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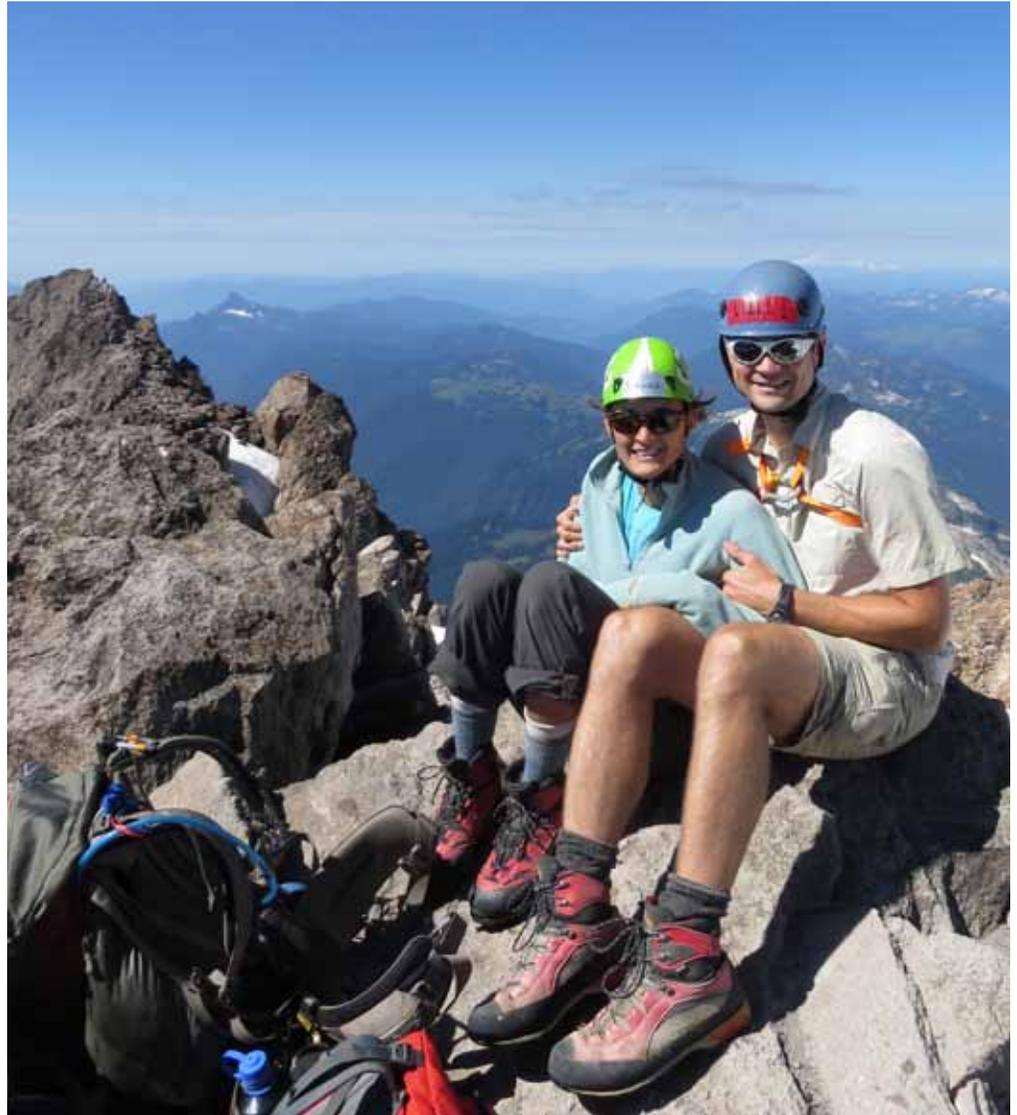
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Congratulate Joanna Hingle and Will Kruse !



the summit of Glacier

The WAC Basic Climbing class can have some unexpected outcomes. Joanna Hingle and Will Kruse met in the 2011 class and married on August 24th, on the shores of Lake Wenatchee. They arrived at the ceremony in separate canoes and left in the same canoe. Their pseudo-honeymoon, in lieu of a larger trip next year, was a 3-day trip up Glacier Peak via the Gerdine and Cool glaciers, a first for both of them. They send their thanks for all the support and encouragement along the way!

WAC Information

Calendar

DECEMBER	
December 14	New Snow Dinner (Ski Season Kickoff)
JANUARY	
January 8	Tele/Rando Class starts (Weds)
January 11	Kids Nordic starts at Hyak
FEBRUARY	
February 8	Ski Patrol Race
February 22	Hog Loppet Ski Tour
February 23	WAC Fun Day
MARCH	
March 01	Climbing Class Instructors Training
March 09	Snoqualmie Loppet
March 15	Scouts First Aid
March 28	Wilderness First Responder Class
APRIL	
April 19	Olympic Beach Cleanup
AUGUST	
August 1-3	Snoqualmie Pass Trail Runs

Is Your Contact Info Current?

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!

Moving?

Send change of address forms to:
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PO Box 352
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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

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

December 2013 by Mike Mahanay

It is certainly cold enough, but after the recent dry spell, inversions and rain there is very little snow at the passes. The higher elevations have fared better. Not to worry, the snow will come soon enough.

The New Snow Dinner is Sat Dec 14, at 6 pm! We'll have an Open house beginning at 4 pm, but the Cabin will be open all day. Last year Dennis Saunders prepared a delightful yankee pot roast and honey baked ham entrée. We are looking for someone to prepare an entrée for 50 people! Can you accept the challenge? The good think is you can do whatever you want. Email me if want to volunteer. Everything else will be specialty potluck. Please bring your best specialty salad, vegetable, casserole, soup, appetizer or dessert. Can't cook? Bring flowers, or drinks! Cost? Only 3 bucks minimum donation per person! Bring some cans or packaged food to donate to a local food bank. You can even donate money to the food bank if that is easier. In fact, bring your check book and renew your membership and pay your Cabin fees for the year! Many folks will be up for the weekend to ski, snowshoe, or just relax and have fun.

Are you looking for a challenge? Do you want to improve your technique? Or just want to learn a new discipline? The WAC Telemark and Randonee class is currently taking applications on the website. Don't delay, as the class is quickly filling up. Open to skiers of all abilities. It will start January 09 and runs six consecutive Wednesday evenings, at Snoqualmie Pass West. Thanks to Randy Oakley for organizing this on every year!

Susan Ashlock, Alex Ford, and Denny Trimble have again been busy putting the WAC Backcountry Travel Class together. The class is open for applications now but will close very soon. Kids Nordic is also open for registrations. The Basic Climbing class will also open for applications soon.

Please help our treasurer Dave Wilson out by renewing online via the safe and secure Paypal. It is very easy and very safe! Go to the WAC website when you read this and renew for at least another year. (There is an option to renew for up to five years at a reduced rate) Renew here:

<http://www.wacweb.org/About/renew.view>

The 2014 Board is committed to serving you for another year. Renewal season is an ideal time to stay in touch with those that have a long history in the WAC. Virginia Schmidt just renewed for 3 years at age 88. She has been a member since the mid 1940's regardless of where she lived in the world. The Washington Alpine Club has a great history going back almost a century, to 1916. For its 97 year existence the WAC has always been an eclectic collection of climbers, hikers, peak baggers, families, skiers, and lovers of the outdoors. I enjoy talking to everyone in the WAC to get that sense of the past as we build toward the future. Please feel free to call me or any of the Board or Chairs if you have something you would like to suggest or have us address. We are here for you!

The WAC is recession proof & the best value of any Outdoor Club anywhere for over 100 years! The WAC Community offers members a wide variety of classes, conservation, service, leadership, fun, and fellowship opportunities.



New parking procedures in place this winter. Park in the lot to the North of the Cabin details on pg6.

Small and intimate, grassroots, community based, with a ridiculously inexpensive membership fee, we've always been, and still are 100% volunteers and people just like you!

The wonderful charm of the holiday season is that it is not a particular place or time or thing but a spirit of warmth, generosity, and good will that is always welcome everywhere. The WAC embodies the holiday spirit year round!

Annual New Snow Dinner Dec 14



Our Annual New Snow Dinner at Guye Cabin will be Saturday, December 14, 2013 at 6 pm.

The New Snow Dinner is an annual event to welcome in the Winter Ski Season and encourage the white fluffy stuff to finally start to fall! This is one of the biggest events of the year at the Guye Cabin, the heart and the soul of the Washington Alpine Club!

Come up to our beautiful Guye Cabin for the day and play at Snoqualmie Pass! Tour the Cabin. Inspect all the new projects done over the summer. Or just socialize, read a book, play chess, spent the day playing outdoors or just relax! Come early! Stay late!

This is an excellent time to spend the night! Spend the weekend! Bring your family, friends, and guests!

We always have a volunteer do the main course! Can you do a entree for 50 people? This is a chance to show off your culinary and nutrition skills! Sign up if you can volunteer to do this!

Send me an email!

We'll also have plenty of great food for vegetarians. Everything else will be specialty potluck. Please bring your very best side dishes of salads, appetizers, vegetables, deserts, or drinks. Dinner will be a 6 pm sharp!

We could use volunteers to help with setup, greeting folks, etc.

After dinner we'll do a slide show, and hopefully music in the Fireplace Room.

Okay, how much this time?? Once again, we are asking for a mere three dollar minimum donation each to cover the costs of the main course! That will be a lot of food and fun for three bucks!

You won't want to miss this one!

Questions or need more information?

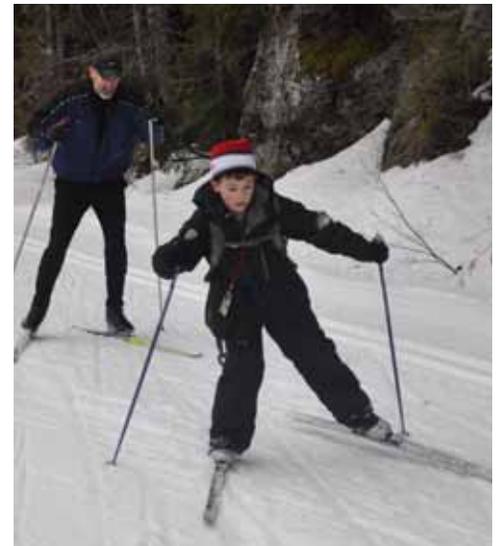
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Ski Patrol Race

February 08, 2014

From Summit West to Meany Lodge following the old route. The WAC is the current trophy holder. If you are fast and competitive you'll want to participate in the backcountry ski race. We'll also do tour to place the route on the day before.



Hog Loppet Ski Tour

February 22, 2014

The Hog Loppet is a non-competitive 30k Ski Trek from the top of Mission Ridge Ski Area to Blewett Pass. <http://www.skileavenworth.com/events/hog-loppet-0>

A shuttle bus service provided. This is recommended for intermediate skiers and above due to the length and some steep terrain and ungroomed conditions. Here is an article that tells more about this annual event-

<http://www.skileavenworth.com/events/hog-loppet-0>

Classes



WAC fun day

February 23, 2014

Thanks to Eli the winter games of the WAC have been reinvented! We have snowshoe and ski races on the WAC Trail System for athletes of all ages and abilities. Snacks and prizes. Fun for all kids and adults.

Snoqualmie Loppet

March 09, 2014

A winter highlight! Come join the 7th annual 35K "Citizen's Race" from Hyak to Cabin Creek.

We ride the lift up as soon as they open, ski the Mount Catherine Loop, do the long flat Iron Horse, a short loop through the Troll Hagen, then a loop around Cabin Creek to the finish.

There is a Half Loppet option that begins and ends at Hyak. For the full Loppet you'll need to be an intermediate Nordic skier (Classic or Skate) Afterwards we'll meet back at Guye Cabin for recovery food & treats!

Backcountry Travel Classes



"This three-week course covers avalanche education, safe winter travel techniques, and winter camping. The format is three evening lectures in town, and three weekends in the mountains.

No prior avalanche education is needed to take this course. While the avalanche education curriculum is similar to an AIARE level 1 course, the WAC is not affiliated with AIARE and we offer no certifications to students. This course is a good refresher if you have already taken a level 1 course, and should allow a skilled student to take a level 2 course in the future.

Applicants must be 18 years of age or older. Applications are due November 30."

For more information:

<http://www.wacweb.org/Classes/BackcountryClass/default.view>



Events/Guye Cabin



Please note there will be new parking procedures in place this winter. We will only park in our new lot to the North of the Cabin. The trail will go in from there.

<http://www.wacweb.org/About/renew.view>

Thanks to army of people that helped out over the summer, Guye Cabin is ready for anything this winter! Dale Ott, Archie Brenden, Jiri and Magdalena, Chris Martin, and a whole bunch (90) of others worked hard over the summer helping in a plethora of ways. We also have split and stacked a winters worth of firewood, and did extensive trail and grounds work. The trails are improved. Some new trees were planted. We have a new range hood, new fridge, and new benches outside.

Guye Cabin Recycling-

The WAC is green & The Cabin follows the same recycling program as the city of Seattle. There are three bins to sort garbage, recycling, and compostable items. Note- we need to take them home when you leave and put them in your home bins. Thanks!

Special recognition also goes to Phil Harvey, Dennis Saunders, and Ralph Preston for their ongoing commitment to our Club and the Cabin.

Paper coffee cups and their lids are both recyclable (not just the cardboard sleeve) after being poured out. Seattle is one of the few areas in the country where both are able to be recycled. Plastic cups and bottles for drinking were a common occurrence in our garbage. Those are recyclable. Empty plastic food trays from microwave meals and to-go clamshell containers can be quickly rinsed and then recycled. Plastic 'to go' boxes can be rinsed and recycled.

Thanks to each and every of you who helped! The Cabin is better than ever and ready for coming Winter Season! We really appreciate everyone's participation.

Paper/cardboard 'to go' boxes, napkins, all food waste, vegetables, coffee grounds, etc should be composted

When you renew please purchase the Annual Cabin Fee option. You won't every have to worry about writing a check when your visit the Cabin, and most importantly you'll be helping support the kind of work and upgrades we do each summer. You can renew and pay annual Cabin fee online!

Membership

It's time to renew your membership! Support the WAC and renew your membership for 2014 now!

Fall is the time to renew your membership in the WAC for another year. These rainy days and long nights make it is super easy to do! Just look yourself up in the members section (climbing/ climb on is the user name/password) to see when your membership expires.

We recommend you just renew online via Paypal.

Just go to this link, and scroll down to the renewal section:

<http://www.wacweb.org/About/join.view>

Please consider adding an additional gift to your membership renewal check. Your contribution will help us with scholarships and Cabin expenses. Thanks for supporting your club!

You can also pay by check - Please send your check today made out to "WAC", to:

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We hope that you continue to support the Washington Alpine Club and take advantage of all the opportunities that membership offers.

Annual Dues (renewals)	Regular Members (18-64yrs)	Senior Dues	Out of State Dues
1 YEAR: Through Dec 2014	\$30.00	\$15.00	\$20.00
2 YEARS: Through Dec 2015	\$60.00	\$25.00	\$35.00
3 YEARS: Through Dec 2016	\$85.00	\$35.00	\$50.00
4 YEARS: Through Dec 2017	\$115.00	\$45.00	\$65.00
5 YEARS: Through Dec 2018	\$135.00	\$55.00	\$80.00

Annual Cabin Fee:

Instead of paying nightly (\$15) to stay at the Guye Cabin, you can pay the annual cabin dues which are effective Jan 1 to Dec 31. You can add the annual cabin dues to online renewal or check, with a note indicating that you are including cabin dues and which WAC adult members are included (if paying dues for a family with 2 or 3 adult WAC members).

Individual Member	\$80.00
Immediate Family of two WAC Members	\$130.00
Immediate Family of three or more WAC Members	\$150.00

Get your WAC tee shirt!

They are cut very nicely and come in WAC green, Sunset orange, Snow Lake blue or Snoqualmie Pass granite grey.

You can pick them up at WAC events, downtown at lunch, in West Seattle, Pat O'Brien's, or at the Annual Meeting.

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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.

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