



BULLETIN

Annual Member Meeting Oct 19

MOFA Instructor Class starts Oct 09! If you have your MOFA card already we really need you to sign up to become a MOFA instructor for our Club.

MOFA Class begins Nov 01! Sign up now!



Summer Party! Some of the folks who were around for a group photo after dinner. Everyone had a great time! Many people spent the night Sat night. We had a potluck lunch, potluck cookout dinner, and open house. Thanks to everyone who came up during the weekend!

WAC technical T's
Are almost gone!
Have you got yours yet?

You can pick them up at a work party, downtown at lunch. Or the Annual Meeting.
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Looking Ahead! WAC Calendar

Sept 06/07 > ICO Train the Trainer
 Sept 13 > Cabin Work Party
 Sept 19/20 > Dave Harrington Group

October 09 > MOFA Instructor Class Begins

October 18 > Fall Cabin Work Party

October 19 > Guye Cabin Open House 10-2
 October 19 > Potluck Lunch 12 pm
 October 19 > Annual Meeting 2pm

Fall > Time to renew your membership

Fall > Telemark Applications open

November 01/02 > MOFA Class
 November 08/09 > MOFA Class

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

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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 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 September 2008

Good grief, fall is here. But what a great summer this has been! WAC folks have been all over of the place this year. Our club gets more active, and our members get more involved in the community with each passing year.

The WAC Intermediate Climbing class starts next weekend, and we both a upcoming Wilderness First Aid Instructor Class and MOFA class coming soon. If you already have your MOFA card I encourage you to become an instructor, and help the WAC become the most knowledgeable and prepared folks in the mountains!

Many people have been up to the Pass to enjoy our Cabin. There have been numerous bear sightings so when you go, please keep all food inside and the doors shut. Because of the late winter and enormous amount of snow on the ground well into July, the native huckleberries are taking the year off! Around the Cabin, and even up the PCT to Kendall Mountain there is nothing. Our local bears will have to find alternative food sources this summer, and might be a little grouchy. We have all heard of confirmed wolf sighting in the Winthrop area, well, there has been a report of a wolf sighting near the PCT. It is good to hear that Snoqualmie Pass wildlife is abundant and doing well.

Karel and Eli have created the WAC Trail System, a 5K trail that will also be a ski and snowshoe trail. Last week, Elden Altizer, along with his girls and scouts did a significant amount of work brushing the new trail. The Cabin team has also worked inside the Cabin, done a huge amount of yard clean up, bridge work, trail work, and firewood cutting. Ed Kelting created some outside benches. We only have two more official work parties this year. Haven't been up yet this summer? Time is running out! Make plans to enjoy the hard work and fellowship of a day of volunteering at our Cabin! Please RSVP.

We are looking to fill the slate of Director positions, especially the treasurer position in the next few weeks. Ira Rushwald has done a fantastic job for the last three years. Do you have an accounting or finance background? Do you have time to attend a Board meeting once a month and take the lead in Club projects, classes or Club functions such as the Installation and Snow Dinners? Want to create something new? Give me a call, or send an email. Even if you don't have time to volunteer in an official capacity with our Club, we still welcome your support.



It
is

encouraging to see folks both new and old stepping 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 serving on the Board of Directors.

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. Don't wait another minute! Give Mike, Pat, John, or Joe a call right now to discuss what leadership role would be right for you. Be a part of the WAC into the 21st Century!

Our Annual Members Meeting will be Sunday October 19. It is always the third Sunday of October. We'll have our last work party of the season the day before on the 18th so every can spend the entire weekend up in the mountains if you want to! This is an excellent chance to get one last fall trip in before the snows start reaching the higher elevations.

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?

The WAC is in need of leaders to help with:

Board of Directors,
Treasurer,
Outreach (attending events to educate folks and promote the club),
Marketing,
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

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.

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

For more information, visit
www.burkemuseum.org.

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Climbing Class Co-Chairs selected!

I'm happy to announce that we have a team of co-chairs to lead the 09 beginning climbing class. The three are Kristin Kaupang, Mike Daly, and Jeff Watts. Kristin is repeating from last year which makes the carry over so much easier. Mike and Jeff have helped with the class over the years and bring a lot of energy to the table. This is a record for the earliest set of commitments from the next years co-chairs. They have had their first meeting and have a lot of ideas for next year. Pass on to them any ideas you may have. Start lining up your friends for the class. Thanks

Pat O'Brien

The WAC Trail System



Elden and his two girls and team of scouts came up and spent time over two days last week brushing the new WAC Trail System . When complete we will have 5K for snowshoe and skiing. Karel and Eli are leading the effort.

Do you have a scout group that is looking to collect their trail work merit badge hours? Follow Elden's lead and take advantage of this opportunity.

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

Cycling 500 Hundred Miles across New York by Mike Mahanay

<http://www.grandcanyontreks.org/bikerides/fany2008/fany2008.html>

East Faces at Liberty Bell Group August 08, 2008 from Andrew Sullivan & Joe Sambataro

<http://www.wacweb.org/Trips/TripReports/default.view? mode=details&rowid=450>

Photos up at: http://isc.astro.cornell.edu/~don/pictures/v/friends/joe/joe_climbing/

Forbidden Fruit by Andrew Sullivan and Doug Daniell

<http://www.wacweb.org/Trips/TripReports/default.view? mode=details&rowid=451>

Pics are here: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/andrewjohnsullivan/sets/72157606798954941/>

Hiking to Camp Muir

Nine miles round-trip. Elevation gain: 4,700 feet. High point: 10,188 feet. (According to USGS topographic map, though some sources list it at 10,080 or 10,000 feet.)

From the Paradise parking lot, find the Skyline Trail and begin heading up. At 2.3 miles, follow the sign for Pebble Creek and, just ahead, reach the Muir Snowfield. Follow wands, boot tracks, glissade tubes and the like for another 2.2 miles to Camp Muir.

A permit is not needed for day hiking to Camp Muir, but if you plan on staying overnight, you'll need a wilderness permit.

Along with being extremely strenuous, the hike to Camp Muir is potentially dangerous. Storms and white-out conditions can occur quickly and with little warning on the snowfield. Wear sturdy boots, carry the 10 essentials and watch the weather. Do not hike beyond your abilities.

For more information, including detailed maps, go to

www.nps.gov/archive/mora/trail/campmuir.htm.

Rangers at Camp Muir maintain several blogs that offer information on current route conditions, weather, guide services, photos and more. Go to <http://mountainierclimbing.blogspot.com>.

For general information on Mount Rainier National Park, including trail conditions, call 360-569-2211.

Seven Lakes Basin - High Divide Loop

Sol Duc River Trail, High Divide, Canyon Creek Trail A NPS foot trail with moderate to heavy use. 18.2 mile loop provides easy access to subalpine with exceptional views of interior mountains from High Divide. Seven Lakes Basin more than lives up to its name with opportunities to explore open subalpine meadows and lakes. Beautiful old growth forest below 3500 ft. elev.

Trail grade is flat first mile to Sol Duc Falls. Along Sol Duc River Trail to Appleton Pass Jct, gentle to moderate grade. From there to High Divide moderate with a few steep sections. Ups and downs along High Divide. Moderately steep descent via switchbacks from Bogachiel Peak to Lunch Lake Trail jct. Moderate to gentle slope descending from there to Sol Duc Falls.

Elk are frequently seen in the headwaters of the Bogachiel. Bear sightings are common in the Seven Lakes basin area. Deer Lake is aptly named; bear, deer can occasionally be seen in the Anderson Pass area. Fishing is a popular activity in many of the lakes, though there are no fish in Heart Lake and several of the smaller unnamed lakes in the basin.

Primary access is at the end of paved Sol Duc Hot Springs Road, 14 miles from US 101. Trail connects with Appleton Pass Trail, Hoh Lake Trail, and Bogachiel River Trail. Sol Duc is the main approach to cross country traverse through the Bailey Range.

Guye Cabin Work Party Sept 13 8-5

Reduce your carbon footprint, 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. Spend the day and night!

Mostly all outside with yard work.

Bring your 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 still on the list

Inside

Re wire the men's dorm

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

Firewood detail (split and stack)

Trail work

Benches for outside

Needed Donations (must be nice)

New Ping Pong Table

Wooden chairs



Annual Meeting October 19



Open House 10-2!



Potluck Lunch at 12 pm



Annual Member Meeting at 2 pm



Last work Party will be October 18



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



Or just relax and make some friends



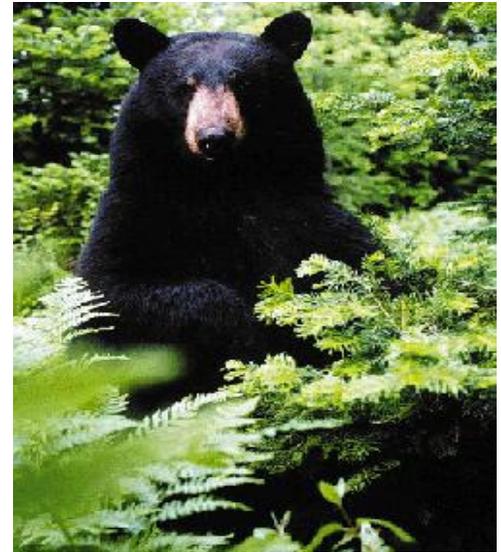
Stop by, spend the day, Stay the night! Or longer!





Do not approach the bear, especially if cubs are around. Give the bear plenty of room and slowly back away. Leave the bear an escape route at all times.

Running away is not a wise decision as running may also stimulate the bear's instinct to chase.



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