognize outstanding volunteer efforts across the country.

All of us who knew and worked with Jan will miss his amazing energy and inspiring perseverance with Cleanup efforts in spite of the many challenges of his battle with cancer.

Hiking the Olympic Coast!

With high temperatures in Seattle finally reaching the 60's, it is a great time to head for the Pacific Ocean, beat the heat, and hike the only wilderness coastline in the lower 48. We are lucky to have over 70 miles of wilderness coastal trail. There is even more on Vancouver Island, including the famous West Coast Trail.

Kalaloch

Short beach trails lead from U.S. 101 to sections of beach. Ruby Beach is the northern most trail with six other trails to the south. Each beach is distinct. Some offer tide pools and others clamming (in season and with license).

Lake Ozette to the Pacific Coast

Two trails to the coast begin at the end of the Lake Ozette road. The Cape Alava Trail, the northern trail, is 3.3 miles and the southern trail, the Sand Point Trail is 3.0 miles to the beach. Both are nearly continuous wooded boardwalk and are tide and weather dependent. Current tide chart and weather is posted at the trailhead. A three mile walk on the beach makes a 9.3 mile loop. Along the coast you will see marine life, Ozette Island, and Cape Alava, the western most point in the contiguous United States.

LaPush

Third Beach Trail begins at the LaPush road, twelve miles west of U.S. 101. A sandy beach is 1.4 miles from the trailhead.

Second Beach Trail begins on the LaPush road, fourteen miles west of U.S. 101. The trail goes .8 mile to a sandy beach with tidepools and views of sea stacks.

Rialto Beach Trail is .1 mile (paved) from the parking lot to a view of the beach, James Island, and Cake Rock. Beach walk 1.5 miles to Hole-in-the-wall.

Cape Alava-Sand Point Loop (15.5 miles)

NPS trail for foot travel. Receives high use. Both the Ozette-Cape Alava and the Ozette-Sand Point trails are puncheon boardwalks the majority of the distance. They are relatively flat and dry. They go through coastal forests and open areas of cedar snags and fields, and are connected at the coast by a 3 mile beach hike of rocks and sand. Be prepared to hike over headlands during high tides.

South Coast Hike - Oil City to Third Beach Trailhead (17 miles)

This is mostly a coastal route. Three overland trails must be used to round impassable headlands. All three have stair-like sand ladders, are steep and can be very muddy. Coastal routes can be difficult hiking due to slick rocks, sand and cobble surfaces, and steep overland trails. Tide tables are necessary to avoid incoming tides.

The South Wilderness Beach Hike offers many views of sea stacks (off-shore land formations). From Third Beach to just south of Toleak Point are beautiful sand beaches. There are excellent opportunities to view bald eagles and seals, and bird life is common on sea stacks. Whale migration occurs in March/April and October.

Hike by the Tide! - Tides can trap you. Do not attempt to round headlands without knowledge of the tide heights and times. Along the ocean, rising water can corner you below cliffs. People have died along the Olympic wilderness coast trying to beat the tide. Some headlands require low tides for passage. Some can NEVER be rounded safely even at the lowest tides, so overland routes must be taken. Before traveling along the coast, obtain a detailed topographic map. Your map should indicate areas

Snoqualmie Pass Tunnel

Are you in the mood for a cold, possibly wet bike ride in the dark, don't wait for the weather to cooperate!

Just head for the Snoqualmie Tunnel, exit 54 off Interstate 90. You won't need any sunscreen!

Do bring your flashlights!

The 2.3-mile tunnel was built between 1908 and 1911 by the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad and carried people and freight through the Cascades for over seventy years. It was the longest electric railroad in the world. The railroad operated between 1908 and 1980, when the company went into bankruptcy. Now the tracks are gone, but the railroad's right-of-way forms part of the popular 113-mile Iron Horse Trail, which is managed by the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission.

Iron Horse State Park

The park is open year round for day use. The Snoqualmie Pass Tunnel closes Nov. 1 each year. The tunnel usually reopens May 1 each year.

A Sno-Park permit is required from Nov. 15 through April 30 for the groomed track skiing!

<http://www.parks.wa.gov/parkpage.asp?selectedpark=Iron%20Horse>

WAC Trip Reports!

Whitehorse Mountain from Aaron Haran

http://www.wacweb.org/Trips/TripReports/default.view?_mode=details&rowid=436

Photos

<http://picasaweb.google.com/aaronch76/080501WhitehorseMountainClimbAndSki>

Olympic beach Cleanup photos from Eli Holmes

<http://picasaweb.google.com/e2holmes/BeachCleanUpApril2008>

2008 Junior Nordic Reprise from Eli Holmes

<http://home.comcast.net/~karelzikan/JP/>

Olympic Beach Cleanup report from Mike Mahanay

<http://www.grandcanyontreks.org/olympic/olympiccleanup2008.html>

Summer Telemark Ski Camp at Mount Hood!

Many WAC folks have attended this summer telecamp in the past. It is a lot of fun, and offers excellent instruction.

25rd Annual Summer Tele-Ski Camp Mt. Hood / Timberline Lodge Oregon **June 26/29 2008**
High glacier skiing, spectacular scenery and professional instruction at the Summer Tele-Ski Camp.

If you are an advanced skier or just learning the sport, we can help you improve your telemark skills. The experienced teaching staff will help give you the skills needed to ski new terrain and try new slopes!

Three full days of summer skiing high on the snowfields of Mt. Hood - two days of special instruction, plus our traditional "ski down" days offer a unique opportunity for you to practice, enhance and enjoy your Telemark abilities.

Lodging and famous homestyle meals will be available at the Mazama Lodge on Mt. Hood just above Government Camp.

The teaching staff includes internationally known mountaineers & professional ski instructors from throughout the Northwest. We provide beginning through advanced instruction, small classes and video analysis.

The Instructors Are:

Nils Larson - Nelson, BC/Curlew, WA

Don Portman - Methow Valley, WA

Steve Hindman - Bellingham, WA

Stuart Craig - Seattle, WA

Shelley Hakanson - Mt. Hood, OR

Lodging at Mazama Lodge (Bunk Style) Meals Also Available

<http://www.wyeastnordic.com/summertelemark.htm>

Guye Cabin

Spring is a perfect time to visit Guye Cabin. There is still lots of snow, but less, people, since lessons are over. Bring your family, friends or group up to show off Guye Cabin. You'll need to schedule in advance since the Cabin will not automatically be open every weekend now that ski season is over.

Are you ready for a work party?

We will have an inside work party this Sat May 10 !

After lunch we will sign people off to open and close

Guye Cabin tasks for 2008-

Inside

New entry way doors

Paint projects - bathrooms, basement

New carpet in hall from landing to women's dorm (in progress)

Bathrooms

Redo bathroom ceilings

Improve lighting

Redo shower room

Drying room

Sand and finish basement benches

Fireplace Room

Sand and Refinish Fireplace room floor

Ping pong room

Needed Donations (must be nice)

New Ping Pong Table

Wooden table and chairs

Short book case (any furniture carpenters out there?)

Starting May or June-

Outside the Cabin

Repair siding in various areas (left over from new roof)

Touch up paint – red and green

Outside in the Yard

Cleanup of branches and rounds

Firewood detail (split and stack)

Move dirt and rock from the East side of Cabin

Benches for outside

Bridge Work

San Juan Island Bike Ride May 17/18

Two years ago we biked Lopez Island and last year it was Orcas Island. This year we continue the island series on San Juan Island.

Arrive early Saturday am at the Anacortes Ferry Terminal to make sure you have time to park your car, and load your gear into my Van (Washington Alpine Club sticker on back window) The Ferry will leave Anacortes at 7:45, please be 30 minutes early.

Once on the Island, we begin our tour. From Friday Harbor it's an 8.5 mile pedal to our lunch spot in the fancy port of Roach Harbor. After lunch, we ride past the site of the Pig War. Back in the 1850's it was unclear whether Britain or the United States owned the San Juan Island. The people living there were divided in their allegiance, but when a prize English pig uprooted an American potato patch and the American shot the pig, a heated argument began. Sides were taken and a full-fledged battle nearly developed as both the British and Americans moved in soldiers and supplies and set up armed garrisons. In 1872, Kaiser Wilhelm I of Germany settled the dispute giving the islands to the Americans. Both camps, British and American are now national parks.

I will arranged for a group campsite at San Juan County Park. We have room for 15 campers. The campground over looks the Inside Passage so we might even see some whales from camp.

A sort ride South is Lime Kiln State Park, often called Whale Watch Park, this is the best place from shore to see the Orcas.

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Wild Sky Wilderness Bill Approved !

The bill creating the Wild Sky Wilderness in Washington state has now been approved by both the Senate and House, and is waiting for President Bush to sign into law. This is the first new wilderness designation in WA since 1984.

The Wild Sky Wilderness Act will designate 106,577 acres of national forest in east Snohomish County as wilderness. In the past, wilderness has consisted solely of old growth forest at higher elevations. Wild Sky protects thousands of acres of low-elevation old growth and 25 miles of salmon streams to make the land accessible for recreational use. Wild Sky will preserve the pristine nature of the land, protect wildlife, promote clean water, enhance and protect recreational opportunities for the region, and contribute to the local economy.

The WAC worked hard in support of this bill. We are very happy to see this reaching its conclusion.



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