



# BULLETIN

## New Snow Dinner Dec 13

Don't miss this event at Guye Cabin! Bring your family and friends and enjoy the pass, open house, have dinner, and have fun. This is a good opportunity to introduce your friends to the Cabin and meet the diverse group of folks that make up our Club!

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**The 2008 Intermediate climbing class Finished with perfect weather this year!**

Left to right:  
Andy Todd  
Kate Ben Kristin  
Nadia Rob  
Victoria Andrew  
Helen  
Mike Bill

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**Winter Backcountry travel Class**  
**Climbing Class**  
**Nordic clinics**

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### WAC technical T's

**Going, going...almost gone!**  
**Have you got yours yet?**

You can pick them up at the  
Snow Dinner.  
S,M,L, XL,XXL

**Just \$20**



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**Looking Ahead! WAC Calendar**

**Now > Time to renew your membership**

**Now > Telemark/Randonee Class registration is open**

November 15/16 > MOFA Class at Cabin

**December 13 > New Snow Dinner**

December 27 > Sargent group for Day use

January 01 > Winter Backcountry enrollment Begins

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January 07 > Telemark/Randonee Ski Class starts

February 20/22 > Backcountry Class at Cabin

February 28 > Hog Loppet Ski Tour

March 07 > Vegetarian Potluck (tentative date)

March ?? > Snoqualmie Loppet Ski Tour

March - June > Basic Climbing Class

April 18 > Olympic Beach Cleanup

**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.com](mailto:waclist@yahogroups.com)

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Does the WAC have your good email address?  
 You can check these things on the WAC website.  
 Please go to [www.washingtonalpineclub.org](http://www.washingtonalpineclub.org)  
 If your address changes please let us know!

If you don't have an account on the [www.wacweb.org](http://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 November 2008

Right on schedule we starting to have snow in the high country. Looking up, the peaks are white with fresh snow. Some lucky people even strapped on the Boards and got a day in. Excitement is building for a wonderful ski season.

We recently had an excellent Annual Meeting at Guye Cabin with fantastic weather. We enjoyed the most delicious food for lunch, while we caught up on old friends that we hadn't seen all summer. 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 2008 Board and Chairs have done a fantastic job over the last year. We have a fantastic, motivated, and committed team managing the WAC! They just get better and better every year. Our current Board has again agreed to stay intact for the 2009 year. We also welcome Eli Holmes to the Board, and we hope to enlist a new treasurer. Ira has served for three years and we want to allow his talents to evolve in other areas.

Kristin Kaupang is our membership chair. Kristin is also a chair of the Climbing class, If you have not renewed for 2009 yet, do so today and help Kristin out! While you are writing that check, just go ahead and pay the dues for five years and make it easy on yourself in the future.

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 lead that first aid class, climb, outing, snowshoe, ski lesson, cabin repair, or kids hike!

Thanks to Scott Calhoun for putting forth the effort to become our first WAC MOFA instructor! Scott, Jon Shields, and Ken Hanh have teamed up to instruct the MOFA class this year. Most importantly Laurie Rich and Elieen Sliwinski just complete the MOFA instructor class! Thank you! We hope to get at least three more people from this years class to take the instructors course and help with future classes!

Coming up on December 13, is our annual New Snow Dinner at Guye Cabin. In keeping with the long standing tradition, someone each year does a special entrée. We need someone to step up to organize the entree this year. Can you help out? As always, salads, veggies, and deserts will be specialty potluck by the folks attending. 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. An evening of great food, lots of fun, meeting old friends, and making some new friends! Cost? Outrageous! \$3 donation per person.

Jeff Wright, with Randy Oakley, and Jeff Knudson are again managing the WAC Telemark / randonee class on Wednesday nights. Our class has been around for 20 years and is the largest telemark class in the country! It has produced many of Washington's telemark skiers. They are already accepting applications online so help spread the word.



Ty Tyler, Mica Schonbeck and John Commiskey have teamed up to head the Winter Backcountry Travel Class this year. This is an outstanding class! There are still opportunities to join in the fun! Both the Basic Climbing Class and the Winter Backcountry Travel Class will be accepting application after Jan 01.

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 nears the end of its first 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 the next century, and our children's children. A lot has happened in the last year and we have many reasons to be very proud of our Club. I am very proud to be a small part of the WAC, it is a wonderful opportunity to help bring people closer to nature and the wonders of the great outdoors. It is a blessing to have all of the WAC friends so close at hand!

**The Bulletin** is 100% online. This format allows us to offer photos, color, more timely content, and saves 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. Do you have a story or photo you would like to share? Please send it in to us.

### 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?

Are you interested in developing your leadership skills? Are you ready to be a part of the leadership team that will lead the Washington Alpine Club into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century? We have several positions available now.

**We need a treasurer, and two at large positions.**

Please contact any Board member for more information.

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](mailto:mikem@grandcanyontreks.org)

## Telemark Randonee Ski Class Wed Nights!

Come join the oldest and largest telemark ski instruction program in the US. The program also has classes for Randonee / Alpine skiers. Develop your skills so you can enjoy the backcountry even more.

The WAC Wednesday night Telemark / Randonee program has classes for skiers of all abilities -- So if you've never skied before or if you've skied for years, this program will help you have more fun on the snow. Also, We'll have Guye Cabin open Wed nights this year for you to stay over and get an extra day of skiing in.

There are six sessions: Start on Wednesday January 7th 2009 through February 2009. Classes start at 7:30PM and end at 9:30PM. Classes are being held at Snoqualmie Pass Central. Instruction is provided by professional ski instructors.

Don't delay -- sign up today -- registration closes on December 26th and no last minute on the hill sign ups this year.

For more info

[http://www.wacweb.org/Current/Announcements/default.view?\\_mode=details&RowId=172](http://www.wacweb.org/Current/Announcements/default.view?_mode=details&RowId=172)

Or call Jeff Wright at 206.244.7410 or email at [jeffwright98168@yahoo.com](mailto:jeffwright98168@yahoo.com)



## *The Last Polar Bear* at the Burke Museum ( ends Dec 31 )

The Burke Museum presents *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.

**Just print out this coupon for a 2 for 1 admission to the Burke!** Perfect for an evening outing or that rainy fall day!

THE BURKE MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY AND CULTURE

**2-for-1 Admission**

June 28 - December 31, 2008      September 13 - December 31, 2008

*The Last Polar Bear:* Facing the Truth of a Warming World

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[www.burkemuseum.org](http://www.burkemuseum.org)      206.616.3962

Valid only during the above exhibits. Not valid with any other offer.

### Help Wanted—Treasurer

We are looking for someone to take over the position of Treasurer. I have been the treasurer for three years and would like to move on to other positions but cannot unless someone will volunteer to be my replacement.

The task involves recording all income, writing out a few checks and going to the monthly Board meetings (does not meet in the summer usually). Most of the work takes place from Dec through April when there is heavy cabin use, lots of classes running, and membership dues come in. During this time it is about one hour per week. Starting in May the work drops off significantly to maybe one hour per month. We use the program Quicken which I can provide to you and will get you started on it's use.

Please let me know if you would like to help the WAC out by taking this position.

Thanks, Ira Rushwald [ira.rushwald@boeing.com](mailto:ira.rushwald@boeing.com)

### **It's time to renew your membership for 2009!**

Fall is the time to renew your membership in the WAC for another year. It is super easy to do! Just look yourself up in the members section to see when your membership expires, and send Kristan a check. Just go to this link, and scroll down to the renewal section- <http://www.wacweb.org/About/join.view>

We hope that you continue to support the Washington Alpine Club and take advantage of all the opportunities that membership offers. Please send your renewal to Kristin Kaupang at the address listed below. email: [kekaupang@hotmail.com](mailto:kekaupang@hotmail.com)

Annual Dues (renewals)

	Regular	Senior	out of state
<b>Through Dec 2009</b>	<b>30.00</b>	<b>15.00</b>	<b>20.00</b>
<b>Through Dec 2010</b>	<b>60.00</b>	<b>25.00</b>	<b>35.00</b>
<b>Through Dec 2011</b>	<b>85.00</b>	<b>35.00</b>	<b>50.00</b>
<b>Through Dec 2012</b>	<b>115.00</b>	<b>45.00</b>	<b>65.00</b>
<b>Through Dec 2013</b>	<b>135.00</b>	<b>55.00</b>	<b>80.00</b>

Please consider adding an additional gift to your membership renewal check. Your contribution will help us with scholarships and major upcoming cabin expenses including construction of the new parking lot. Thanks for supporting your club!

Please send your check today made out to "WAC", to:

**Washington Alpine Club  
c/o Kristin Kaupang  
7712 14th Ave SW  
Seattle, WA 98106**

If you need to update your member contact information, or confirm your email address is current you may do it online at [www.wacweb.org](http://www.wacweb.org)

#### **Cabin Fees**

When renewing, members also have the opportunity to pay annual Guye Cabin fees in lieu of single day or overnight fees. If you would like to pay for cabin fees please indicate on the return form what membership rate(s) and cabin fees you are paying for.

Annual Cabin Dues \$70.00 per person

\$100.00 for two people

\$120.00 for three or more family members (13 and older)

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

### Chief Six—A dream no more! By Doug Daniell

<http://www.wacweb.org/Trips/TripReports/default.view?mode=details&RowId=456>

Photos at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/andrewjohnsullivan/sets/72157608198848231/>

### Trip: East Faces.....fin! Posted by: Joe Sambataro

<http://www.wacweb.org/Trips/TripReports/default.view?mode=details&rowid=455>

Topo and photo galleries at: [http://isc.astro.cornell.edu/~don/pictures/v/friends/joe/joe\\_climbing/](http://isc.astro.cornell.edu/~don/pictures/v/friends/joe/joe_climbing/)

Here is a multi-trip report of a 2008 season up at Wa Pass. You've already seen a couple trip reports, so this is a short summary. The goal was to climb all 5 east face routes of the Liberty Group. Its not an FFA, one-day linkup, or anything special, and it was never a goal at the start, but somehow it became a personal (yet somewhat contrived) goal for 2008. Despite numerous pitches of friable rock, runouts, trekking back along the highway, and long walks on the beach, each climb brought more than a few moments of delightful joy.

#### East Face of Lexington, May 31:

The key to offwidths and chimneys: keep moving. Even if just an inch. And if a 2x4 piece of wood presents itself as pro--clip it. Friable rock leads to a good series of corner cracks, traverses under roofs, offwidths and chimneys. Snow on the top kept our attention. Put it on your tick list--its a MUST. 9 pitches, 5.9

#### Thin Red Line of Liberty Bell, June 11

Brass offset nuts: get a pair and leave the hammer at home. 7 pitches of aid make it a big wall climb. It comes complete with hauling and an overnight bivy. A direct line, thin granite cracks, and a perfect warm-up for the Valley. 12 pitches 5.9 C3

#### East Face of Minuteman, August 9

Dont let the first 4 pitches get you down--the top two rock. A fun hand crack leads to an exposed 5.8 roof. From the top of Minuteman, you'll see why the East Face of Concord is unclimbed, and will (I dare to say it) remain unclimbed. 6 pitches, 5.10a

#### Direct East Buttress of SEWS, August 10

Here's the classic, most-climbed east face route. Leave the aid gear behind and if it doesn't go free, do it french style. And if the snow blows in and your partner starts rapping down, wait for the sucker hole to convince your partner to climb back up. The 10+ arete felt as hard as the 11a bolt ladder, but hey, some of us forget how to sport climb. 9 pitches, 5.9 A0

#### Flycatcher Buttress of NEWS, September 27

Never heard of it? There are over 400 species of flycatchers across the americas, but I'm not sure how it got its name. Its not in the Selected Climbs or the Becky Guide, but I hear its in North Cascades Rock. Sometimes you have to revert to hand drawn topos transmitted via a facsimile for a good adventure. A tricky 5.9 entry pitch leads to a 50 meter low fifth class traverse under an overhanging wall, behind bushes, and between loose blocks. The flycatcher pitch is a hoot, but I'll be honest here, if you're looking for good rock and stellar pitch after pitch, stick with the west face of NEWS or the NW corner. Even the last bit proved to be another wild and spicy east face pitch. Topping out the 45th pitch of the series, luck doesn't even describe it: another great weather window, climbing partner, and expansive view east over the hairpin, Kangaroo Ridge, Wine Spires, and Mazama. 9 pitches, 5.10b

## Guye Cabin in the Fall!



### Things needed for Guye Cabin:

Historic climbing, skiing equipment, memorabilia, photos, stories of the WAC

**Do you have snowshoes** that you don't use anymore? How about donating them to the Cabin? We'd like to have 12 pair for people to borrow and return.

We have some inside electrical work to do. Some new fixtures, and rewiring in the men's dorm. Can you help?

Each weekend is a great time to spend time at the Pass and the Cabin.

## The Annual New Snow Dinner 2008! December 13!

The WAC Annual New Snow Dinner at Guye Cabin will this Saturday, December 13, 2008 at 6 pm. The Cabin will be open all day so come up as early as you want.

The New Snow Dinner is an annual event to welcome in the Winter Ski Season and encourage even more of the white fluffy stuff 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 work done by our ace Cabin Crew. Or just socialize, read a book, play chess, snowshoe up Commonwealth Basin, go Nordic, lift ski, backcountry ski, relax, or even work on the Cabin!

Come early! Stay late! Spend the night! Spend the weekend! Bring your family, friends, and guests! Make some new friends! We are expecting a big turnout so make your plans now! You won't want to miss this one!

**The Cabin will be open all weekend beginning Friday evening (overnight fees required)**

**David Mitchell will lead a fire safety class 3 pm**

**Open House from 2-5.**

**Dinner at 6 pm sharp!**

**Slide Show 7 pm**

**Entertainment following the slide show**

**We are looking for someone to organize/prepare the main course. This can be anything you want it to be, (vegetarian is okay too) as long as there is enough for 60-70 people.** Audrey Pitigliano did a fantastic job last year with port tenderloin. There will also be plenty of great food for vegetarians. All sides and everything else will be specialty potluck. Please bring your very best side dishes of salads, appetizers, vegetables, deserts, or drinks. Flowers are good too!

We are looking for volunteers to assist with setup, greeting folks, and entertainment!

Okay, what is the cost for all this great food, and fun? As usual, we are asking for a mere three dollar minimum donation each to cover the costs of the main entrée.

Questions or need more information? Email Mike Mahanay at [mikem@grandcanyontreks.org](mailto:mikem@grandcanyontreks.org)



**Doug Daniell and Andrew Sullivan on the summit of Chair Peak!**

**Doug completed the fabled and much sought after Chief Six Group of the Snoqualmie Peaks.**



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**First Class**

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