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WAC Fun Day Races by Eli Holmes



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This years WAC Fun Day was held during the 2011 Snowpocalypse. It was dumping at least an inch an hour during the night and all day. Jiri, Eli, Jeff and Karel worked Saturday afternoon to pack down the race course. In the morning, there was another foot and a half on the race course, and they went back out and packed down the course a second time. We had a strong turn-out for the races and kids' treasure hunts considering the weather. For the second year in a row, Jiri took the top spot in the challenging ski race. Third place was an all out battle between Josh and Jeff, with Josh just nipping Jeff in the last 50 feet of the race. The deep snow this year made the obligatory falls quite soft, but extracting oneself afterward was a challenge. Ann gets the Boy Scout award this year for sacrificing her own place in order to help fallen competitors---unlike some of the other competitors (cough). Congrats to all the skiers who managed the challenging ski course, which is a true test of survival-xc skiing. Again this year, the snowshoe race was the hotbed of neck-to-neck competition. The

kids race was again very close. For the second year, Nicole took first in the kids race but Axel was right on her heels and Rose was not far behind. Nicole took 3rd overall also. In the adult race, Jiri *again* took first with Eli barely pressing him. We definitely need some young guns next year in the race to give Jiri a run. Doug was third and was in an all out battle with Nicole and Axel throughout the race. Congrats to all our snowshoers! The snowshoe race is the most popular of our races and I encourage everyone to come out and do the fun course next year! After the races, we had the kids' treasure hunts! Over 20 kids participated in the Rabbit and Fox treasure hunts. Thanks to Ann, Josh and Doug for helping set up the treasure hunts. And thanks to everyone for helping set-up and direct competitors during the course. Finally, thanks to Winthrop Mountain Sports which donated a pair of skis for our raffle (Ann was the lucky winner) and OR which donated lots of outdoor gear. All participants got something from the gear & toy raffle.

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WAC Information

Calendar

April 2011	
April 7	WAC Board Meeting
April 8-10	Monika Johnson Memorial
April 23-24	Annual Olympic Beach Cleanup
May 2011	
May 5	WAC Board Meeting
May 12-14	Alpine Climbs at Snoqualmie Pass
May 19-21	Alpine Climbs at Snoqualmie Pass
July 2011	
July 9-10	STP Bike Ride
August 2011	
August 5-6	RSVP Bike Ride
August 20	WAC Summer Party (tentative)
August 27-28	Rapsody Bike Ride
September 2011	
September 1	Board Meeting

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

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Or email Dave Mitchell at:
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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 user name and password:
User name: climbing / Password: climbon

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

April 2011

by Mike Mahanay

As I write this the Pineapple Express is pounding the North Sound and Cascades with rain! La Nina brought us below average temperatures and average snow. That adds up to a pretty good winter ski season. As everyone is switching to climbing, cycling, running, and other spring activities the snow is now heavy and wet with the possibility of increased avalanche conditions. Check on avalanche conditions before you head out to the backcountry. It is Spring after all and any weather can happen. Daylight savings time has started, and the snow will begin to melt quickly very soon.

The WAC had a great season of backcountry, downhill, telemark, nordic, and boarding! We saw folks of all disciplines at Guye Cabin every weekend. It is bittersweet that all the classes are over and ski season is quickly winding down. The ski areas are week to week.

This was a very good winter at Guye Cabin! The Cabin hosted the Snow Dinner, Vegetarian Potluck, Winter Backcountry Travel Class, Climbing Class Instructors Training, Snoqualmie Loppet Ski Tour, several school groups and the winter finale- the WAC Fun Day (ski and snowshoe events)! A huge thanks is in order to all of those people who kept the Cabin in order over the winter.

The winter is an excellent time to travel and WAC folks are known not to let the dust settle. They have been seen all over the West this winter. Moab, Whistler, Colorado, Sun Valley, hut skiing in the Rockies, Lake Tahoe, West Yellowstone, and Ouray are just a few of the places we have been to over the last few months.

As we move into Spring it is time to start putting those Summer Peak lists together. Many members are hoping to complete the Chief Six Peaks this season by climbing the Snoqualmie Peaks.

The WAC Climbing Class is off to a great start! The next two weekends will see the class at Spire Rock, followed by trips to Snoqualmie Pass, the Nisqually Glacier at Mount Rainier, and then a climb of Mount Baker. Thanks to everyone who volunteers to make this class a great success each year! There is no better place in the Pacific Northwest to learn to climb than the Washington Alpine Club!

Our Club is one of the sponsors for the annual Olympic Coast Beach Cleanup on April 23 & 24. If you have never been to the Washington Wilderness Coast this is a great opportunity. As always, we are responsible for the Hoh River Beach and Jefferson Cove to the north. Hoh River Beach is where the Hoh River empties into the Pacific Ocean. If you have been out to our Olympic Coast, you know what a beautiful, wonderful, and wild area it is. Like last year, we'll camp Saturday night on the Beach. Please contact me if you would like to participate in this event, or have questions about it.

With the warm Spring weather we'll begin our work parties at Guye Cabin. This year we will have work parties every month through October. Come on up for the day to help out, to play, or to hike the trails. We hope to finish the windows and doors, and stock up on firewood for next winter. If you have used the Cabin in the last year, you'll want to show up, and give some back.! This is a great way



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to meet some new people in the WAC and invest in the Club's future. Check the website for the dates. Please call or email and let me know you are coming.

As we transition to the warmer weather please keep the WAC in your plans. The Climbing Class will be going into June, there will also be work parties and events at Guye Cabin, and an assortment of climbs, hikes, skis, and bike rides to participate in! Did you know the WAC is 100% volunteer? Did you know the WAC is internally funded by members dues, classes, and Cabin fees? We receive no outside funding- we depend on your help to sustain the good work we do.

Skiing

WAC Fun Day (continued from page 1)



Snowshoe Race

Overall

- #1 Jiri Pertold 13:02
- #2 Eli Holmes 15:40
- #3 Nicole Wolman 19:42

Adult

- #1 Jiri Pertold 13:02
- #2 Eli Holmes 15:40
- #3 Doug Briars 19:45
- #4 Tami Sargent 21:28
- #4 Leny Rankin 22:04
- #5 Jitka Stefanova 26:01
- #6 Denise Briars 26:12
- #7 Muffy 28:18



Results

Ski Race

Overall

- #1 Jiri Pertold 10:07
- #2 Eli Holmes 11:11
- #3 Josh Woods 12:21
- #4 Jeff Wright 12:23
- #5 Jake Zikan 13:48
- #6 Magdalena Pertold 14:31
- #7 Ann Boyd 15:12
- #8 John Sargent 20:33

Divisions Young and Fearless

- #1 Josh Woods
- #2 Jake Zikan

Still Crazy

- #1 Jiri Pertold
- #2 Eli Holmes

Old Enough to Know Better

- #1 Jeff Wright
- #2 Ann Boyd

LOL

- #1 Magdalena Pertold
- #2 John Sargent



Kids aka Young and Fearless

- #1 Nicole Wolman 19:42
- #2 Axel Saunders 19:48
- #3 Rose Briars 20:52
- #4 Ruth Briars 25:31
- #5 Lily 28:43



Divisions

Still Crazy

- #1 Jiri Pertold
- #2 Eli Holmes

Old Enough to Know Better

- #1 Doug Briars
- #2 Denise Briars

LOL

- #1 Tami Sargent
- #2 Jitka Stefanova
- #3 Leny Rankin
- #4 Muffy

More Pics at:

picasaweb.google.com

Upcoming Events

April Instructor Training Pics



Olympic Beach Cleanup



Olympic Coast Beach Cleanup Oil City/Jefferson Cove

April 23/24 2011

The tenth year of this annual event. Please RSVP.

"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

The clean up is energized by a partnership of community service organizations, businesses, tribal and government agencies. Volunteers will comb ocean beaches from Kalaloch South Beach in Olympic National Park to Hobuck Beach on the Makah Reservation. Marine debris will be hauled off the beaches and piled at trailheads for disposal. This community/volunteer effort will help preserve the natural beauty of this unparalleled Washington wilderness resource.

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 its 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 on Earth Day! We will camp at the Hoh Beach on Saturday evening, about two miles from the trailhead.

Contact Mike Mahanay at mikemahanay@gmail.com to register. We will again do the Oil City Beach and Jefferson Cove Beach south of Forks. Every year we see Bald Eagles, seals,



and lots of life in the tidepools. We even saw Gray Whales on their migration to Alaska from Baja! Our goal this year is 15 volunteers. We would like your commitment by April 18, but of course will take late comers up to the last minute.



Guye Cabin



Guye Cabin

Spring is a perfect time to visit Guye Cabin. There is still lots of snow, and a lot 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? Attending a Work Party is an excellent way to get to know the WAC, some of the volunteers that keep it going, and spend some time in mountains. Did you enjoy the Cabin over the winter? Please come up and help get it ready for the next one. Check the website for work party and other Cabin event dates.

WAC Planned Giving

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 76th anniversary this year. Please help to ensure that our 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.

Community

Be mindful of others. Observe quiet times. Make some new friends!

Have you renewed your membership yet?

Please renew today!

We are excited to offer online renewal 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!

Click here to find out <http://www.wacweb.org/About/join.view> How to renew

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

Annual Dues (renewals)	Regular Members (18-64yrs)	Senior Dues	Out of State Dues
1 Year: Through Dec 2011	\$30	\$15	\$20
2 Years: Through Dec 2012	\$60	\$25	\$35
3 Years: Through Dec 2013	\$85	\$35	\$50
4 Years: Through Dec 2014	\$115	\$45	\$65
5 Years: Through Dec 2015	\$135	\$55	\$80

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 links.

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. Support Guye Cabin!

Annual Cabin Dues \$80.00 per person
\$120.00 for two people
\$150.00 for three or more family members (13 and older)

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 renew online or send your check made out to "WAC", to:

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c/o Kristin Kaupang
7712 14th Ave SW
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Winter Parking Procedures

We will have about 10 spaces on our side. Once those spaces are filled we must park at the far north end of the Sahalie side of the road. Everyone needs to make sure the signs, cones, and tape are out each day. Everyone is responsible for our parking. Do not allow the public to park in our area!

We will park on our side only south of the A-frame fire hydrant.

Once those spaces are filled we must park at the far north end of the Sahalie side of the road. We must put the signs out Friday evening, and return them Sunday afternoon. All WAC cars and guests must have a decal or parking pass displayed.

Friday morning the Summit will plow, so we must have the area cleared at that time.

Please contact Mike if you have questions, concerns, etc.

mikemahanay@gmail.com

WAC discount at Outdoor Research

WAC members still get a discount in the store. 15% for full priced OR stuff and 10% for full priced non-OR stuff.

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. 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.

www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=6180692402

Earth Day 2011

Earth Day is April 22nd. This Earth Day, let's all be responsible for taking one environmentally positive action. Here are some ideas:

1. **Plant a tree!** Trees increase levels of oxygen in the air and filter out some of the pollutants we produce.
2. **Replace a light bulb!** Choose your favorite lamp and exchange the incandescent light bulb with a compact fluorescent one. They last 10 times longer and use only one-fourth of the energy compared to incandescent light bulbs.
3. **Bring your own bag!** Reuse old bags or bring a cloth one to carry items and set a good example at the grocery store and other places where you shop.
4. **Don't drive!** Take Earth Day to walk or ride your bike. You'll be saving gas and reducing air pollution.
5. **Clean up your community!** Organize a small scale clean up. Pick up litter in your neighborhood and on your streets.
6. **Read to a child!** Help educate future care givers of the earth! Sit down with your child, a relative or a neighbor and read "The Lorax" or any other environmentally focused and age appropriate book.
7. **Order a recycling bin!** Get information on your local curbside service. Recycling helps lessen the amount of waste that goes into landfills and reduces the amount of toxic chemicals absorbed into the earth.
8. **Start a compost pile!** Composting organic wastes can reduce the amount of garbage produced by your household by as much as a third.
9. **Visit a Farmer's Market!** Buy locally produced foods instead of goods that must be trucked in.
10. **Use your own mug!** When you buy coffee this morning, bring your own mug. Remember that each year Americans throw away 25,000,000,000 Styrofoam cups. Even 500 years from now, the foam coffee cup you used this morning will be sitting in a landfill!



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