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## Welcome and Congratulate the 2014 Directors!



Washington Alpine Club Annual Meeting Photo

The Washington Alpine Club Annual Meeting was held on October 21. Please welcome and congratulate the 2014 Directors!

President: **Mike Mahanay**

Vice President: **Pat O'Brien**

Vice President: **Susan Ashlock**

Treasurer: **Dave Wilson**

Secretary: **Elden Altizer**

At Large: **Ira Rushwald, Jiri Pertold, Pat Beurskens, Mike Daly**

# WAC Information

## Calendar

NOVEMBER	
November 1-3	Wilderness First Responder Class
DECEMBER	
December 14	New Snow Dinner (Ski Season Kickoff)
FEBRUARY	
February 8	Ski Patrol Race
February 22	Hog Loppet Ski Tour
February 23	WAC Fun Day
MARCH	
March 09	Snoqualmie Loppet

## Is Your Contact Info Current?

You can check these things on the Washington Alpine Club website: [www.wacweb.org](http://www.wacweb.org). If your mailing 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](mailto:dtmitch@mindspring.com)

### New Email Address?

To update your email address log on to  
[www.wacweb.org](http://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](mailto:waclist@yahoogroups.com)    **Subscribe:** [waclist-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto: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.

## Washington Alpine Club

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### Member Of

Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs,  
Washington Association, Washington  
Environmental Council, Washington Wilderness  
Coalition, and MidFORC Coalition

The primary purpose of this club is to encourage the healthful enjoyment of the great outdoors, to preserve its natural beauty and to promote good fellowship among all lovers of nature.

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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#### At Large

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Randy Oakley

#### Nordic

Eli Holmes, Karel Zikan

#### Back Country

Susan Ashlock, Alex Ford, Denny Trimble

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# President's Corner

**November 2013** by Mike Mahanay

Everyone is eagerly anticipating what this year's ski season will bring. Doerte and I recently bought our season's pass. All the ski areas have good deals this year. We had one big storm a few weeks ago but most of it has melted back off. We'll see what this cooler weather brings. Randy Oakley has already organized the Wednesday night ski class. Registration is open with discount passes available. Susan Ashlock has opened the Backcountry Travel Class for registration too!

We recently had an excellent Annual Meeting at Guye Cabin. The turnout was very good despite the perfect almost 70 degrees and sunny weather at the Pass. Susan and Joanna gave a presentation on the Risk Management Committee's findings and recommendations. Several people spent Saturday night, and spent Sunday morning hiking trails, doing a chore, or having fun. Everyone enjoyed the most delicious food for lunch, while we caught up on old friends that we hadn't seen all summer, and some new ones too. Afterwards, we easily had a quorum for meeting. The WAC has a very high level of involvement by its members. Old and new, from all aspects of the Club were in attendance. It was a real treat to meet everyone that attended and see their enthusiasm and interest in our Club. The WAC continues to be really focused on the future and how we can improve everyone's experience while maintaining the historical uniqueness and tradition of the WAC.

Our 2013 Board and Chairs have done a fantastic job over the last year. We have a fantastic, motivated, and committed team managing the WAC and it shows. Our Club continues to improve every year. We thank out going Directors Toby Young and Charles Muzio for their years of excellent service. New

to the Board this year will be Elden Altizer and Jiri Pertold. The rest of the current Directors have agreed to stay intact for the 2014 year. The Board of Directors were voted in by the members at the Annual Meeting.

If you have not renewed for 2014 already please do so today and help Dave out! We won't send out bills, so please check the website and follow the instructions to pay online or send in your check. Many people save a little money and pay for five years to make it easier on themselves. Also be sure to include your annual Cabin Fees. <http://www.wacweb.org/About/renew.view>

When you run into these folks that guide our Club as it approaches its second century be sure to give them a big "thank you"! Our club is run 100% by volunteers donating lots of time, energy, money, and effort. We can make the WAC whatever we want it to be, it just takes folks willing to step up and volunteer as an instructor, lead that first aid class, climb, outing, snowshoe, ski lesson, cabin repair, or kids hike!

Coming up on December 14, is our annual New Snow Dinner at Guye Cabin. Anyone want to volunteer this year? Dennis Saunders did an excellent job last year! If you have an idea for an entrée and want to prepare it for 50 people just let me know! You can do anything you want. As always, vegetarian selections, salads, veggies, and deserts will be specialty potluck. Yummm! Please join us for a wonderful afternoon, evening, and night at Guye Cabin. We hope to see new members, and those of you that haven't been up for a while. With any luck we'll have some of the WAC musicians on hand for some songs. We'll also have a slide show. An evening of great



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

food, lots of fun, meeting old friends, and making some new friends! Cost? Suggested \$5 donation per person to cover the cost of the entrée.

What can be better than a Wednesday evening skiing? Randy Oakley has put together the WAC Telemark / randonee class on Wednesday nights. Our class has been around for over 20 years and is the largest telemark class in the country! It has produced many of Washington's best backcountry skiers. They are already accepting applications online so help spread the word. We hope to again have Guye Cabin open on Wednesday nights for the duration of the class, so plan on some overnights!

November always brings Thanksgiving Day, a WAC favorite, our wonderful national feast day, and one of our most important holidays. On this special day, we all pause for a moment to reflect on the bounty of our lives, and also those people less fortunate than ourselves. As our Club travels into it's second century we continue to work to ensure that this gift to us from the past is preserved and that we take care that it will remain intact for centuries to come, and our children's children. In many ways this has been a tough year for us. A lot has happened in the last year, but we have many reasons to be very proud of our club. We are thankful for the natural gifts we have, and most importantly for our friends, partners, and community. I am very proud (as we all are) to be a part of the WAC community! Have a fantastic winter season!

## Annual New Snow Dinner Dec 14

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! 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! Spend the night! Spend the weekend! Bring your family, friends, and guests! As always, we are expecting a big turnout so make your plans now!

You won't want to miss this one!

Do you have a favorite dish you would like to do for 50 people? (The WAC pays the cost) Send me an email!

We'll also have plenty of great food for vegetarians. We will eat promptly at 6 pm! Everything else will be specialty potluck. Please bring your very best side dishes of salads, appetizers, vegetables, deserts, or drinks. After dinner we'll do a slide show, and have entertainment!

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

Questions or need more information? Email: Mike mikemahanay@gmail.com

## 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>

## 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!



# Classes

## Wilderness Remote First Aid Course



Be prepared to assist your ski companions or hiking and climbing partners in an emergency by taking the fall 2013 edition of the WAC Remote Wilderness First Aid Course! In addition, we are looking for folks who will continue their education by taking the WRFA instructor course and can come back and teach for us.

Spend two weekends reviewing learning how to identify serious medical conditions in time to perform life-saving first aid. You will review American Red Cross Standard First Aid and practice techniques to manage conditions such as orthopedic trauma, thermal injury, and physiologic deterioration due to high altitude. A rational approach to the evacuation of one or more injured persons is addressed both in the classroom and in field scenarios. WRFA certification is awarded on completion of the course.

This year, the basic two-weekend WRFA course will be held on November 01/02/03. The cost, which includes books, supplies, and lodging for the second weekend at Guye Cabin is \$120.

For more detailed information about enrollment in the basic course itself, please see the WAC website. The WAC contact is Nathaniel Harrison at [nathanielharrison@gmail.com](mailto:nathanielharrison@gmail.com)

## 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:

**Washington Alpine Club  
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Seattle, WA 98111**

[Membership@washingtionalpineclub.org](mailto:Membership@washingtionalpineclub.org)

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).

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

## 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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