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ISSAQUAH ALPS TRAILS CLUB

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THE ISSAQUAH ALPINE

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"If we preserved as parks only those places that have no economic possibilities, we would have no parks. And in the decades to come, it will not be only the buffalo and the trumpeter swan who need sanctuaries. Our own species is going to need them too. It needs them now."

-- Wallace Stegner

PRESIDENT'S (FIFTH) REPORT

Our club inventory contains some 50 basic walking routes; variations add up to about 70 distinct trips that in the past year have become established as favorites. Truly, we are blessed by "infinite riches in little room."

Today we are. Tomorrow?

Only a half-dozen of the routes -- those in existing parks -- have a guaranteed future. The others are subject to instant change with little notice or none. (See "Disaster on West Tiger," below.) Developers are gridding the hills and vales with blacktop. Timber managers are "liquidating inventories" as if there were no tomorrow, hastily leading Tiger Mountain forests on ships bound for Japan and Korea. The developer-loggers (note that some companies and public agencies are locally engaged in both activities), if permitted to do everything they plan, would convert more than 90 percent of the miles we regularly walk into residential streets or logging road-motorcycle raceways. The transformation would be complete in the middle 1980s, at which time the IATC might as well shut up shop and refer all inquiries to North Bend.

The IATC scenario is different. Though we congenial pedestrians often are portrayed as lack-the-deer-behind-us elitists, most of our own members are relative newcomers, painfully aware, to quote the old punchline, that "everybody's got to be someplace." We envision a great many more homes in the Issaquah Alps. But we recall Pelly Adler's dictum--"a house is not a home." We believe the new houses have a much better chance to become homes if they are built around large green-and-quiet spaces, that would provide both local residents and the entirety of Metro-linked Puget Sound City near-home sanctuaries from the hurly-burly.

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*** SALMON DAYS ***

Saturday, October 4
Noon to 6

Sunday, October 5
9 to 6

Once again, we're having a "Wilderness on the Metro 210" for public officials, prospective members and Jes' plain members.

We'll be staffing a booth at Front & Sunset on both days. There we'll sell memberships, Tiger Mountain maps, and the fresh-off-the-press "Guide to Trails of Tiger Mountain" by board member, Bill Longwell. Members will be called and asked to serve a two-hour shift.

Hikes to Tradition Lake & Issaquah Vista will leave from our booth at various times both days. The Class 3 hikes to West Tiger 3, Tiger Caves, and Foo Egg Point will start at 9, 9:30, and 10 respectively. Class 1-2 hikes leave on the hour (Saturday--1 to 4, Sunday--1 to 4). Several leaders will be needed for each hike, so think about which one you wish to lead. You will be called!

Your most important job, whether you lead a hike, staff the booth, or come along for the fun, is to sell the idea of a close-in, forested hiking area on Cougar and Tiger Mountains. Tell the people you meet about our Cougar Mt. Park proposal and our hopes for a public trail system on Tiger with the co-operation of DNR and Weyerhaeuser. Emphasize how easy it is to take the bus to the Issaquah Alps; no 2-3 hour drive to the hinterlands. The Issaquah Alps are easily accessible to rich and poor (one doesn't need a car), city dwellers and rural folk, young and old, beginners and experienced mountaineers. And they are varied and beautiful. The Watershed has nearly every type of lowland forest that exists in Western Washington and all inside the city limits! Talk it up, gang!

SALMON DAYS AROUND-ISSAQUAH TOUR

Sunday, October 5

Just show up at the Trails Club booth in downtown Issaquah. Rides will leave the booth at 10 o'clock and noon. Easy going, on the level, exploring the Issaquah Plain. This is particularly good for local folks who want to know the around-town biking better.

The IATC also envisions continued harvesting of forest resources to build our homes and publish our newsletters and stoke our newly-installed wood stoves. However, in the Issaquah Alps we propose a sharp break with the profit-maximizing frontier-style forestry of the past and present. We urge a European-like urban tree-farming that supplies not only cellulose but recreation for neighboring urban masses. (Note that "re-creation" is more than fun and games, it has physical and psychiatric and spiritual depths. Many a person depends for survival of body, mind, and soul on regular walks in nearby woods.)

To achieve our goals we must do a lot of things as a club, and as individuals. And we have to do most of them right NOW.

COUGAR MOUNTAIN REGIONAL PARK: NEWCASTLE PLAN

The citizens committee at work since January, 1979 on a Newcastle Communities Plan has polarized. One group proposes a single "village" or "development cluster" on Cougar Mountain, the bulk of the open land to be placed in a "growth reserve" whose fate would be decided in years ahead by a subsequent review process. The opposing group wants an immediate, once-and-for-all, "build-out" plan that would situate four "villages" on Cougar and authorize - now - the supporting freeways, streets, schools, shopping centers, water, and sewers.

The "one-village" plan embodies essentially the IATC proposal for a large natural area, a unity of Long Marsh, High Marsh, Far Country, and Wilderness that in sum would be not just an arithmetical four times better than any one of them alone but a geometric 16 times better -- or a beyond-mathematics infinitely better.

We had been led to hope the "four-village" plan also would preserve the large central natural area by dispersing development around the periphery. We were disappointed. Its "villages" are in the very center of our proposal -- on slopes above the Long Marsh, in the Far Country, in the Wilderness, all around the High Marsh. A Bellevue-Redmond freeway (though it likely would be sugar-coated as "parkway") would climb Lakemont Gorge from I-90, blast through the Red Town-Long Marsh valley and the Far Country, and descend Far Country Creek past Surprise Wall to Ellenwood and May Valley. An arterial would cross Cougar Mountain from Red Town through the High Marsh, over Cougar Pass, and down to Tibbets Creek. Other arterials or streets would cross the Wilderness, contour just below the summit of Wilderness Peak, surround Anti-Aircraft Peak, follow the route of our proposed Precipice Trail, and on and on. There would not be, on the entirety of Cougar Mountain, any point more than a few hundred feet from a road -- and a "village."

The "four-village" plan ("Village-in-the-Parks," they call it, or "VIP Park") has been mapped and written to appear to be a version of the IATC proposal. It has no relation whatsoever to our plan. It gives nothing away the landowners have in their power to give -- its parks and greenbelts are located on a garbage dump, on coal-mine hazard areas, on wetlands and cliffs -- whatever cannot support a house or road is bragged up as a greenbelt or park.

There are some fine green spots in the plan. However, they virtually all are neighborhood amenities, contributing to the pleasure of life in the immediate vicinity and helping to sell real estate. Few even would attract visitors from far enough away to merit designation as "local." None could compete (to the north) with St. Edwards Park, or (to the west) Seward Park, or (to the south) Green River Gorge, or (to the east) the Issaquah Watershed, to name a few pedestrian-attracting places.

Two of the "four-village" parks are designated "regional," but in a more restricted definition than ours. One of them is centered on a golf course-soccer field - etc. complex located at an elevation of 1200-1300 feet on and around the site of old Klendike Lake. The other is the existing Coal Creek County Park enlarged to include much of the garbage dump ("landfill"). Let us not seem to belittle the splendid wild gulch of our beloved Coal Creek, but let us confess that by itself the park, even when enlarged, would have too few trail miles to provide the variety of experiences required to draw walkers repeatedly from considerable distances and thus be truly "regional." Little else in the "VIP Park" would strongly motivate a person to journey from Seattle -- any more than an Issaquah resident would journey to Seattle specifically to walk Ravenna Park.

For a specific example of a trail that has what we call "regional" appeal, the Regional Park would protect the entirety of the Cougar Ring, a 12-mile route on which IATC hike parties typically spend a whole day from 9 in the morning to 4 or 6 in the afternoon, the entire time never seeing (except in the far distance) a house or public road. The "four-village" plan would place the Ring mostly beside freeways or arterials, often separated from them by just 1 1/2 car widths. It would have the "trail" cross at least 9 public freeways, arterials or streets, pass through or close by about 25 clusters of houses. Never would the path be out of close sound of houses and automobiles, and only rarely and very briefly out of close sight. The "VIP Park" of the Central Newcastle Property Owners Association would not offer anything remotely resembling what we seek: "wilderness on the Metro 210."

The Newcastle Plan soon will be submitted to the public for comment and to the King County Council for debate. We must then speak up, as a club and as individuals. We must express opinions to each and every member of the Council.

The Cougar Mountain Regional Park proposed by IATC would serve not merely the Issaquah-Bellevue-Renton-Mercer Island area but Kent and Auburn and Des Moines, and Kirkland and Bethell and Woodinville, and Beacon Hill and West Seattle and Capitol Hill and Queen Anne Hill and Ballard and Lake Forest Park and Richmond Highlands. Our Regional Park would serve every resident of "Puget Sound City."

COUGAR MOUNTAIN REGIONAL PARK: COUNTY-WIDE PARKS BOND ISSUE

It is essential that the County Council adopt a Newcastle Plan embodying the Regional Park. That entails purchase of private property. That means money.

A county-wide citizens committee assisted by staff of County Parks has begun assembling park proposals from all municipalities and sections of the county, to be combined in a Forward-Thrust-type parks bond issue and put to the voters in, perhaps, 1981.

The sole proposal in the assemblage for a truly regional park is OURS. Cougar Mountain is expected to have top billing on the bond issue, to be the star attraction. All over the county, folks will be hearing about The Boulders and Licorice Fern Wall, Far Country Lookout and Long View Peak and De Leo Wall, Coyote Swamp and Lane Bear Swamp and the Skunk Cabbage Farm, Lakenont Gorge and the Stagecoach Road, Red Town and the Ball Park and Klendike Lake. We trust that citizens throughout King County will agree with the statement made in February, 1979, by Charles Royer, Mayor of Seattle:

"We need COUGAR MOUNTAIN."

A FIRST STEP ON MARSHALL'S HILL

On August 18 the King County Council accepted a plat for Rainier Crest, a new development on the west ridge of Marshall's Hill. By terms of the plat, the developer will deed to King County Parks two trail corridors from the Lake Bessie vicinity, one along China Creek and the other on the western extension of De Leo Wall, both aimed straight toward the Long Marsh and the Far Country. This is implicit recognition of the Regional Park concept.

It's a good long step.

DISASTER ON WEST TIGER

"The worst thing about the present is the future."
--Flaubert

When we learned (from the newspapers, please note) that Boeing Computer Services was going to build a microwave tower on West Tiger 2 (in Section 1, owned by Weyerhaeuser) we regretted this be-towering of still another summit of the Issaquah Alps, five of whose peaks already are dedicated to blabbermouth America's mania for ever-communication. However, we accepted the judgment that West Tiger 1 was full up and were counseled by the trade-off -- fencing and gating would bar the Jeep parade from 2. The important thing was that West Tiger 3, our refuge from wheels, never yet violated by motorcycle, remained pristine, a peaceful haven amid the spring gold and the ox-eye daisy, the lupine and the tiger lily, the sailplanes and the eagles. The environmental-impact checklist submitted to King County by Weyerhaeuser-Boeing specifically noted that in order to minimize disturbance the power would be brought in from the south.

The checklist proved to be a peculiar document, one we will have framed for hanging (where, remains to be decided, but I've an idea or two). An accompanying document testified that notices of the impending project were placed last spring at three points near the summit of West Tiger 3. Since Weyerhaeuser swears under oath it did that, it must be so, but during the period the notices are said by sworn statement to have been there, I myself spent a total of some 55 hours on the summit of West Tiger 3 and

never saw a notice. Perhaps I'd have seen them had they been placed not south and southeast of the summit, but to the north, the route by which 95 percent of hikers arrive. As for me, had I really wanted to notify hikers I'd have put notices on the trail. I might even have written or telephoned the president of the local hiking club which schedules a hike up West Tiger 3 every several weeks.

In August, just returned home from a long walk in the Cascades, I received a call from Bill Lengwell, who was virtually in tears. That day he had come upon the worst environmental catastrophe in all his years of walking Tiger Mountain. Contrary to the map and text of the application submitted to King County, the powerline had been brought in over the summit of West Tiger 3. A bulldozer swath some 12-15 feet wide had been gouged a distance of about 10,000 feet, down from the summit of West Tiger 2, across the Tiger Mountain Trail, down over 3, down beside the Tradition Trail, across the West Tiger Railroad Grade, and on down to the Puget Power line-- all this, after leaving Weyerhaeuser's Section 1, in Section 36 managed by the state Department of Natural Resources, the people who gave us (or tried to) the Stinger Timber Sale and the Newcastle Timber Sale.

The swath was for burying the cable. Presumably there were good economic reasons for bringing power in 2 miles rather than 1/2 mile from the existing power line on West Tiger 1. One reason suggested is to prepare for towers atop West Tiger 3.

The swath has been half-heartedly blockaded by legs that will take a motorcycle work gang all of an afternoon to chainsaw through, opening a glorious new downhill run, a truly championship course, and giving access to the Tiger Mountain Trail and the West Tiger Railroad Grade and the upper Tradition trail, all previously wheelfree. The DNR, whose naked intent is to turn Tiger into one great big ATV park, is chortling and cackling, you bet.

There will be an aftermath.

First off, on September 2 the Issaquah City Council (whose protest has so far stalled the Stinger Timber Sale), upon learning that the City had not been notified by anybody, voted (6-1) to request the following parties to come to a meeting and explain their roles in the West Tiger Disaster: The Boeing Company, The Weyerhaeuser Company, DNR, King County.

Second, though IATC has refrained from political endorsements, I must declare that in my personal opinion it is not a matter of politics but of survival -- the survival of Tiger Mountain -- to seek a change in the management.

One way is through the Plaintiff Trees suit undertaken against DNR by the Washington Environmental Council, Seattle Audubon Society, and other groups, supported by IATC.

Another is to go to the polls and oust the incumbent State Land Commissioner, boss of the DNR, Bert Cole. -- Unfortunately, by the time you read these words the primaries will be over. If, in the finals, you see the name of Larry Malley, you will be considering the only primary candidate to publicly endorse the WEC-IATC concept of "urban tree farms."

Sad to say, if Larry ain't in the finals, the guy who beat him most likely is the "fail-safe" candidate of the same people who have given us Ol' King Cole, the Stinger, and the West Tiger 3 Disaster.

Inseparable from the DNR problem, but compelling a new look in the light of this bad summer, is the Weyerhaeuser question

"It's people like you as causes' arrest."
---Monty Python

Harvey Manning
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OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

For information on any subject whatsoever, call any member of the Board of Directors:

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To volunteer to serve on a committee, or for information about its activities, call the Chairs (if no number is listed, call a Director):

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MEETINGS

All these meetings are open to the entire membership -- to come and listen, or to speak up and help shape club decisions. Please join us.

All these meetings are at Newport Way Library, 14250 SE Newport Way, Bellevue (just a bit west of the four-way stop in Eastgate).

Hikes Committee

Thursday, November 13, 7:30 p.m.

Mike leaders are particularly urged to attend, but everyone is welcome. The committee needs to know what you think we're doing right, what wrong, and what we can do better. This meeting specifically will look forward to the schedule for January-February-March.

Board of Directors

Thursday, October 23, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 26, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 18, 7:30 p.m.

Though we try to keep members informed of key issues in these pages, the Board meetings are our only forum for thorough discussion of which scoundrels are doing what naughty things in our Alps and how we can frustrate their wicked designs.

IATC PUBLICATIONS

TIGER MOUNTAIN MAP, by Bill Longwell

\$1.00

Shows all the roads and trails described in the guidebook (below). You need both.

GUIDE TO TRAILS OF TIGER MOUNTAIN, by Bill Longwell

\$3.00

Off the press at last -- so now there's no excuse for IATC hike leaders wandering around downtown Issaquah asking how to get to High Point. But you also need the map (above). 42 pages, 8 1/2 x 11 inches.

ISSAQUAH ALPS BUMPERSTICKERS

75¢ apiece, two for \$1.00, 50¢ for each additional.

★ COMING ATTRACTIONS.....

Map and Guide to Geology of the Alps, by Mary Pistrang

Map and Trail Guide to Squak and Cougar, by Longwell and Manning

The Yearly Flowering of the Alps, by Manning and Longwell

(All the flowering plants observed to date by the two, listed in approximate annual sequence of blossoming, from February to August.)

→ WHERE DO YOU GET THESE GOOD THINGS? ←

By mail from Issaquah Alps Trails Club
P.O. Box 351
Issaquah, WA 98027 (with each order, add 50¢
mailing costs)

Or, ask at the Park & Ride -- some leaders will have a supply for sale.



Most easily arranged, buy from retail outlets:
Both bookstores in Issaquah: Frent Street Books, new in Gilman Village; The Book People, just south of the Thriftway, just off Frent Street.
In Bellevue area, the Backpackers Mountaineering Store, 14100 NE 20th.
In Seattle, Recreational Equipment Inc (REI), 1525 11th Ave.; Seattle Audubon Society office in Joshua Green Building, 1425 4th Ave.

HISTORY SEMINARS

The President of the United States who on a hot Fourth of July drank too much at the Newcastle Ball Park, passed out, and had to be carried by the miners back to the train...

The "Wooden Pacific Railroad" that hauled rails and locomotive 1500 feet up the incline from High Point Mill to the West Tiger Railroad Grade, and then took the logs down...

The Sunday that Klondike Lake busted through its bottom, flooded the Newcastle mines, and washed pea coal all the way down Coal Creek to Lake Washington...

Knowledge of the past adds immeasurably to enjoyment of hikes in the Issaquah Alps. And so, by popular demand, we're starting a program of seminars, co-sponsored by the Newcastle Historical Society.

The place: Issaquah Community Hall, in the Issaquah Fire Station east of the postoffice, on the north side of Sunset, at 2nd.

The dates: Thursday, November 6, at 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 11, at 7:30 p.m.

For these first meetings, we'll use a "seminar" format, a panel of local experts speaking on various subjects (mining, logging, homesteading), discussing, exchanging information, the audience participating by volunteering facts and asking questions.

Jean Bacon, President of the Newcastle Historical Society, will be there, as well as the likes of Bill Longwell, Tim O'Brian, Harvey Manning, Ted and Anne Leber, and other local residents who know this and that about that and this. We hope to recruit such stars as Fred Rounds, who knows the inside of Cougar Mountain better than most of us know the outside. He also worked summers as a railroad logger on Cougar and Tiger; in winter he went down into the mines because "the weather was better there."

BICYCLE RIDES

After a lapse, a revival of biking with Rosamarie Spence now aided by Larry and Susan Lohrman (392-5192).

They will lead three rides -- guaranteed to be at a slower pace than that of the "pro's," so beginners need not be afraid to come along and see how it goes.

Moreover, the Lohrmans will give assistance in repairing bikes, and teaching you how to do it yourself.

Come ride. The committee is planning to inventory all bike routes in the Alps -- and prepare an Action Plan to get more.

SALMON DAYS ARCEND-ISSAQUAH TOUR

Sunday, October 5

Just show up at the Trails Club booth in downtown Issaquah. Rides will leave the booth at 10 o'clock and noon. Easy going, on the level, exploring the Issaquah plain. This is particularly good for local folks who want to know the around-town biking better.

ISSAQUAH TO MAPLE VALLEY

Saturday, October 18

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 9 a.m.
Leaders: the Lohrmans, 392-5192

This 30-mile ride is especially beautiful in late October. Bring lunch.

ISSAQUAH TO FALL CITY

Saturday, November 8

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 9 a.m.
Leaders: the Lohrmans, 392-5192

A ride of about 25 miles, with little traffic and lots of Nature.

HIKES

OCTOBER-NOVEMBER-DECEMBER

Hikes Committee: Russ Williams (392-5989), in charge of Saturday hikes; Craig and Pat Taylor (BA 6-6626), Sunday hikes, and also Young Family Specials; Virginia Gallagher (255-5591), midweek 1-2 hikes; Ted and Ann Leber (745-3291), midweek 3-4 hikes; Paula Clark, 271-2771, troubleshooter

Hike Classification

Class 1: Toddlers' and Birders' Delights. Short trips on improved paths at a pace easy for a just-walker or a parent with babe on back, and perfect for studying birds and beetles and all.

Class 2: Easy Morning or Afternoons. 3-4 hours at a loitering pace, perhaps going 5 miles on the flat, or less if some elevation is gained.

Class 3: Easy Day. Usually start around 9 in morning, run to 3-4 in the afternoon, with plenty of stops. Can be handled by any person in moderately good (bad) condition. Small children often come along, sometimes on parental backs.

Class 4: Steady-Going Day. A steadier pace but not really grueling, just good exercise. A person should be sure Class 3 is no strain before trying these.

Class 5: Longwell Mad Dashes. A day of 20 miles, at about 2 3/4-3 miles an hour. So far only Bill does these.

Special Trips

Responding to the huge success of our flower walk and geology tour (both to be repeated in future), this fall we are doing two bird walks, co-sponsored by Seattle Audubon Society. See learn from the experts.

We have two work parties, one brushing out a section of the Tiger Mountain Trail, another blazing a connection of the three now-separate trails of May Creek County Park so

the entire park can be walked on a single easy trip.

We also have an Exploration Hike, scouting the waterfall avenue of Trout Hatchery Creek down to the wild side of the Rainier River.

Finally, we have one night hike a month: a Full Moon (Coyote Chorale) hike and two Lantern (City Lights) Hikes. Come hear a little night music, gaze upon the megalopolitan nova.

Meeting Place

Virtually all hikes assemble at the Issaquah Park & Ride Lot, west of Issaquah at Goode's Corner, the junction of Highway 900 and Newport Way, about 1/4 mile south of I-90. It's a big lot -- we gather at the south end.

For some hikes, we assemble in downtown Issaquah, and occasionally someplace else. Take note of the stated meeting place for each hike.

Most hikes are coordinated with the Metro 210 schedule. That is, hikes generally leave the Park & Ride at 8:30 in the morning, or 10 or 10:30 in the morning, or 12:30 in the afternoon, in each case shortly after scheduled arrival of a 210 from points west. Check your 210 schedule.

Sponsorship

All hikes are co-sponsored by Issaquah Parks and Recreation Department and presented with assistance of Bellevue, Mercer Island, Renton, Seattle, and King County Parks Department. The public is welcome on all hikes, as are other clubs, youth groups, church groups, etc. Children under 13 should be accompanied by an older person.

SOUTH TIGER VISTA (Class 2)

Thursday, October 2

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 10:30 a.m. (to meet Metro 210 that arrives at 10:15)

Leader: Evelyn Rudolph, 392-4060

Broad views down to Hobart, across to Squak, out to Rainier and St. Helens.

SALMON DAYS EXTRAVAGANZA (Class 1-2-3-4)

Saturday-Sunday, October 4-5

Hikes Saturday afternoon and all day Sunday, from Issaquah Creek to summit of West Tiger and Poo Poo Point. See schedule on page 2. EVERYBODY COME!!! Meet at the Issaquah Alps booth, right in middle of downtown Issaquah.

HIGH POINT TO ISSAQUAH OVERLOOK (Class 1)

Monday, October 6

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 10:30 a.m.

Leader: Virginia Gallagher, 255-5591

Tramp the old railroad grade through the woods, by the creeks, to Big Erratic and a broad view of the Issaquah Plain, Lake Sammamish, Squak and Cougar, I-90.

MARSHALL'S HILL-DE LEO WALL (Class 3)

Tuesday, October 7

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 8:30 a.m.

Leader: Betty Culbert, 641-6451

Walk the new bypass Trail from Surprise Wall around Frog Swamp to Far Country Creek, and onward to the Far Country and Marshall's Hill, the peak of Cougar Mountain that closely overlooks Renton. Carefully, carefully skid to the brink of amazing De Leo Wall, Cougar's grandest precipice, and site of only known Oregon white oak in the Alps.

WEST TIGER 3 -- OVERNIGHT (CITY LIGHTS) SPECIAL (Class 3+)

Saturday-Sunday, October 11-12

Meeting place: Issaquah City Hall, on Sunset Way east of Front, 12:30 p.m. Saturday

Leader: Mark Follett, 937-2746

Come by 210, or park anywhere in downtown Issaquah. We'll ascend leisurely Saturday, past Lake Tradition, and sack out in the "tree caves" atop the peak. No fancy gear required just a horse blanket to roll up in and a polyethylene "drop cloth" to fend off whatever may be in the sky. Bring liquid. If you plan to cook, bring a stove. No wood fires. Enjoy the dazzling sunset over the Olympics, then the billion-eyed megalopolis. -- Or, if fate so determines, the thrilling weather.

TIGER TAH-ER WALL (Class 3-)

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 8:30 a.m.
 Leaders: Mike Hyman, 392-4901
 Walk a new logging road through a tragic clearcut, enter big-tree virgin forest, and emerge atop the terrific cliff we've all gaped at above the Hobart Road. Bring leashes for the children. The place is safe but those 1000 feet of empty air make a parent nervous.

Saturday, October 11**GRAND CANYON OF FIFTEENMILE CREEK (Class 2)**

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 12:30 p.m.
 Leader: Virginia Cuykendall, 746-7290
 Ascend Tiger's grandest stream to the slot canyon etched in gaudy sandstones and coal. Search for amber and fossils. Poke noses (not bodies) into coal mines.

Sunday, October 12**SQUAK MOUNTAIN VIA THRUSH GAP (Class 3)**

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 8:30 p.m.
 Leader: Paul Clark, 271-2771
 Dr. Longwell, Chief Squak, has promised to reveal to Paula his Secret Way to the wonderful woodland trail that climbs Squak from the south to Thrush Gap, whence the trail we already know proceeds to the summit.

Wednesday, October 15**SQUAK MOUNTAIN WEST FACE (CHYBINSKI TRAIL) (Class 2)**

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 10:30 a.m.
 Leader: Joe and Dina Chybinski, 722-2365
 A deep-woods trail on the steep west face, featuring magnificent ancient "stringers" of a bridge traveled by logging trucks in the 1920s. A beautiful "nursebridge."

Thursday, October 16**PRESTON TO ISSAQUAH (Class 2)**

Meeting place: Downtown Issaquah, corner of Front and Sunset (null Station), 11:45 a.m. (to catch the noon bus to Preston)
 Leader: Roger Johnson, 746-4947
 Something completely different. We take the Metro 210 to Preston County Park, then walk back to downtown Issaquah. Fall colors on the maple trees. Salmon spawning in East Fork Issaquah Creek. Side-trip to Big Erratic for views of Issaquah Plain.

Saturday, October 18**MIDDLE TIGER MOUNTAIN (Class 3-)**

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 8:30 a.m.
 Leader: Kent L. Cootes, 392-2467
 One of the favorite viewpoints in the Alps, between West Tiger and East Tiger and South Tiger. Approach via the Tiger Mountain Trail from south, then climb to the bald summit for vistas from Issaquah and Seattle to Rainier and St. Helens.

Sunday, October 19**GRAND CANYON FIFTEENMILE CREEK MIDDLE TIGER RAILROAD or TMT LOOP (Class 3) Tuesday, October 21**

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 8:30 a.m.
 Leader: Harvey Manning, SH 6-1017
 From the Grand Canyon we ascend to the Middle Tiger Railroad Trail, sidetrip to Fifteen-mile Creek in its wildest stretch, then loop on out via the Railroad Trail and Middle Tiger Trail. -- Or continue up to Tiger Mountain Trail and loop out via that.

LAKE TRADITION FROM ISSAQUAH (Class 2)

Meeting place: Issaquah City Hall, on Sunset Way, 10:40 a.m. (to meet 210)
 Leader: Jerry Wheeler, 242-9344
 Each leader has his/her favorite route through the Issaquah Watershed Wilderness. Jerry will choose from among the 1100-year old Big Trees of the Lower Plateau, and the century-old cedar-puncheon skidroad used by oxen, and the around-the-lake trail, and Round Lake and Rain Forest East and old waterworks and logging camps and farms (Apples in the orchard should be ripe -- watch out for bears).

Wednesday, October 22**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Meeting place: Newport Way Library, 7:30 p.m. You're all invited.

Thursday, October 23

FULL MOON (LOYER CHEBALE) HIKE -- NO CLASS (no class) **Saturday, October 11**
 Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 8:30 p.m.
 Leaders: Bill Longwell, 255-1295
 The Hunters' Moon comes full the night before, and will guarantee the coyotes will be singing at places he knows. Just in case the moon hides, bring a flashlight. We'll be home in time to get a good night's sleep.

COUGAR MOUNTAIN WILDERNESS (Class 3)

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 8:30 a.m.
 Leader: Mike Hyman, 392-4901
 Each leader has a personal recipe for the many ingredients. We always start by ascending Wilderness Creek via either The Boulders or Bigview Wall and Wildview Wall. The itinerary may then include some or all of the following: Long View Peak, Sky Bear Pass, Wilderness Peak, Fall Line Trail, Blackwater Pond, Claypit Peak, King Road Peak, Lily Knoll

Saturday, October 25**MAY CREEK COUNTY PARK -- WORK PARTY, TRAIL-BLAZING (no class) Sunday, October 26**

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 8:30 a.m.
 Leader: Dave Karler, 245-0741
 May Creek County Park is a jewel, but too little-known, largely because its three trail systems lack connections. Dave will lead a hardy band into the lovely green depths to flag an easy way through forests and glades, so we will be able to walk all the way from Lake Washington to May Valley -- and via the Seattle Water Pipeline route, northward to Coal Creek Park.

GRAND CANYON FIFTEENMILE CREEK (Class 2)

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 10:30 a.m.
 Leader: Larry Vintner, 746-5775
 See October 12.

Tuesday, October 28**WEST TIGER CAVES (Class 3+)**

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 8:30 a.m.
 Leader: Harvey Manning, SH 6-1017
 The largest known talus caves in the state, right here by little old Issaquah, including one enormous room that requires no squirming, is a simple walk-in. Bring flashlights.

Friday, October 31**THE BOULDERS (Class 2)**

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 12:30 p.m.
 Leader: Roger Johnson, 746-4947
 In the valley of Cougar Mountain's Wilderness Creek lie house-size chunks of andesite tumbled from glacier-steepened cliffs above. Moss and ferns drape the rock. The creek tumbles down beside. Possible 10-minute sidetrip up to Bigview Cliff, best view available of the Sunset quarry.

Saturday, November 1**TIGER MOUNTAIN TRAIL -- WORK PARTY (no class at all)**

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 8:30 a.m.
 Leader: Bill Longwell, 255-1295
 The green things grow, and grow, and overgrow, and must be dealt with periodically. Now is the time. An all-star cast of Trails Clubs leaders is promised. Come admire their alder-chopping technique.

Saturday, November 1**MARSHALL'S HILL-DE LEO WALL (Class 3)**

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 8:30 a.m.
 Leader: Steve Smith, 226-2694
 See October 7.

Sunday, November 2**COUGAR RING TRAIL (Class 4)**

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 8:30 a.m.
 Leader: Harvey Manning, SH 6-1017
 The centerpiece of our proposed Cougar Mountain Regional park, a 12-mile, all-day, steady-going, up-and-down circle hike that samples the Long Marsh, Far Country, The Wilderness, High Marsh, Far Country Lookout, and tops Wilderness, Claypit, and Anti-Aircraft Peaks.

Sunday, November 2

Wednesday, November 12

WEST TIGER 3 TOM REYNOLDS SPECIAL (Class 3)

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 8:30 a.m.

Leader: Tom Reynolds, 613-3460

The summit of West Tiger that hangs in the air over Issaquah and gives the grander views from San Juan Islands to Rainier to Olympics. Tom claims he has a special, unique route he'll not reveal except to those who come along. Bring flashlights and iron ratic just in case.

THURSDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 13, COME TO THE MEETING OF THE HIKES COMMITTEE
SEE DETAILS ELSEWHERE IN THESE PAGES

LICORICE FERN WALL-SURPRISE WALL-TROG SWAMP (Class 2)

Saturday, November 15

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 12:30 p.m.

Leader: Jerry Wheeler, 242-9344

Buboles will lead us to the top of Licorice Fern, and views over May Valley, then to the incredible Surprise Wall and Trog Swamp, in the valley of Par Country Creek, on Cougar Mountain.

POO POO (GLIDER) POINT (Class 3)

Sunday, November 16

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 8:30 a.m.

Leader: A. J. Culver, 392-3002

See November 4. However, if A. J. is eager that day, he may have designs on adding West Tiger 3 to the bag. But this is optional. You don't have to go all the way with.

MIDDLE TIGER MOUNTAIN (Class 3)

Tuesday, November 18

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 8:30 a.m.

Leader: Betty Culbert, 641-6451

See October 19.

SOUTH TIGER VISTA (Class 2)

Thursday, November 20

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 10:30 a.m.

Leader: Joe and Dina Chybinski, 722-2365

See October 2.

GRAND CANYON FIFTEENMILE CREEK-MIDDLE TIGER RAILROAD GRADE-TMT LOOP (Class 3) Sat., No.

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 8:30 a.m.

Leader: George Heiser, 392-2033

See October 21. But George may well invent a different way. Just about every 10 does. Sometimes it becomes a 3+ or a 4.

BIRDING WITH THE AUDUBON SOCIETY (Class 1)

Saturday, November 22

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 12:30 p.m.

Co-leaders: Bill Longwell, 255-1295, and Seattle Audubon Society

You liked our flower trip? Our rock trip? You'll love this, the first of two bird trips. Location to be chosen by the experts. Bring binoculars if you have them. If the group is large, it will be split into sections in order to not alarm the birds.

COAL CREEK COUNTY PARK (Class 2)

Sunday, November 23

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 12:30 p.m.

Leader: Barbara Johnson, 746-4947

If the leader is in the mood, this trip will start at The Farm and follow the historic old railroad grade 1 mile to the site of Red Town. A look into Cinder Mine. A visit to North Fork Falls. On return, a visit down to the sandstone canyon of Coal Creek, and happens to (or near) the site of the Mary Tunnel, among the oldest Newcastle mines.

GRAND CANYON OF FIFTEENMILE CREEK (Class 2)

Monday, November 24

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 10:30 a.m.

Leader: Virginia Gallagher, 255-5591

See October 12.

COME TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Tuesday, November 4

POO POO (GLIDER) POINT (Class 3)

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 8:30 a.m.

Leader: Jim and Georgia Klotz, 747-4444

A popular viewpoint of Issaquah valley, Squak, and hang gliders plummeting down toward the cows. If weather and party permit, a long and lovely alternate return via the West Tiger Railroad Grade through Many Creek Valley. See the red paint of the DNR's proposed Stinger Timber Sale. Yell and scream as appropriate.

LANTERN HIKE (CITY LIGHTS SPECIAL) TO ISSAQUAH VISTA (Class 2) Wednesday evening, Nov. 5

Meeting place: Issaquah City Hall, east of Front on Sunset, 6:30 p.m.

Leader: (Just Plain) Reynolds, 643-5164

Bring a lantern or flashlight or firebrand and stroll from downtown Issaquah across the creek and up to the old rail grade and onward to the top of the vast gravel pit and wonder at the electricity on the landscape from Issaquah to Seattle. Home early for a night's sleep.

LAKE TRADITION FROM HIGH POINT (Class 1-2)

Thursday, November 6

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 10:30 a.m.

Leader: Evelyn Rudolph, 392-4060

Not having to climb the scarp, this is the easy way to the Issaquah Watershed -- but once there, all the regular attractions, at leader's choice. See October 22.

THURSDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 6, HISTORY SEMINAR AT ISSAQUAH COMMUNITY HALL See announcement elsewhere in these pages.

TIGER MOUNTAIN TRAIL (Class 4)

Saturday, November 8

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 8:30 a.m.

Leader: Joe Toynbee, 723-6716

Here it is, the classic 10.3-mile trail from near Highway 18 to High Point. A car-switch lets us do the whole thing on a one-way walk, to vistas, creeks, forests -- and on this date, quite possibly a bit of snow. Bring flashlights, just in case.

HOOR TRAIL (GRAND RIDGE) (Class 2+)

Sunday, November 9

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 12:30 p.m.

Leader: Bill Daly, 392-1405

A deep-forest loop on Grand Ridge, where the deer and the bear play and often in dusk is heard the voice of the coyote.

RATTLESNAKE LEDGE (Class 3-)

Sunday, November 9

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 8:30 a.m.

Leader: Phil Beckley, 255-1308

Some will complain that this far-east precipice of Rattlesnake Mountain belongs to North Bend, not Issaquah. True enough, but Rattlesnake surely is one of our "Old Mountains," the Alps, and the west-end vista hike has been temporarily suspended due to loud wails of anguish. The Ledge is the most spectacular part of the mountain, with high walls that would give a mountain goat the vertigo (the trail, though, is safe and short), and gasper-type views of the North Bend Plain, the fault scarp of Mount Si, and more.

HILLTOP TRAIL (COUGAR MOUNTAIN) (Class 1)

Tuesday, November 11

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 10:30 a.m.

Leader: Pat Kaald (for information, call 255-5591)

By courtesy of Hilltop residents, we are permitted to walk their nature trail, a loop around this 1000-foot peak of Cougar. Thanks (no thanks) to forest-obliterating subdivisions, the view of Bellevue, Seattle, and Rainier -- which we loved through windows in the forest -- now is enormous.

- COUGAR MOUNTAIN WILDERNESS (Class 3)
 Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 8:30 a.m.
 Leader: Ted and Ann Leber, 746-3291
 See October 25. Friday, November 28
- SQUAK MOUNTAIN WEST FACE -- CHYBINSKI TRAIL (Class 2)
 Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 12:30 p.m.
 Leader: Phil Beckley, 255-1308
 See October 16. Saturday, November 29
- WEST TIGER CAVES (Class 3+)
 Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 8:30 a.m.
 Leader: Tim O'Brian, 392-7365
 See October 31. Inasmuch as Tim is the leading expert on the caves, his trip may go somewhat differently. Tim's trips usually do. Sunday, November 30
- SOUTH TIGER VISTA (Class 2)
 Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 10:30 a.m.
 Leader: Evelyn Rudolph, 392-4060
 See October 2. Monday, December 1
- ANTI-AIRCRAFT PEAK, COUGAR MOUNTAIN (Class 3)
 Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 8:30 a.m.
 Leader: Jim and Georgia Klotz, 747-4444
 From Goode's Corner we ascend near, but not on, the route of the historic Stagecoach Road, and continue on woods roads to the summit of Anti-Aircraft Peak, site of a King County (undeveloped) park. Grand views down on Lake Sammamish, north to Mount Baker. Tuesday, December 2
- LANTERN HIKE (CITY LIGHTS SPECIAL) TO LONG VIEW PEAK (Class 2+)
 Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 6:30 p.m.
 Leader: Tom Mechler, 255-0922
 Again, bring something to see with, since we start and return in the dark. Ascent via Ring Road Peak to one of the finest views available from Cougar Mountain, out over May Valley to Renton, Sea-Tac, and lights of Tacoma. Wednesday eve, Dec. 3
- WEST TIGER 1 -- PRESTON TRAIL (Class 3+)
 Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 8:30 a.m.
 Leader: Trudy Ecob, 232-2933
 It's not true Trudy knows no other trails -- it's just she loves the trail Dick Heinz built. And so do we all. A bully wild way to the highest peak of West Tiger. Saturday, December 6
- LAKE TRADITION WILDERNESS (Class 2)
 Meeting place: Issaquah City Hall, on Sunset, 12:40 p.m.
 Leader: Bill Daly, 392-1405
 See October 22. Sunday, December 7
- WEST TIGER 3 (Class 3)
 Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 3:30 a.m.
 Leader: Robert Wood, 324-8416
 See November 12. Now that Ol' Grizz knows the route through downtown Issaquah, he may have his own notions on how to climb West Tiger 3. Wednesday, December 10
- PRESTON TO SNOQUALMIE FALLS VISTA (Class 2)
 Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 10:30 a.m.
 Leader: Jerry Wheeler, 242-9344
 From Preston County Park we walk the old railroad grade -- which is to become a King County bike-hike-horse trail -- to the Ragging River and onward to a superb overlook of the lower Snoqualmie valley and Snoqualmie Falls. Thursday, December 11

- BEAVER VALLEY (Class 2)
 Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 8:30 a.m. (note)
 Leader: Paula Clark, 271-2771
 Note early starting time, due to length of drive to east side of Tiger Mountain and up East Side Road to trailhead. The hike itself is quite short and easy, giving plenty of time to enjoy the 18-odd beaver dams, an estimated 50-5 years old, and the "ecotone" where Sitka spruce and Pacific silver fir mingle in a most unusual combination. Saturday, December 13
- THE GRAND TIGER TRAVERSE (Class 3+)
 Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 8:30 a.m.
 Leader: Mark Follett, 937-2746
 The grand Tiger Traverse is a car-switching one-way hike, covering lots of ground because no steps are retraced. The really-truly "Grand" is from the Middle Tiger Railroad Grade up to Fifteenmile Pass and down new railroad trail to the Dick Heinz Trail to Preston. However, some leaders substitute a West Tiger 3-2-1 wipeout, from Issaquah to Preston, doing all three peaks. That's a h. Sunday, December 14
- LAKEMONT GORGE (Class 2)
 Meeting place: Exit 13 off I-90, stubend of concrete on south side of freeway, 12:30 p.m.
 Leader: Buzz Moore, 746-1366
 The gorge of Lewis Creek, proposed for a Bellevue-Renton Freeway (sugarcoated as "boulevard"), a scheme roundly defeated 4 years ago but now trying to get itself revived. Ascend in rainforest-like forest, sidetripping to waterfalls. Visit an abandoned homestead where the local bears come in the fall of the year to harvest the apples. Sunday, December 14
- SQUAK MOUNTAIN, WEST FACE -- CHYBINSKI TRAIL (Class 2)
 Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 10:30 a.m.
 Leader: Joe and Dina Chybinski, 722-2865
 See October 16. Joe has some special variations on the route. Tuesday, December 16
- LANTERN HIKE (CITY LIGHTS SPECIAL) TO ANTI-AIRCRAFT PEAK (Class 1 1/2)
 Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 10:30 a.m.
 Leader: (Just Plain) Reynolds, 443-5164
 A walk along dark country roads, looking out to the lights of Seattle, and on to the summit, with stunning views down to Lake Sammamish and north to Everett's lights. Wed. eve., December 17
- ATTEND BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18. Details elsewhere in these pages.
- MAIN (EAST) TIGER VIA SILENT SWAMP (Class 3)
 Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 8:30 a.m.
 Leader: Ted and Ann Leber, 746-3291
 Though roaring-loud on weekends, due to the "tolerance" policy of DNR, on weekdays the road is quiet. Views are distinctively eastward over the Ragging River to Rattlesnake and the Cascades. The trail through Silent Swamp is alone worth the trip. Possible side-trip to Beaver Valley. Thursday, December 18
- SQUAK MOUNTAIN, NORTHEAST FACE LOOP (Class 3)
 Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 8:30 a.m.
 Leader: Kent L. Cootes, 392-2667
 The classic tour of Squak Mountain State Park, with splendid forests the whole way, views from the summit, windows down on Issaquah, Thrush Gap, a delightful cliff-walk along the 1920s narrow-gauge logging-truck trail, and a visit to the Mysterious Sawmill, once perched high there in the sky. Why? Saturday, December 20
- BIRDING WITH AUDUBON #2 (Class 1)
 Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 12:30 p.m.
 Co-leader: Bill Longwell, Seattle Audubon Society
 See November 22. Again the experts will introduce us to the birds. Saturday, December 20

SOUTH TIGER VISTA (Class 2)

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 12:30 p.m.
Leader: Russ Williams, 392-5989
See October 2.

Sunday, December 21

LAKE TRADITION FROM HIGH POINT (Class 1)

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 10:30 a.m.
Leader: Virginia Gallagher, 255-5591
See November 6.

Monday, December 22

ISSAQUAH VISTA (Class 2)

Meeting place: Issaquah City Hall, on Sunset east of Front, 12:40 p.m.
Leader: Barbara Johnson, 746-4947
From beautiful downtown Issaquah, Barb will lead us over the East Fork Issaquah Creek (where the salmon spawn), and to the railroad grade, thence to the top of the moraine plateau and out to the scarp of the gravel pit, with awesome looks down into the pit, and broad vistas over Issaquah Plain and Lake Sammamish. See the gray glacial drift of the Vashon advance, and the iron-stained drifts of the earlier Salmon Springs advance. Old gravel gets rusty.

Saturday, December 27

SIX CREEKS OF WEST TIGER } (Class 3)

Meeting place: Issaquah City Hall, on Sunset east of Front, 8:45 a.m.
Leader: Tim O'Brian, 392-7365
A brandnew trip invented by Tim, sage of the caves, friend of the bats. From Tradition Plateau the way climbs lower slopes of West Tiger }, then contours (no trail, but safely through easy, open forest) across the great cirque-like amphitheater whose runoff charges the aquifers of the Issaquah Watershed. Cross two forks of Tradition Creek, two forks of Cave and Round Creek, then loop on back via the Section Line trail and the powerlines.

Sunday, December 28

EXPLORATION: DOWN TROUT HATCHERY CREEK TO THE RAGING RIVER (Class 3+) ^{Dec.} ~~Jan.~~ ₁₁

Meeting place: Issaquah Park & Ride, 8:30 a.m.
Leader: Harvey Manning, SH 6-1017
Once our president has recovered from the search party (finding Tim's party), he will end the old year by getting lost himself. Previously, searching for old railroad grades, he descended the superb forest beside the glorious waterfalls of the creek nearly to the river. Now wants to finish the job. But this time not alone. However, no smart mouths needed. (It is not true he failed to find Karrison -- he found it twice. It's just that the first time he didn't recognize it.)

Dec.

THE COYOTES DON'T CARE

Compared to wilderness of the high Cascades, Issaquah Alps wildlands are quite "forgiving," and thus the IATC doesn't insist that hikers carry a mass of "essentials." However, winter can be pretty darn cruel even in downtown Issaquah, and much more so on the heights of Tiger.

As night comes earlier and stays longer, and as the rain grows steadier and harder and colder, the winds louder and icier, more care is needed to ensure comfort -- and safety. (IATC hikes are not cancelled due to inclement conditions. Trips go on schedule in any weather.)

Flashlight. One or two lights in a party of a dozen makes for a slow pace when the trip unexpectedly continues into darkness -- perhaps due to a foot of snow that "loses" the trail. Caught by night a few minutes from the road, a group may be hours getting there -- while the folks at home worry. As many of us who own both should stick a little flashlight in the rucksack.

Clothing. Many an Alps veteran casually goes strolling in midwinter in tennis shoes and umbrellas, confident that before he actually freezes to death he'll be back on Front Street with a cup of hot coffee. However, if he twists an ankle, or if the old skier's knee acts up, he may be a long evening distant from the coffee pot. In bitter conditions, wear wool, carry a wool sweater or the like. Consider mittens. Especially have a hat or cap -- so much blood circulates so near the surface of the head that it is the single most important part of the

body to keep warm. "If your feet get cold, put on a hat."

First aid kit. Experienced hikers always have one in the rucksack. On IATC trips, we hope always to have one or two in a party, and a person or two trained in first aid. Leaders please note.

Stay together. The worse conditions get, and the more eager we are to get the heck out of here and down to the coffee pot, the more important it is to keep the party together. Statistics show that few hikers become seriously (permanently) lost when in a group. It's the split party, loners going off in all directions, that brings out the searchers.

Take it easy. The weary, cold hiker in a hurry to escape the wilds may push the pace faster than stumbling legs and hypothermic brain can manage and may then trip over a root or slide off a brink.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND/OR RENEWAL

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Overlake Hospital Fitness Fair
October 11
10 to 6

On Saturday, October 11, IATC will have a booth at the Overlake Fitness Fair at the Crossroads Mall from 10 AM to 6 PM. We'll be selling the club and club publications. No hikes this day--except to the drinking fountain. If you (heaven forbid) can't help during Salmon Days, you will have the opportunity to assist your club on the 11th.

Call Barbara Johnson, 746-4947 if you can help.

HELP!!

We are looking for someone to draft a set of by-laws for the club. If you are willing to do this please contact Tom Mechler, 255-0922 who will furnish you with the articles of incorporation and other material that will help in this endeavor.

PHOTOGRAPHERS AND ARTISTS - PLEASE NOTE

If you think you're off the hook by now, guess again. (The publicity chair is nothing if not persistent and insistent.) I am putting together slide shows of our Cougar Mountain Park proposal and the Issaquah watershed and Tiger Mountain trails. If you have any slides the club could use, please let me know. I'll duplicate the ones I use and return all your pics to you. If you are a shutterbug, amateur or pro, take photos on your future peregrinations and send the slides along to me.

From time to time, the club has need of those handy with a brush. Right now, we need someone to paint a sign for our booth. Any closet Picassos? Also we could use cartographers for making display maps for the booth. Call Barb Johnson at 746-4947 if you can help.

NEEDED: Members willing to help type The Alpinist. Call Yvonne Mechler, 255-0922