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New Snow Dinner at Guye Cabin



Submit a story or photo!

Do you have a story or photo that you would like to share? Please send it in to us!

Email: wacbulletin@yahoo.com

WAC Technical T's

We still have a few WAC Technical T's left. Available sizes: S, M, L, XL, XXL

Just \$20

WAC Calendar

January	
6	Telemark / Randonee Class Starts
7	Board Meeting
9 & 17	MOFA Instructor Class in Olympia
9 & 17	WFRC Class in Tacoma
10	Commonwealth Basin Snowshoe
February	
4	Board Meeting
6	Chicks on Sticks
13	Jente Loppet 10K
19-21	Backcountry Class at Guye Cabin
27	Hog Loppet Ski Tour
28	WAC Winter Fun Day
March	
4	Board Meeting
6	Vegetarian Potluck
7	Ozbaldy 50K at Cabin Creek
14	Snoqualmie Loppet Ski Tour
20-21	Climbing Class Instructor Training at Guye Cabin
23	Climbing Class Begins
April	
1	Board Meeting
17	Olympic Beach Cleanup
May	
14-16	Alpine Climbs at Snoqualmie Pass
21-23	Alpine Climbs at Snoqualmie Pass

Join the WACList on Yahoo

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

Post message:
waclist@yahoogroups.com

Subscribe:
waclist-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Important: You must be a current member! We have to approve you before you can join, so please put your name in the comment section.

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

January 2010

by Mike Mahanay

Well we knew we would not have repeat performance of the snow of the last two years, but there is still plenty to ensure that all our favorite winter activities can happen. Guye Cabin and Snoqualmie Pass have a base of 35 inches as of today with more snow in the forecast. We have a fantastic winter underway. Many people are up snowshoeing the improved WAC Trail System, and coming down the old ski hills on their Boards. Others will soon be learning randonee or telemark skiing on Wednesday nights, or how to travel safely in the winter backcountry.

We had a superb **Snow Dinner!** We had a very fine group! There were 55 people in attendance at the festivities! A beautiful day, with firm snow, and time to meet new people, and see old friends! Thanks to the Gino and Kathy Amodei for cooking up big prime ribs for the main course! (The second year in a row!) Thanks to all that attended and for all the other excellent and creative potluck food! After dinner we had a slide show of local WAC activities and canoeing in Canada.

Have you renewed your membership for 2010? Please do it today as 2009 is over! Want to save all the trouble of writing a check every year? Renew for multi years! And now you can renew online! For more information, see page 7.

Both the **Backcountry and Climbing Classes** are now accepting applications. John Commiskey, Ty Tyler, Mica Schonbeck are again leading the Backcountry Class. Typically this class is comprised of skiers, and snowshoers, but they need people to help with the snowshoe portion. Contact John, Ty, or Mica today to see what you can do to assist. The Climbing Class is led by co-chairs Mike Daly, Jeff Watts, Johana Hingle. All our classes expect to reach the maximum enrollment, and introduce new folks to the wonders of the outdoors and the WAC.

Through lots of hard work by the Cabin team, Dave Mitchell, Eli Holmes, Archie Brendan, Ralph Preston, and assisted by a host of others, Guye Cabin is in excellent shape and ready for lots of use over the winter. Folks are using it as a base to meet, play, rest, have a hot lunch, and spend weekends and vacations year round. There is almost always WAC members and their guests at the Cabin. Do your part to keep the Cabin clean and running smoothly. Sign the Cabin Log, and pay your fee for you and your guests when you arrive, and introduce yourself to everyone. Help out by doing a chore or two, and haul recycling and trash home. See something that needs to be done? Go ahead and do it!

The Summit has done a great job of plowing our



parking so far this winter. Don't forget to car-pool, and if you bring guests, you might unload and shuttle extra cars over to the Summit hotel. Be sure to wave and make friends with Summit snowplow drivers, Summit Security, and Sahalie folks when you see them. We only have parking for 7 cars on our side, if we need more we should park only at the North end of the Sahalie side. (Do not let the public park in our spaces.) Everyone will have to do their part to ensure our signs, cones, pylons, and tape are out in the parking area all day on the weekends and holidays. If you see them out of place, blown over, etc. please put them back where they should be.

In our normal lives we are part of many different communities- home, our neighborhood, school, work, yoga class, running club, church, and the most special – the WAC! Of course it is this sense of community that makes our Club so special. It is a group of family and friends that enjoy seeing each other, and support each other. We love introducing people to the wonders of the outdoors, teaching them new skills, growing their confidence, and stretching their boundaries as we all grow as people.

Get out and up to the Cabin to meet the great people that make up the WAC and enjoy the snow and winter weather!

The Washington Alpine Club is on Facebook!

Facebook is yet another way to keep up with the Washington Alpine Club. Once you've joined Facebook, go to the WAC page and join the group. And invite your friends to join the group. You can connect with other WAC members, get information on upcoming events and post messages for other members.

Just click on the Facebook logo on the right to visit the WAC Page.



Last chance for Junior Nordic Program 2010 Registration!

Registration for the Junior Nordic Program (JNP) is now open. The registration form can be downloaded from the Junior Nordic Program website: <http://home.comcast.net/~karelzikan/JNP>

The JNP is a progressive year-to-year program for Nordic skiing for kids starting at 4 year of age and going to high school. Each year, we help turn over 100 kids into budding Nordic and backcountry skiers. Information and a galley of

pictures from last year can be found on the JNP website (above). Most of the JNP instructors are from the WAC or SNC, and Eli Holmes is the Director of the Program.

This program is run through the Summit Nordic Center and all registration/payments goes through them. The Nordic Center provides a discount rental and ticket program in conjunction with the lessons.

Online Resource

Northwest Weather and Avalanche Center

Looking for resources on weather, snowpack data, snow profiles, maybe a mountain weather glossary?

Everything you need to know the snow.

<http://www.nwac.us/resources/>

Climbing Class

Applications are now being accepted for the 2010 edition of the Washington Alpine Club Basic Climbing Class. This year's class will run from March 23rd through June 13th.

You can read details about the class, the schedule, the gear, and more at the class web site: <http://wacclass.org>

Now is the time to recruit yourself and your friends for the class. Tuition is still \$300, and WAC membership is required. Class applications will close January 15th, 2010.

We will be sending out more information for instructor meetings over the next two months. Expect the instructor meet and greet to be in February, with instructor training in March.

If you have questions about the class, or you are an experienced climber and are interested in helping teach the class, please contact us at wacclass-cochairs@yahoo.com.

Joanna, Jeff, and Mike
Your 2010 Climbing Class co-chairs



Wolves Come Home

The WAC is excited that wolves are making a natural comeback to Washington, and they play an important ecological role, especially in the restoration of the predator-prey relationship and the overall health of ecosystems. There are now two confirmed packs in our state, in Okanogan and Pend Oreille counties, with a possible third pack in the Blue Mountains of southeastern Washington.

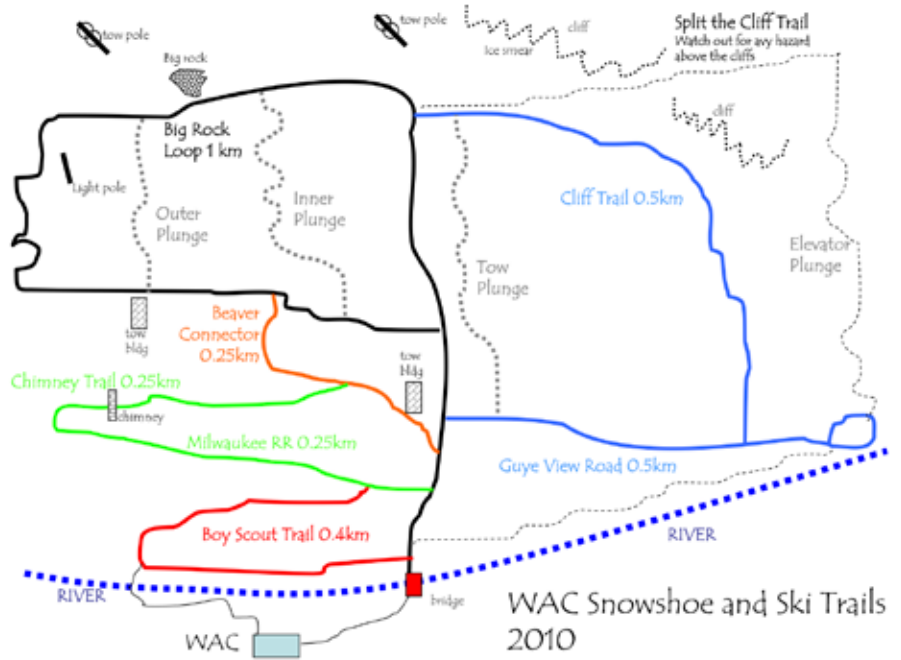
Someday we hope to see them at Snoqualmie Pass!

WAC Ski and Snowshoe Trails 2010!

Across the bridge, we have a 5km marked trail system. The trails are flagged and color coded with wooden markers and intersection signs. Please use snowshoes or skis on the trails! Sleds are fine too. Pot-holing in your boots ruins the trail for other users and creates a serious hazard (hidden holes). The skis and snowshoes marked with green tape or paint are for general use and you can borrow those.

All trails are fine for beginner snowshoers, but beginner skiers will probably want to stay on the Guye View, Milwaukee RR and Boy Scout Trails. Skiers wanting to get in some turns should head to the Big Rock Loop and try the Inner and Outer Plunges or do laps on the Tow Plunge.

Have fun!
Eli



GUYE CABIN

Guye Cabin Notes

Guye Cabin is Green!

- We have high efficiency modern electric zoned furnaces.
- We added insulation under the roof, and in many of the ceilings and walls.
- We installed 9 new double pane windows (more to come).
- We follow Seattle recycling standards for compostables and recyclables.
- We carpool.

Info on opening on weekends

Cabin will be open Friday afternoon to Sunday at 5:00 p.m. from January 8th through mid-March.

The following members are at the cabin almost every weekend during winter and can answer questions:

- Archie
- Zikans (Karel and Eli)
- Sargents (John and Tami)
- Mahaney's (Mike and Doerte)

Seattle Mountain Rescue

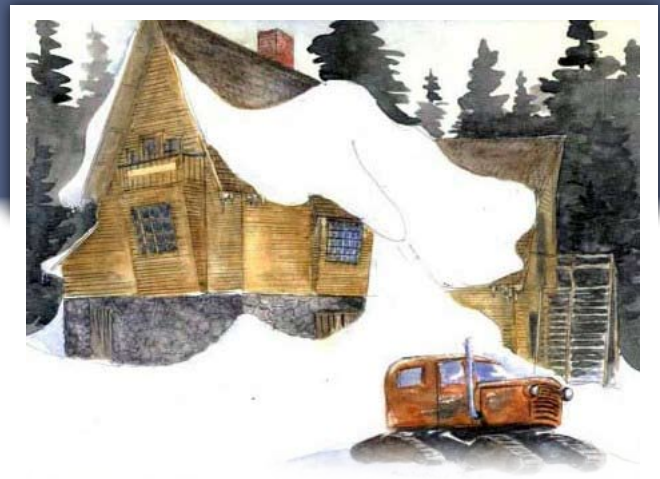
On these cold winter days it is good to have plenty to read!

January 2010 issue of the Bergtrage, Seattle Mountain Rescue's monthly newsletter for your reading pleasure. Thank you for support-

Winter Parking

Our good neighbors Sahalie have an easement on both sides, and allows us to park only on our side south of the fire hydrant, or the very far north end of their side. In the Winter, if you are the first arrival, put out the No Parking Signs and Pylons. We will have about 10 spaces on our side, and then must park at the far North end of the Sahalie side. Why do we have these procedures? We are saving several thousand dollars that plowing would cost us. This way it is free.

- We will park on our side only and only 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 far North end of Sahalie side only.
- All WAC cars and guests must have decal or parking pass displayed.
- Bringing a group? Please shuttle some of the cars over to the Summit Inn or West.
- Friday morning the Summit will plow, so we must have the area cleared at that time.
- Park only on the WAC side of the road or the far North end of the Sahalie side.
- Put the signs, cones up on the porch on Sunday afternoon.



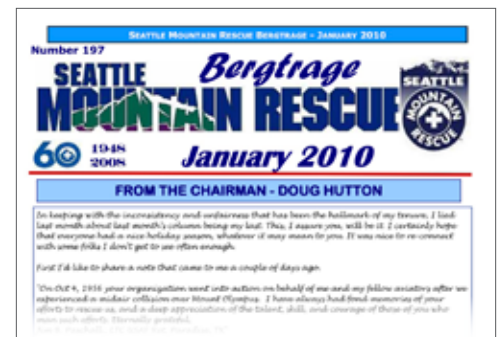
Guye Cabin Coffee Machine

Guye cabin's Bunn coffee machine has gone missing, maybe because of a possible problem. Could whoever has it return it for use. If It has a problem, contact me and I'll get it resolved.



ing volunteer search and rescue. The Bergtrage is also on the Seattle Mountain Rescue website:

http://seattlemountainrescue.org/newsletters/newsletter_2010_01.pdf



MEMBERSHIP

Have you renewed your membership?

We are excited to offer online renewal this year via Google Checkout! Memberships are based year to year, so unless you took advantage of our multi-year payment plan your WAC membership is up for renewal! Please renew today!

We hope that you continue to support the Washington Alpine Club and take advantage of all the opportunities that membership offers. That WAC does many good things for people of all ages, but we can only do this good work with your support. Please renew today!

The annual membership is from January 1 to December 31. To renew, you can send a check to the address below or use the Google Checkout link below.

Click below to pay your member fees with Google Checkout!



Annual Dues (renewals)

	Regular	Senior	Out of State
Through Dec 2010	\$30	\$15	\$20
Through Dec 2011	\$60	\$25	\$35
Through Dec 2012	\$85	\$35	\$50
Through Dec 2013	\$115	\$45	\$65
Through Dec 2014	\$135	\$55	\$80

Please consider adding an additional gift to your membership renewal check. Your contribution will help us with scholarships and major upcoming cabin expenses including construction of the new parking lot. Thanks for supporting your club!

Please send your check today made out to "WAC", to:

Washington Alpine Club
c/o Kristin Kaupang
7712 14th Ave SW
Seattle, WA 98106

Support Guye Cabin

When renewing, members also have the opportunity to pay annual Guye Cabin fees in lieu of single day or overnight fees. These annual cabin fees are effective for the membership year.

Annual Cabin Dues

\$70.00 per person
\$100.00 for two people
\$120.00 for three or more family members (13 and older)

Not Sure If You've Renewed?

Here's an easy link to see who needs to renew (as of January 7):

<http://grandcanyontreks.org/wac/2005/wacrenewallist.html>

Welcome New Members

Jiri Pertold
Magdalena Pertoldova

Is Your Contact Info Current?

You can check these things on the Washington Alpine Club website: www.wacweb.org. If your address or email address changes please let us know!

Moving?

Send change of address forms to:
Washington Alpine Club
PO Box 352
Seattle, WA 98111

Or email Dave Mitchell at:
dtmitch@mindspring.com

New Email Address?

To update your email address log on to www.wacweb.org. If you don't have an account, you can use the shared name and password:
User name: climbing
Password: climbon

WASHINGTON ALPINE CLUB

WAC Winter Events

WAC Fun Day

Sunday February 28

The winter games of the WAC, we have snowshoe and ski races on the WAC Trail System. Snacks and prizes. Fun for all kids and adults alike.

Vegetarian Potluck

March 06

Bring your best vegetarian dish to share for this annual winter tradition at Guye Cabin. Dinner at 6 pm after a day of fun in the snow.

Snoqualmie Loppet Ski Tour

March 14

A winter highlight! Come join the annual 35K "Citizen's Race" from Silver Fir to Cabin Creek. We ride the lift up as soon as they open, ski the Mount Catherine Loop, do the long and flat Iron Horse, a short loop through the Troll Hagen, then a loop around Cabin Creek to the finish. Everyone must be self sufficient. Shorter options available.

Check out the WAC Ski Blog: <http://wacski2010.spaces.live.com/blog/>



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