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Mount Daniel by Rob Miller with Jeff Blyther



In August of last year Jeff Blyther and I summited Mount Hinman via the Foss River and Necklace valley trail to La Bohn Lake. From the summit of Hinman we had a dramatic view of Mount Daniel's five separate peaks. Hinman is King County's second highest mountain next to Daniel but the peaks of Daniel looked massively larger and higher. Jeff and I agreed Daniel should be our next King County target. Eleven months later the opportunity availed.

The trailhead starts at about 3,400' and ascends up through a switchback trail to Squaw Lake. Then the trail traverses north to Peggy's Junction. From here we enjoyed the first dramatic view of Cathedral Rock. Next the trail edges along a steep slope around Cathedral Rock to Peggy's Pond. Along this edge we had great views of Deep Lake nearly

1000' below. Peggy's Pond was our lunch stop. After lunch we begin the real climb up the SE ridgeline toward Daniel's easternmost peak. The SE ridge offers challenging class 3 climbing with exposure at places on both sides of the ridge. The south side plunges 800' to Circle Lake and the north side plunges into the Hyas glacier amphitheater. It was here we saw our first curiosity. A bundle of aluminum helium balloons were trapped in the swirling winds inside the natural amphitheater. The balloons would pass close by our ridge then get carried up and away across the valley then circle around and come back. It was really an unusual sight to see.

Later as we continued climbing the SE ridge I looked back down the ridge and noticed a Siberian husky wearing a backpack ambling up the rocks. "That looks like Rika" I said to Jeff.

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WAC Information

Calendar

SEPTEMBER	
September	Intermediate Climbing Class
September 6 - 7	Inner City Outings
September 27	Open House/Stay Over/Cabin Work Party
OCTOBER	
October 14	CPR Class (tentative)
October 18	Open House/Stay Over/Cabin Work Party
October 19	Annual Members Meeting
October 25-26	Wilderness Remote First Aid Class (tentative)
NOVEMBER	
November 14-16	Wilderness Remote First Aid Class
DECEMBER	
December 13	New Snow Dinner

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User name: climbing / Password: climbon

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<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

September 2014 by Mike Mahanay

This has been a wonderful summer- and it is not over yet- even though there are clouds and rain in the forecast. We had many days in the 80's, and the wildflowers and huckleberries just keep coming. As we do every summer the WAC disperses to the mountains and exotic places all over the world - Europe, Alaska, South America, and Asia - the Dolomites, Alps, Chilkoot Trail, Pasayten, Grand Teton, and the Wind Rivers. Some of us have even stayed home this summer to make the most of our amazing Pacific Northwest. Doerte and I entertained friends from Germany and England this summer, they all asked why we would go anywhere else in the summer - it is just so spectacular here in WA.

The WAC Intermediate Climbing class started with the trip to the Coleman Glacier, and then will move on to the Mountaineers Wall in Leavenworth. The Class builds on the skills learned in the basic class. This is a great class with excellent instructors.

This weekend the weather is starting to cool off and the clouds are returning. Thoughts are beginning to turn to the dusty boards against the wall in the basement. Soon the summits of the Snoqualmie Peaks and Northern Cascades will have a pretty coating of white.

Our Remote Wilderness First Aid Class will open for registration very soon. We encourage everyone to take the class, and then go on to the instructor class. You'll learn valuable skills that you hope you will never need, but probably will use at some point.

The Annual Meeting is next month on October 19. We'll have an Open House, Potluck Lunch, Member Meeting, and Group Photo. Everyone please attend!

We have worked hard at Guye Cabin this summer. Come up and see the huge amount of wood the volunteers have split and stacked. Phil Harvey built a beautiful new bookcase. Mark Hume has worked on firewood and made kitchen upgrades. Dale Ott has done firewood and taken care of the yard, Curtis and Diane and their guests Larry and Carrie painted the outside of the Cabin. Ralph, Virginia, Jiri, Magdalena, and a host of others have worked over the summer. If you use Guye Cabin over the winter you should spend at least one day in the summer helping out. September 27 is the last opportunity. Thanks to everyone who has helped out over the summer! We could not do the things we do without you. The entire Club appreciates your efforts.

We are also looking to fill the slate of Board positions in the next few weeks. Do you have time to attend a Board meeting once a month and take the lead in Club projects such as the Snow Dinners, Bulletin, Risk Management, or marketing our Club? We need your help.

The Washington Alpine Club is an amazing group of people all with the outdoors as a common interest and ties that binds us together. Members new and old step up to commit to giving back a little to our Club, not only with the work parties at the Cabin, but taking the lead as Climbing Class chairs and instructors, Wilderness Remote First Aid instructors, and serving on the Board of Directors.

Most of us are not born leaders, but are continually working to improve our leadership skills. Like rope management and skiing it takes practice! Can you organize and lead a successful ascent of Mount Rainier or Mount



Olympus? The WAC Chair and Board positions are excellent places to learn and practice leadership skills that will aid you both on the mountain and in your everyday life. Talk to someone on the Board to discuss what you can do to help our Club.

Mount Daniel by Rob Miller with Jeff Blyther (Continue from page 1)



Sure enough, following along behind the dog was a mountain man with an unmistakable white beard. “Is that you Pat?” I called out though I already knew it was. Pat answered back, “Who is that?” “Rob and Jeff” I called back. We all sat down to take a break and had a nice chat then continued on up the ridge. Because I’m so slow climbing class 3 Pat and Rika soon were well ahead.

There is a snow covered plateau between two of Daniel’s summits where Jeff and I pitched our tent. Pat chose to make camp on a rock ridge about two-hundred feet higher. Turned out Rika preferred our campsite to Pat’s. That evening Rika came down to visit us. Then early the next morning I found Rika sound asleep next our tent. Pat later explained Rika prefers sleeping on snow. I guess her fur is so thick snow helps her keep cool.

After making camp and having something to eat Jeff and I climbed the final ridge to Daniel’s true summit. Naturally the highest summit is

also the farthest to get to. Along the way we got good looks at each of the other summits. I was too tired to bag the additional summits but not Jeff. I settled for the highest summit. Jeff got that plus two more.

Sunday morning all of us made our way down the Hvas Glacier, now more of snowfield back to Peggy’s pond. This was much easier and faster than down climbing the ridgeline. At Peggy’s pond Jeff and I said our final goodbye

to Pat and Rika and continued on our way. Pat wanted to spend more time with Rika at the pond. All-in-all was a great climb. If you live in King County and are comfortable with long hikes, steep slopes (snow and gravel) and some class 3 rock then bag Daniel. Over two million people live in King County but only a small handful have been to King County’s true summit.



Summit Registers of the Cascade Peaks by Rob Miller

You've been climbing all day and finally pull yourself up onto the summit rock. Tucked under a small rock you find a plastic box with a notepad inside, the summit register. In the notebook you read the names of climbers who have been there before. You add your name and date and securely place it back where you found it.

Ever wonder who put the register there and who replaces the notebook when full? And what is done with the old notebook? Those questions had been in my mind for a long time so I made some inquiries starting with Pat O'Brian. Pat referred me to the Mountaineers. I contacted them and received a detailed reply from John Wick of the Mountaineers. John said the Mountaineers try to maintain the registers to the extent possible. Sometimes they disappear; sometimes they are removed by land managers. But generally John relies on Mountaineers' scheduled climbs to replace summit registers. When a register is reported lost or full then John will ask the leaders of the next scheduled climb to that peak to replace it and if possible return the old register to him.

No attempt is made to maintain registers on snow summits such as Baker or Adams, no place to put a register there. The Mount Rainier register is maintained by the National Park Service.

When John receives an old register he does what he can to make it presentable (water damage, etc.) then turns it over to:

The University of Washington
University of Washington Libraries
Special Collection Division
Seattle Washington

The registers are considered part of Washington State history. You may be able to find your own registry entries by making an appointment with the Special Collection Division to search their archives.

Regarding the Mount Rainier register I was able to obtain a copy of my 2012 entry by contacting the Park Curator. You may be able to do the same by sending a request to this address:

Park Curator
Mount Rainier National Park
Klondike Gold Rush NHP, Seattle Unit
55210 238th Ave. E. (mailing)
Ashford, Washington 98304
360-569-6784
brooke_childrey@nps.gov

Ultra Trail Runners



Once again Guye Cabin hosted ultra trail runners at Guye Cabin the first weekend in August. There were several participants from the WAC along with others from 4 states and BC. Most were training for the Cascade Crest 100 mile ultra trail run, while others were just having fun running in our Cascade Mountains!

"Why we weren't at the Guy workparty"

by Rob Eli Holmes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nugFJ8y5ca0>



OR has invited WAC members (along with members of other clubs) to have first dibs on items in their next sale.

The "First Dibs" portion of the sale will be Wednesday, May 14 from 5-8 p.m.

Here is some info on our next First Dibs sale for the WAC and other non-profits. May 14, 5-8PM

First Dibs in our Loading Dock on the Sale that starts the next day, May 15th and runs through May 18th

<http://www.outdoorresearch.com/en/contact-us/retail-store>

Join the conversation at:

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Proposal to Increase Membership Fees, 2/4/14

Proposal: Increase Membership Fees and implement consistent multi-year discount scheme.

Regular Membership--> Increase from \$30/yr to \$40/yr.

Senior Membership--> Increase from \$15/yr to \$20/yr (1/2 of Regular Membership Fee)

Out of State Membership--> Identical to Senior Membership schedule

Adopt a straight-line discounting schedule for multi-year memberships

Consider eliminating 4 and 5 year payments, as wide adoption of these would create cash flow problem for the club.

I haven't contemplated changes to the cabin fees here.

Proposal to Increase Membership Fees, 2/4/14

Proposed Fee Schedule	Discount	Regular Members (18-64yrs)	Senior/Out of State Dues
1 YEAR: Through Dec 2015	0.0%	\$40.00	\$20.00
2 YEARS: Through Dec 2016	2.5%	\$78.00	\$39.00
3 YEARS: Through Dec 2017	5.0%	\$114.00	\$57.00
4 YEARS: Through Dec 2018	7.5%	\$148.00	\$74.00
5 YEARS: Through Dec 2019	10%	\$180.00	\$90.00

For Comparison	Regular Members (18-64yrs)	Senior Dues	Out of State Dues
1 YEAR: Through Dec 2015	\$30.00	\$15.00	\$20.00
2 YEARS: Through Dec 2016	\$60.00	\$25.00	\$35.00
3 YEARS: Through Dec 2017	\$85.00	\$35.00	\$50.00
4 YEARS: Through Dec 2018	\$115.00	\$45.00	\$65.00
5 YEARS: Through Dec 2019	\$135.00	\$55.00	\$80.00

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.



www.facebook.com/groups/6180692402

Expected 2014 Mbr. Makeup	Regular Members (18-64yrs)	Senior Dues	Out of State Dues	Revenue Impacts 5-yr Schedule	Current Proposed 5-yr Schedule
1 YEAR: Through Dec 2015	332	14	5	\$10,270.00	\$13,660.00
2 YEARS: Through Dec 2016	88	5	3	\$5,510.00	\$7,176.00
3 YEARS: Through Dec 2017	22	5	1	\$2,095.00	\$2,850.00
4 YEARS: Through Dec 2018	15	4	---	\$1,905.00	\$2,516.00
5 YEARS: Through Dec 2019	4	2	---	\$650.00	\$900.00
TOTAL	461	30	9	20,430.00	27,102.00
Annualized Revenue per Member				\$28.66	\$38.01

Comments...

1. The new fee schedule increases regular and senior membership by 1/3, with no change to Out-of-State membership.
2. The proposed discount schedule is consistent, whereas the discounts in the current schedule are not.
3. The proposed discount schedule, while consistent, does yield overall discounts very close to those in the current fee schedule.
4. Because the proposed discount schedule is consistent it will be easier to implement into an online payment solution.



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