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Or Dave Mitchell dtmitch@mindspring.com**Looking Ahead!** WAC Calendar

July 12/13 > STP Bike Ride
July 12 > Guye Cabin Work Party
July 19 > Guye Cabin Work Party
July 19 > WTA TrailsFest

August 09 > Guye Cabin Work Party

August 16 > WAC Summer Party

August 23/24 > Cascade Crest 100 Trail Run

Sept 06/07 > ICO Train the Trainer

October 19 > WAC Annual Meeting

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@yahogroups.comSubscribe: waclist-subscribe@yahogroups.com

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Please go to www.washingtonalpineclub.org
If your address changes please let us know!

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 July 2008

Our NW summer has been in high gear for two weeks now. It won't be long until we have ripe huckleberries on the trails. The mountains are so amazingly beautiful right now in their summer glory. The views from historic Guye Cabin are spectacular. Guye Peak, Kendall Peak, Red Mountain and Snoqualmie Mountain shimmer in the warm summer light. The trails are almost melted out and Snoqualmie Pass is warm and green. Take a day, or a weekend, and get out of Seattle! Pick a place in the mountains, either familiar or brand new, and go for a visit. We are very lucky to live in such a wonderful area and have great easy access to lakes, hikes, climbs, and bike rides.

Many WAC folks are off to do the STP, the annual Seattle to Portland bike ride, this coming weekend. Last year we had more than 20 members participate, and this year there will likely be even more. It is always fun to run into WAC friends- at the Cabin, on Mt Stuart, Mount Rainier, in the SW Chutes, or on the STP!

I am continually amazed when I see Guye Cabin. It is such a fantastic place. So many people have stepped up and volunteered a day or more to make improvements, fix things, put things in order, or simply give support. They took an idea and made it a reality. Have you seen Guye Cabin lately? Come up and take a look. Summer is a perfect time to visit our Cabin to relax and enjoy the mountain summer! If you are lucky you might even have it to yourself. Bring your friends and family up to see it. If you like to paint, chop wood, or do mountain chores come on up for the summer's last "Second Saturday" work party on July 12 or August 09.

Don't forget the Summer Party and cookout coming up Saturday August 16. This is an excellent time to do a hike or climb and then meet many of the great folks in the Club. All past and present members are welcome. The Cabin should be open by 9 am if not sooner. Lunch will be Potluck. We'll have a cookout dinner. Spend the night! Bring your favorite dish, renew old friendships and make some new ones, enjoy the beauty of the high country in summer!

The Climbing Class wrapped up with their climb of Mount Baker. WAC teams have also been up Mount Stuart, Mount Adams, Mount Olympus, and Mount Rainier! The WAC is full of backcountry skiers and they have been out every month. We are still seeing excellent skiing into July if you don't mind hiking for your turns.!

Please have a wonderful summer and enjoy our beautiful summer weather!



Trails Fest July 19

Saturday July 19, 9am-4pm,
Rattlesnake Lake in North Bend.

Presented by our friends at the WTA, this outdoor extravaganza features clinics on everything from wilderness first aid to hiking with kids to backcountry cooking. Take a guided hike, tie a fly on, or climb a rock wall. There will be dozens of exhibitors, including gear companies and outdoor recreation groups. It's all at TrailsFest! Come up to the Cabin afterward.

To get there, take I-90 to exit 32. Turn right on 436th Ave SE and follow the road up 2.7 miles to Rattlesnake Lake.

More information at

[http://www.wta.org/trailsfest](#)

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Climbing Hiking Biking Skiing Partners

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

Can you help the WAC?

The WAC is in need of people help can help with: Outreach (attending events to educate folks and promote the club), marketing, and legal consultation.

If you have the time, energy, and drive to assist with any of these things please contact your President– Mike Mahanay at mikem@grandcanyontreks.org

The Last Polar Bear at the Burke Museum

On June 28, the Burke Museum opens *The Last Polar Bear: Facing the Truth of a Warming World*, a powerful photography exhibit documenting the polar bear in its disappearing Arctic habitat. See more than 40 heartwarming photographs by environmental photographer Steven Kazlowski, who spent nearly a decade in this remote and delicate region. The exhibit will also include Northwest filmmaker Arthur C. Smith 's *Ice Bears of the Beaufort*, a short documentary that provides a portrait of polar bear behavior. *The Last Polar Bear* runs through December 31, 2008.

<http://www.washington.edu/burkemuseum/exhibits/details.php?ID=67&type=upcoming>

Exhibit created in partnership with Braided River Books, the conservation imprint of the Mountaineers Books.

For more information, visit www.burkemuseum.org.

WAC members and their guests have a special 2 for 1 admission with this coupon.

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Have you thought about serving on the WAC Board?

Everything that happens in the WAC is by volunteers. All the instructors, organizers, the Bulletin, work parties, the upcoming Summer Party on August 16, and much more! These are all people just like you donating a bunch of time and energy to teach skills and improve our Club.

If you want to help in some way, just contact one of the Board members on page 2!

We are looking for 2009 Directors.
Experience not required, but commitment is required.

Intermediate Climbing Class 2008

The Intermediate climbing class is now accepting applications until July 15th, 2008!

Visit: <http://www.wacintclass.org> for all the details.

If you're interested in learning how to lead on rock or ice ... or you want to become skilled at rescuing your climbing partners ... or you want to move more efficiently in the alpine than this course is for you!

As with last year, we're making the lead rock, lead ice, alpine climbing and self-rescue modules available on an individual basis. However, first priority will go to those who are taking the entire course and space is limited.

Mail applications to:

**WAC Int. Class
c/o Joe Sambataro
10 W Florentia St. #3
Seattle, WA 98119**

E-mail us at chairs@wacintclass.org
if you're wondering if this class is for you or if you have any questions.

Todd Gits & Joe Sambataro
Intermediate Class CoChairs

WAC Trip Reports! - Post em' on the WAC website

Fuhrer Finger June 29, by Doug Daniell and Sullivan

<http://www.wacweb.org/Trips/TripReports/default.view? mode=details&rowid=445>

Photos at

<http://flickr.com/photos/andrewjohnsullivan/>

<http://picasaweb.google.com/ddaniell/FuhrerFinger>

Mount Baker June 15, by John Sanford

<http://www.wacweb.org/Trips/TripReports/default.view? mode=details&rowid=441>

Mount Redoubt June 14, by Ty Tyler

<http://www.wacweb.org/Trips/TripReports/default.view? mode=details&rowid=440>

Photos at

http://isc.astro.cornell.edu/~don/pictures/v/friends/joe/joe_climbing/joe_ty_redoubt08/?g2_page=6

www.flickr.com/photos/tytyler37/

Polaille Ridge June 22 by Jonathan Pryce

<http://www.wacweb.org/Trips/TripReports/default.view? mode=details&RowId=443>

Trip Report : Mt Stuart: West Ridge Posted by: Ira Rushwald June 28, 2008

Lee, Stefan and I set off Saturday morning to climb the West Ridge of Stuart. We hadn't seen any trip reports for this route yet this year which seemed surprising. Since none of us had done this route before we were hoping to get some up-to-date info but alas, there was none. We did have posts and pictures from many other people who've climbed the route in previous years and knew all about the route finding problems for first timers on the west ridge. We found the info on ClimbingWashington.com to be quite helpful and also the pictures in SummitPost.org, along with some other detail info we found on the web.

One key piece of info we got was to go up the second gulley from the west all the way to the top of the ridge. This was under heavy snow most of the way up and it was quite steep in the upper portions (50 deg?). Following the pictures and guides we crossed into the next gulley to the east heading to Long John's Tower. We tried going left initially and ended up on solid class 5 rock which we knew was one way up but not the way we wanted to go. So we downclimbed a bit and moved further right onto class 4 rock. This was much easier but was quite wet so the small rock particles (sand) mixed with water made it a bit interesting.

We followed the guides pretty much as they directed us so we were able to stay on route quite well. We headed towards the west ridge notch, sometimes on rock, sometimes on steep snow. It was starting to get late at this point, 8PM, so we knew we needed to start looking for a bivy site. We crossed some very steep snow (55 deg) and got onto a small rock ledge where we were able to find a reasonable place to build a bivy site for the three of us. Lee and Stefan built the site while I got the stove going so we could have a hot dinner. It was amazingly warm that night and totally clear. Just beautiful up there. We were at about 8700 ft.

The next morning we headed off towards the west ridge notch. At first we went straight up to the ridge top to a notch, but it was not the right notch. We had to rappel from there to continue our journey eastward and up. We obtained the west ridge notch pretty easily with class 3 and 4 scrambling. Now the "obvious ledge" leading to the north side baffled us for awhile. We eventually found a nice route up the north side of the rock from the notch but i'm not sure if it is the standard route. It was class 4 to easy 5, exposed, and quite short. This brought us to the ridge crest and onto the south side ledge of the summit block. It took us awhile to figure out what route to take from here. There's a class 5.4 route and a 5.6 route and who knows how many others. This was the first time we pulled out the rope for climbing. We eventually picked one and Lee took the lead up the right corner. He set an anchor at about 30m which turned out to be perfect for 3 people climbing as I tied! into the middle, climbed up to Lee and there was just enough rope left for Stefan to tie in and come up. We did this again for the next pitch which brought us just below the summit. From there we scrambled onto the summit block.

Views were stunning, weather warm (t-shirts and shorts) and we were all alone on an amazing peak.

For the route down we intended to take the Cascadian Couloir but we didn't go far enough east and I believe went down Ulrich's Couloir. There was a very steep snow field at the top and after that we went back and forth between snow and rock. We did two rappels to get past waterfalls lower down the gulley. Eventually we arrived at a raging Ingall's Creek which we crossed by sitting down on a large log and scooting on a butts. At this point it was 8PM so we decided to spend the night right there.

The next morning we got up a little past 5 AM and headed up the Long's Pass trail. There's lots of downed trees in this section and streams that have taken over the trail. The upper portion is still under snow so we donned our crampons and ice axes for the final ascent to the pass. From there is was all downhill and a very nice arrival at the waiting car. A stop at Cle Elum at a coffee roasting cafe for some wonderful coffee, smoothies and sandwiches finished off a fine climb.

Guye Cabin Work Party July 12 8-5

Summer is here! Save time and gas and come up to the Cabin! Bring your family, friends or group up to show off Guye Cabin. You'll need to be able to open/close or schedule in advance since the Cabin is not automatically be open every weekend in the summer. Are you ready for a work party? Come up to play, stay, or work.

We will have a work party Sat July 12 ! Mostly all outside with yard work. We need wood splitters, chain saws, rakes, clippers. Please RSVP

(if you are good with electrical we have some lighting work too)

After lunch we will sign folks off to open and close

Guye Cabin tasks this summer-

Inside

Panel upper landing by women's dorm

New entry way doors

Paint projects - bathrooms, basement

New carpet in hall from landing to women's dorm (in progress)

Bathrooms

Improve lighting

Redo shower room

Ping pong room

New lighting for the ping pong room

Outside the Cabin

Repair siding in various areas (left over from new roof)

Touch up paint – red and green

Outside in the Yard

Cleanup of branches and rounds

Firewood detail (split and stack)

Move dirt and rock from the East side of Cabin

Benches for outside

Bridge Work

Needed Donations (must be nice)

New Ping Pong Table

Wooden table and chairs

Short book case (any furniture carpenters out there?)

Guye Cabin Summer Party Aug 16

Guye Cabin open by 9 am

Take a hike, do a climb, or do a bike ride

Open House all Day

Potluck Lunch at 1 pm

Cookout Dinner 6 pm (bring a side to share and your own entrée')

Stop by, spend the day, Stay the night!



Do you know people who would enjoy and find value in the WAC?

Tell your friends about the WAC!

Bring them up to Guye Cabin on August 16 to check it out!

Guye Cabin May 31, 2008



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