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Our beautiful metal roof is just a handful of green screws from being complete!

Jeff Wright and Eli Holmes are putting the finishing touches on the roof cap over the women's dorm.

Oh my, it looks good!

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Get involved!

- *Annual Meeting October 21*
- *Snoqualmie Conservation Coalition Meeting Oct 09*
- *Work Parties first two weekends in Oct. Call John Sargent for details!*
- *Annual Snow Dinner Dec 15*

WAC Season pass rates at the Summit

The WAC group rate will be the lowest tier of the Summit rates. This is what is available currently on their website until Sept 30. As the rates goes up twice more, our WAC rate will stay as it is now. This is a huge benefit for our Club, and it's members.

<http://www.summitatsnoqualmie.com/winter/index.asp>

So you can go ahead and buy now on the website through Sept 30. After that, buy through the WAC program to get the best deal. They are working on a season pass that will be good at their other area (including Crystal). The WAC program should be finalized and official in the next two weeks.

Want an even better deal? Become an instructor and ski for free! or nordic ski the sno parks, or go all backcountry.

For example, the WAC rate big a Big S Pass will stay at 339 for adults. This means you have to ski about 8 days to pay for it. October 01, the public rate went to \$379. It will go up again before the ski area opens.

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Looking Ahead! WAC Calendar

More work parties!

September 29 Roof
October 6/7 inside! Ceiling etc
October 13/14 Ceiling etc
Contact John Sargent for details:
johntami@comcast.net

October 21 > Annual Members Meeting

November MOFA class might be cancelled due to lack of
instructors!
We'll know by October 08!

**December 15 > 75th Annual Snow Dinner
January > Ski classes - Telemark, Randonee, Nordic,
Kids,**

Join the WACLIST on Yahoo!

If you want to get mail on the new WAC email list, join the yahoo
group at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/waclist/>
Post message: waclist@yahogroups.com
Subscribe: waclist-subscribe@yahogroups.com

Important: You must be a current Member! We have to approve
you before you can join. All we see is your email address unless
you tell us more. Please put your name in the comment sec-
tion. As much as we love you all, we haven't memorized your
email addresses, and if we can't figure out who you are from
your email address alone, then we'll deny your request. If this
happens to you just apply to join the group again and in the com-
ment section, tell us your name.

Does the WAC have your good email address?
You can check these things on the WAC website.
Please go to www.washingtonalpineclub.org

If you don't have an account on the www.wacweb.org you can
use the shared name and password:
User name: climbing Password: climbon

Thanks -George Snelling, Mike Garrison, Sim Larkin

President's Corner October 2007

Fall has arrived! Now is the time to take that trip to the high country to see the larches in their stunning yellows. The blueberries are done, the bears and marmots are getting very sleepy, and the rhubarb at the Guye Cabin garden is done for another year. Pumpkins are ripe and orange and will soon be turning into jack-o-lanterns at Snoqualmie Pass. Looking up from Guye Cabin the highlands are alive with yellows, reds, and orange colors.

Our Club successfully completed a huge project recently. The reroofing of Guye Cabin. This was a huge undertaking and the WAC team stepped up to get it done, and make it look easy! Over 60 people participated, working over 2000 hours! Three cheers and a big heartfelt thank you to everyone who played a role! Special thanks go to those folks that were up week after week. Jeff Wright, John Sargent, Eli Holmes, Les Sargent, Laura Sargent, Archie, Brendan, Gene Heisler, and Karel Zikan.

The membership renewals for 2008 are now starting. If you are up for renewal send your in to Kristin today! We'll change the Cabin Combo as of the Annual Meeting. Our Club continues to improve and grow.

If you are betting on snow, we are working a deal with the Summit to get a substantial discount on annual ski passes for the WAC. If you or the kids ski, or are enrolled in lessons, then the pass might work for you.

The Intermediate Climbing Class wraps up this weekend. They enjoyed Pacific Northwest fall weather for most of the class. Thanks to Joe Sambataro and Nic Pottier for organizing and heading up the class! We couldn't have better co-chairs! As always, thanks to everyone who volunteered to help out with this class.

The WAC is fortunate that we are a 100% volunteer organization. Folks participate because they are motivated to teach others, enjoy



lowship, and do the right thing. We do it because it makes us feel good inside. Motivation is having the encouragement to do something. It comes from deep inside.

Sunday October 21 is our Annual Meeting at Guye Cabin. As always we will have an array of great food, (specialty potluck) and fun. We'll have an Open House beginning at 9, Potluck at 12, Group Picture at 1:30, Meeting at 1:45, and a slide show at 3:00. If you can't come, be sure to mail your proxy (found on page 7) vote today to Lynn Simmons.

Junior Nordic Program is starting in Jan at Hyak East.

<http://home.comcast.net/~karelzikan/JP>

This is a progressive year-to-year program for Nordic skiing for kids starting at 4 year of age. Each year, we help turn about 60 kids into budding Nordic and backcountry skiers. Most of the JP instructors are from the WAC or SNC (Snoqualmie Nordic Club).

Information about the program for this year, including how to register, can be found at <http://home.comcast.net/~karelzikan/JP> You'll also find helpful information about dressing a young Nordic skier and events of interest.

All of Eli's pictures of the work parties can be found at:

<http://picasaweb.google.com/e2holmes/WACWorkpartySept1516>



Allison Longley was instrumental with the ground crew. The ground crew had to lay out the proper price of metal, fold up the top, attach the rope and help guide it up to the roof. Then, get the next one ready before the roof team yelled for it. Allison also managed to transplant two nice trees in her spare time!

Allison, Eric Boswell, Michael Boswell, and Amy and Libby Rust installed the new insulation in the Fireplace room!

Laura Sargent cooked up fabulous meals for the team every weekend!!



Michal Gutowski up on the new addition. Jeff Wright is on top.

Besides the others mentioned in the Bulletin—Samantha Beadel, Dave Mitchell, Mike Daly, Gregg Lobdell, John Sargent, Mike Mahanay, Gen Heisler, Archie Brendan, Karel Zikan, Bert Bradley, Tami Sargent, Les Sargent, Doerte Mahanay, Jeff Knudson, Elden Altzier, Mike Dietsch, Ted Jenson, Scott Kuehner and a host of others helped this month!

The Bulletin is 100% online. The feedback from the Club regarding the new format has been overwhelmingly positive. This allows us to offer photos, color, more timely content, and save a lot of paper and trees. For those without email, with dial up connections, or with incompatible software we will continue to mail the Bulletin. Thanks to everyone for their patience!

Climbing Hiking Biking Skiing Partners

Many folks are looking for skiing, hiking, biking, and climbing partners. The Waclist is a very effective way of looking for someone on short notice. Participating in Club events is an excellent way of making new friends and finding long term partners.



Jeff Wright working in the rain on the new addition on Sunday September 16. We saw Guye peak only once or twice briefly during the day.

Jeff got the first estimate on the roof back in the winter. He has been up most weekends all summer.



Eli Holmes in the rain working on the roof cap. We ran into some technical difficulties and she plugged away until arriving at a solution.

Thanks to everyone who helped on this project over the summer, and these weekends in September.

Especially:

John Sargent who masterminded the project,

Jeff Wright who was up 9 of 13 weekends,

Eli Holmes who pulled us through the middle and end of the project!

WAC Climbing

The Intermediate Climbing Class just has one more weekend, the Ice module, which due to the inclement weather, is rescheduled to the following weekend. We should have a good slideshow at the annual meeting: Here are some photos from Rock 1, Self Rescue, and Rock 2.

http://isc.astro.cornell.edu/~don/pictures/v/friends/joe/joe_outandabout/joe_wacintclass07/

Annual New Snow Dinner at Guye Cabin Sat, Dec 15 at 6 PM

The New Snow Dinner is an annual event to welcome in the Winter Season. The Sargents stepped up to prepare the entree last year, a honey baked ham! Want to help with the entree this year?

This is one of the biggest events of the year at Guye Cabin, the heart and the soul of the Washington Alpine Club! Come up to our beautiful historic Guye Cabin for the day and play! Ski, board, or just socialize, read a book, play chess, snowshoe, or ski up Commonwealth Basin, or just relax and catch up with your friends and make some new ones! Come early! Stay late! Spent the night! We are expecting a big turnout so make your plans now! You won't want to miss this one!

Everything besides the entree' will be specialty potluck. Please bring your best side dishes of salads, appetizers, vegetables, deserts, or drinks. Can't cook? Please bring non-alcoholic drinks, or flowers. We will eat promptly at 6 pm! What is the cost for all this great food, and fun? We are asking for a mere two dollar minimum donation each to cover the costs of the entree.

Questions or need more information? Call Mike Mahanay at 206-933-6801 or email mikem@grandcanyontreks.org

"Yellowstone to Yukon"

Our friends at the Burke Museum of Natural History are offering the WAC 2 for 1 admission with the coupon!

Join the Burke Museum for the opening of *Yellowstone to Yukon: Freedom to Roam*, featuring an update on the progress of the Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative by US Regional Director Penelope Pierce, as well as presentations by Conservation Northwest, the I-90 Wildlife Bridges Coalition, and others on the effort to preserve local wildlife habitat and corridors.


The exhibit will run through the end of 2007.

<http://www.burkemuseum.org>

Print and bring the coupon with you

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More Guye Cabin Work Parties!

This is the 75th anniversary of Guye Cabin so it is a very good time to celebrate, and put the Cabin in shape for the next 75 years! The Cabin is a great place to base for skiing, snowshoeing, hikes, bike rides, and climbs in the Snoqualmie Peaks! Consider combining a trip outside with a day at a work party.

We're not done! Yet! Fireplace room ceiling and carpet are up for Oct 6/7 and Oct13/14

Here is the short list of little stuff we are still working on!

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|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Chop and stack wood | Digging the foundation for the bridge |
| Fireplace Room ceiling | Repair ceiling fan in Fireplace room |
| New carpet in hall from landing to women's dorm | Refinish hallway floor |
| Repair the floor above the women's dorm | Refinish Fireplace room floor |
| Various Electrical repairs | Redo bathroom ceilings |
| Redo shower room | |
| Paint projects - bathrooms, basement, entryway | |
| Sand and finish basement benches | |

WASHINGTON ALPINE CLUB 2007 ANNUAL MEETING PROXY FORM

The Annual Meeting arrives on schedule on October 21th, 2007 - always the 3rd Sunday In October. The event is held at the Guye Cabin.

- Open House at 9 - 11 am,**
- Comfort Food Specialty Potluck at 12 pm,**
- Group Picture in front of the Cabin 1:30 pm (rain, snow or shine)**
- Annual Meeting at 145 pm.**
- Slide show after meeting**

At the general meeting all WACers will have a chance to vote on the agenda issues, including voting in the new board.

Can't attend? Please fill out and mail this form to vote by proxy. Please use this form. Fill it out and give it to someone you know will be there. Have that person take this form to the meeting. Your proxy form must be physically present at the meeting. There's no line item provision, so you entrust your vote to any and all issues your proxy will be voting on.

Don't know someone who will be there? You can have the secretary act as your proxy. Mail your proxy form to me so that it arrives no later than Thursday, October 18th.

2007 Proxy Form

I _____ allow _____ to vote for me
(please print your name) (please print proxy's name)

by proxy at the 2007 Washington Alpine Club General Meeting.

Please sign _____ Date _____

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WAC Board Opportunities 2008

Are you interested in developing your leadership skills? Are you ready to be a part of the management team that will lead the Washington Alpine Club into the 21st Century? We have a couple of position open beginning October 21. Commitment is two years. Legal specialties and marketing skills especially desired, but not required. Please contact any Board member for more information.

Above is a photo of the new Visitor Center at Paradise taken on Sept 23. Notice that the roof is not on yet. Compare that to the photo of Guye Cabin on Page1. Folks are saying that if the WAC worked on the Visitor Center it would be done by now!



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