



ISSAQUAH ALPS TRAILS CLUB

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PRESIDENT'S (ELEVENTH) REPORT

COUGAR MOUNTAIN REGIONAL WILDLAND PARK:

THE HOME STRETCH

To obtain our proposed Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park we must succeed in two parallel efforts: (1) King County must approve the Preferred Newcastle Community Plan which provides a "growth reserve" area that encompasses the park site; (2) King County must approve the PRO PARKS bond issue that includes \$10,000,000 to buy 1600 acres of the park (the rest to be obtained by land exchange or other means). We must win twice -- one victory is no good without the other.

You who read this -- members of the Trails Club and the allied organizations which support the Regional Wildland Park -- can get the job done. The developers have thrown around millions of dollars, buying high-priced lawyers, engineers, and university professors, and trying to buy votes, but so far you have beaten them again, for good and all. But you got to do your homework. This is what we -- each and every one of us -- must do in months ahead.

The Event: Election of King County Executive, November 1981.

- * Your Duty: You've already done it. You defeated the developers' candidate and elected Randy Revelle, who campaigned in support of the Regional Wildland Park.

Event: About April 1, Executive Revelle will deliver the Newcastle Community Plan, with his recommendations, to the King County Council.

- * Duty: Get ready to go to work.

Event: A panel consisting of Councilmen Bruce Laing (chairman Bill Reams, and Gary Grant will study the Newcastle Plan and hold several public meetings.

- * Duty: Attend the public meetings and testify in support of the Preferred Newcastle Plan with its "growth reserve," and in support of the Regional Wildland Park, and in opposition to the developers' ludicrous "Villages in the Park" with its phony "regional" park. If you can't attend the meetings, write letters to Laing, Reams, and Grant, expressing your opinion.

Event: The panel delivers the Newcastle Plan, with its recommendation, to the full County Council.

- * Duty: Write a letter, or make a phone call, to your County Council person. The entire Council will make the decision -- probably by the end of the coming summer.

Event: King County Council considers the PRO PARKS list of proposals and the bond issue. This will take place soon, probably in April.

- * Duty: In your letter to your County Councilperson, express your support for the Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park.

Event: Various cities in the county may hold public hearings on the PRO PARKS package.

- * Duty: If Seattle holds a hearing and you live in Seattle, attend and speak. If Bothell or Redmond or Tukwila, speak. Cougar Mountain is not yet well-known throughout the county. The message of its importance to the entire region must be told.

Event: Newspapers will be carrying stories about the Newcastle Plan and PRO PARKS.

- * Duty: Write letters to the editors.

Event: Community groups will be wondering what's up.

- * Duty: Speak to your community groups, your service clubs, your social organizations, your friends. Lobby for the Park. If you locate a group that would like a guest speaker, call me. Barbara Johnson has assembled a slide show to tell the Cougar Story and we've recruited a Speakers Bureau to carry the show around the county.

Event: PRO PARKS goes on the ballot this fall.

Duty: Get out the vote!

Harvey Manning

P.S. on other matters:

The Citizens Advisory Committee for the Tiger Mountain State Forest has newly been appointed. Nothing yet to report on that front.

In January the Issaquah Environmental Council was formed, a coalition of individuals and organizations dedicated to ensuring that the future of Issaquah's unique, beautiful, and highly sensitive environment is not determined by inaction and default. The directors of the Trails Club have expressed an intention to join when the IEC finishes its formal structuring. As customary with such councils, no member organization necessarily supports all the activities of all the other members, but the group works together to achieve common goals.

Individuals (whether residents of the Issaquah area or simply concerned about its welfare -- as, for example, the whole of Seattle should be) may join and thus receive the newsletter by sending \$10 for a year's dues to:

Issaquah Environmental Council
P.O. Box 636
Issaquah, WA 98027



Come work!
And/or come to the club's first great big picnic!



APRIL 17 ***** MAY 16

LONGWELL'S ARMY:

RELOCATING THE NORTH END OF THE TIGER MOUNTAIN TRAIL

Longwell's Army: The First Assault

Saturday, April 17, 8:30 a.m.

The shock troops will gather at 8:30 a.m. at High Point. Take Exit 20 from I-90, turn left (east) on the frontage road to the turnaround at the gate.

General Longwell already will have the route flagged and will put platoons to work relocating the trail between High Point and the high country on a more scenic (and less mucky) line along the ridge.

Bring shears, trimmers, rakes, Swede saws, shovels -- more than one tool apiece, if you have them -- for the folks who may come poorly armed for the fight. Spend an hour or two, or all day. Work a little, socialize a lot.

NEEDED: AN ARMY



HUP TWO
THREE
FOUR



Longwell's Army: The Human Sea Attack & Gigantic All-Club Picnic

Saturday, May 16, 8:30 a.m. or any time thereafter for the work party.

At 6 o'clock or so, onward to Lake Sammamish State Park for the picnic at "The Kitchen."

This is a fun party, no Paul Bunyans required. The heavy work already has been done by The Pioneers. We now need "cosmetic work" -- raking, pruning. Bring whatever tool you have that can do battle with nettles and salal.

Nobody will work all day. Come for a few hours easy work in the morning, then go for a hike in the afternoon, maybe to the top of West Tiger 3. Or come for a few hours work in the afternoon.

THEN, ONWARD TO THE PICNIC. (If you can't come for the work, come for the picnic. Bring the kids. Invite your friends.) Gather any time after 6 o'clock, at "The Kitchen" in Lake Sammamish State Park. Bring suitable liquids and nourishment to replace your blood, sweat and tears. Barbecue grills and charcoal will be provided. Those who help will be awarded an "I helped build the great Tiger Mountain Trail" certificate. ★

For information about the work party, call General (Chief Ranger) Bill Longwell, 255-1296.



KERRISTON (Class 2)

Thursday, April 1, 9:30 AM

Leader: Della Dahl Boe, 1-488-7536

A walk which follows old logging roads up the valley of Raging River between Rattlesnake on one side and Tiger and Taylor on the other, to the site of the old sawmill and coal prospecting town of Kerriston.

MIDDLE TIGER (Class 3)

Saturday, April 3, 8:30 AM

Leader: Tom Machler, 255-0922

One of the favorite viewpoints in the Alps, between West Tiger and East Tiger and South Tiger. No road climbs to the top so you arrive via a lovely but steep trail from the south end of the Tiger Mountain Trail, to a very alpine feeling summit. Mount Rainier is visible on a crystal clear day but if it rains there is a nice shelter under the stand of fir.

ISSAQUAH VISTA (Class 2)

Saturday, April 3, 12:30 PM

Leader: Barbara Johnson, 746-3291

From beautiful downtown Issaquah we cross the East Fork Issaquah Creek to the railroad grade and then on 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, Pickering Farm, parachutes, sailplanes and on and on.

JOINT HIKE WITH THE CASCADE BICYCLE CLUB

Sunday, April 4, NOON

Meeting Place: Boat Ramp off East Lake Sammamish Parkway

Information: Shirley Wolf, 747-8698

See page 4 for details.

MAY CREEK (Class 2)

Sunday, April 4, 12:30 PM

Leader: Steve Williams, 232-8072

A lovely park but less well known because of the difficult and confusing trail system. With a leader who is an expert, this should be a special but possibly wet walk. Rubber boots would help.

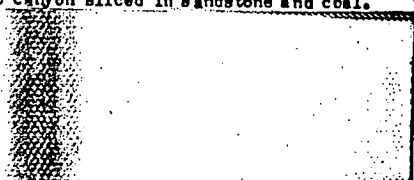
GRAND CANYON OF 15 MILE CREEK (Class 2)

Tuesday, April 6, 9:30 AM

Leader: Connie Dow, 392-2190

Ascend Tiger Mountain's largest stream to the slot canyon sliced in sandstone and coal.

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there, some old and silted in, others looking brand new. Their engineering, plus the climate in this cool corner of Tiger have resulted in an Ecotone where Sitka Spruce, a coastal tree, and Pacific Silver Fir, a mountain tree, mingle.

HIGH POINT TO MANNING'S REACH (Class 3)

Saturday, April 10, 8:30 AM

Leader: Joe Tynbee, 723-6716

From High Point, the Tiger Mountain Trail climbs to the Railroad Grade and then up again along the flank of West Tiger 2 to the pass between 2 and 3 and out to a wonderful open stretch of the TMT called Manning's Reach. It is a great spot in any season and the highest point on the TMT at 2600 feet. The views are out to Seattle, and the Olympics beyond.

LAKEMONT GEORGE (Class 2)

Saturday, April 10, 12:30 PM

Leader: Buzz Moore, 746-1866

A wild stream tumbles down a gorge planned as the route of Lakemont Boulevard which is back on the maps of the Villages in the Park proposal. Ascend a virtual rainforest, sidetripping to the waterfalls. Visit an abandoned homestead where the local bears come for an annual feast of apples along with other four and brave two-footed creatures. Boots are recommended.

EAST TIGER VIA SILENT SWAMP - Jointly with the Mountaineers

Saturday, April 11, 8:30 AM

Leader: Jerry Wheeler, 242-9344

Not many razors are getting through these days since the logging operation has closed the road, so the road part of the walk to the summit of East Tiger (Main Tiger and highest peak at 3004 feet), could be wheel free. Silent Swamp is definitely a quiet by-pass. Beaver Valley a possible side-trip. Views are sweeping in all directions but not all at once - both going and coming.

WEST TIGER 3 (Class 3)

Leader: Hazel Hale, CH 3-5376

Thursday, April 15, 9:30 AM

This leader takes a more leisurely pace up to the fantastic 360 degree views of West Tiger so if you have put off this great trip to the most isolated and alpine feeling of the summit put this date on your calendar.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Newport Way Library, 14250 SE Newport Way, Bellevue.

Thursday, April 15, 7:30 PM

You're all invited.

WATERSHED OF LAKE TRADITION (Class 2)

Leader: Mary Cadigan, 611-4046

Friday, April 16, 9:30 AM

The watershed Plateau hikes include the Big Trees, the Rainforest East, Round Lake, the Springs, maybe the Greyhound Bus and, of course, Lake Tradition.

LONGWELL'S ARMY - FIRST ASSAULT

See page 3 for details.

Saturday, April 17, 8:30 AM

COUGAR MOUNTAIN PRECIPICE TRAIL (Class 3)

Leader: Peggy Owen, 746-1070

Saturday, April 17, 8:30 AM

The unbuildable precipice of Cougar which rises abruptly south of I-90 offers hikers magnificent views of Lake Sammamish and the Cascades. View lots have been mapped out for the plateau west of Lakemont Gorge but the cliffs to the east have yet and maybe never will hear the chain saw. The Owens have flagged a great trail high above the fast paced freeway and as far psychologically as you need to be to feel the quiet of wilderness. Most of the way is level once you get up there, but a few ravines in that marvelous green wetness must be managed. Hands and knees work quite well.

OWDY HILL ROAD (Class 2)

Leader: Tim O'Brian, 392-7365

Sunday, April 18, 12:30 PM

This hike to the plateau west of Round Lake has had many neighborhood feet treading in and out. The local kids might not know that they were walking part way on a 1890 logging road. A pretty hike following Round Creek to the lake through forest and meadows.

HISTORY SEMINAR

Newport Way Library, 14250 SE Newport Way, Bellevue.

Thursday, April 22, 7:30 PM

See page 8 for details.

THE CAVES OF WEST TIGER (Class 3)

Leader: Susan Williams, 392-4869

Friday, April 23, 9:30 AM

Bring your flashlight if you want to explore these giant caverns. The largest with room for 100 people represents the largest known talus cave in the state. A stunning scene without entering, huge rock, in deep forest and thick moss.

DELEO'S WALL ON MARSHALL'S HILL (Class 2)

Leader: Stan Unger, 283-7823

Saturday, April 24, 12:30 PM

A new route up Marshall's Hill starting from Red Town takes us to the brink of DeLeo's Wall in less time so that we can sit on this aerie 600 feet above May Valley and enjoy the surroundings. Keep your eyes open for the spring blooming of the many varieties of plants which grow here: wild strawberry, blue-eyed Mary, Indian paintbrush, easterlily, chocolate lily, etc.

RATTLESNAKE LEDGE (Class 3)

Leader: Mark Pollett, 937-2114

Sunday, April 25, 8:30 AM

The ledge is the most spectacular part of the mountain with a cliff so tall and steep it would give a goat the vertigo. The trail, however, is safe and short, though very steep and views include the North Bend plain, the fault scarp of Mount Si, the lake below and several river valleys.

LAKE TRADITION FROM HIGH POINT (Class 2)

Wednesday, April 28, 9:30 AM

Following are the trails adopted as of March 9. If you find anything wrong with these trails, call the adopter.

- Waterworks Trail: Lower Campus Cooperative, Issaquah Junior High School; o/o Linda Burke, 271-3668
Issaquah-High Point Trail: Roger and Barbara Johnson
Far Country Lookout Trails: Betty Culbert, 641-6451
Thrush Gap Trail: George Jackman, 641-2895
Tradition Lake Loop: Virginia Gallagher, 255-5591, and Pat Mitchell
New trail on Squak west side, south of Chrbinski Trail: Dave Kappler, 235-0741

- New trail on Tradition Plateau, from Fort Puget vicinity to Round Lake vicinity: Tim O'Brian, 392-7365
Shy Bear Trail: Ralph Owen, 748-1070
Peggy's Trail (Lakemont Gorge): Peggy Owen, 748-1070
Cougar Wilderness (Wilderness Creek Mainline, Cliffs Mainline, Fall Line Trail, Beautiful Bottom Trail, Gorge Trail): Harvey Manning, SR6-1017
De Leo Wall-Marshall's Hill Trail: Susan Williams, 392-4889.

Adopt a Mile on Tiger Mountain

E=easy; M=moderate; D=difficult

<u>Trail Name</u>	<u>Adopted by</u>	<u>Work needed</u>	<u>Miles</u>
1. S. Tiger Powerline (M)		brushing	1.3
2. Silent Swamp (M)		brushing	1.7
3. Beaver Valley (E)		brushing	0.8)
4. 15 Mile Creek Railroad Grade (M)		brushing	1.6
5. Tiger Mountain Trail (D)	<u>Bill Longwell et al</u>	brushing, tread, bridges	10 plus
6. Middle Tiger Trail (D)		brushing (<u>none above TMT</u>)	1.7
7. Hobart Middle Tiger (M) Railway Grade		brushing, some bridges	1.5
8. Grand Canyon 15 Mile Creek (M)	<u>Tom Mechler and Boy Scouts</u>	brushing, major bridge across 15 Mile Creek	1.4
9. Hidden Estates (D)		brushing, new tread on steep section?	1.2
10. Poo Poo Point Trail (D)		brushing, new tread to avoid steep section?	3.5
11. W. Tiger Railroad Grade (M-D)		brushing, new tread on washouts	4.0
12. W. Tiger from TMT (M)		brushing	1.6
13. Section Line (D)		brushing	1.7
14. Water Works (E-M)		brushing, nettle cutting	1.1
15. Brink (E)		brushing	0.7
16. Big Tree (E-M)		brushing, bridge across swamps	0.6
17. Tradition Lakeshore (E)	<u>Virginia Gallagher</u>	brushing, new tread to avoid lake	0.9
18. Talus Caves (M)		brushing	1.4
19. N P Railroad Grade (M)	<u>Barbara and Roger Johnson</u>	brushing, boulder removal under bridges	2.5
20. Tradition Lake Trail to West Tiger #3 (M-D)		brushing	2.7
21. Preston Trail (D)		brushing, <u>new trailhead</u>	2.7
22. Dick Heine Trail (M)		major heavy brushing	2.5

See that EagleReport that Eagle

Bonnie Robbins, a Seattle ornithologist, has established an Eagle Sighting Hotline for the King County area to act as a clearinghouse for eagle sightings. She hopes to locate a resident population of bald eagles, sorting these out from the migrators who stop by locally to eat dead fish.

The Trails Club long has wanted precise data on eagles of the Issaquah Alps. We see them commonly, soaring above peaks of Cougar and Squak and Tiger, circling over creeks where the salmon are spawning and dying. The question is: Are any of these local nesters? If we all call in our eagle sightings to the Hotline, by the end of the year a pattern may emerge.

What's an eagle look like? Well, it's a big bird, much bigger than our local hawks, and does more soaring than flapping. The mature bald eagle has a white head and white tail -- unmistakable if you get a close enough look in the right light. The immature eagle is just as big but varies from an overall dark brown to brown with white mottling. (There are rumors of golden eagles hereabouts -- these are hard for a novice to tell from an immature bald.) If you see a big bird pursued by a rabble of angry gulls or crows it's probably an eagle. Blackbirds and others with vile tempers have been known to dive on eagles and actually sit on their backs and yell in their ears. (Is this poor bedeviled creature the symbol of our great and proud nation?)

When calling the Hotline, report:

1. Date and hour of sighting.
2. Location (Ms. Robbins is interested in all sightings in the King County area).
3. Behavior (circling, sitting, eating fish, in transit -- if the latter, in which direction).

1982 ANNUAL MEETING

The IATC Annual Meeting was held at the Newport Way Library on January 14, 1981. Board elections were held in accordance with the by-laws. The Nominating Committee, chaired by Susan Williams, nominated Linda Burke to replace Susan Lohrman, who has resigned, and Ed Barraclough to replace Marianne Richards. Board members Harvey Manning and Ralph Owen ran for re-election. As no nominations were received from the floor, Ralph Owen and Linda Burke will serve three year terms. Ed Barraclough will serve for one year to complete Marianne Richards' term.

Harvey Manning was reelected president, Barbara Johnson vice-president, Connie Dow secretary, and Linda Joy Hendricks treasurer.

President Manning reviewed 1981, our second full calendar year. Formed in 1979, incorporated in 1980, the club now has more than 2000 family members.

The heart of the club is the hikes program and the Alpiner which makes it possible. After a period of rapid growth, the schedule has now stabilized with at least four hikes a week, sometimes more, the year around. New trails continue to be built and new combinations of trails devised to keep the program interesting and challenging.

1981 saw the bicycling program take shape, establishing the club's strong interest. The "horse connection" also was maintained.

Book publication has proven a highly successful means of informing the public about the Issaquah Alps and helping them find the trails on their own. The History Seminars have been invaluable in educating us about the past of the area, and in helping to preserve oral history.

Trail-using is one side of the club program. The other is trail-preserving. President Manning reviewed our 1981 efforts in that arena. In 1981 the state Department of Natural Resources announced its proposal for a Tiger Mountain State Forest, which could be a major help in solving the problems there. A citizens committee is being organized to assist the DNR in formulating a plan. Mike Lowry soon will introduce in Congress a bill for an Issaquah Alps National Urban Recreation Area. 1982 will be the Year of Rejection of Cougar Mountain (see President's Message in this issue)

Other issues were discussed, including the Issaquah Watershed and Yellow Lake. A new organization, the Issaquah Environmental Council, will be taking the lead on a number of matters that lie beyond the special expertise of the Trails Club.



HISTORY SEMINARS



HISTORY SEMINAR: With Eleanor Hope

Thursday, April 22, 7:30 p.m.
Newport Way Library, 14250 Newport Way, Bellevue
(A bit west of the spotlight in Eastgate at Newport and 150th).

We will again have a history seminar this spring. Our guest speaker will be Eleanor Hope who grew up in High Point. Come and hear about early days in an Issaquah Alps sawmill community. Find out about the great High Point Flood, the Wooden Pacific Railroad and the West Tiger Railroad.

The format is loose - any subject is fair game, every member of the audience is a member of the seminar. If you've seen something while hiking the north end of the TMT or Tradition Plateau that puzzles you, come to the seminar and ask about it.

The meetings are jointly sponsored by the IATC and the Newcastle Historical Society.

Help: If you have any subjects you would like covered or have any ideas on possible guest speakers call Peggy Owen, 746-1070 (after 6 p.m.).

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Notes on topics discussed at Board of Directors' meetings.

December 17, 1981.

1. Citizen Wildlife Heritage Program. Bob Watson explained how property owners can establish permanent wildlife easements on their land under the management of the Game Department. The program is a nonprofit foundation which can receive charitable gifts. Anyone interested should contact Robert Watson, Program Manager, Dept. of Game, 600 N. Capitol Way, Olympia 98504.
2. Nominating Committee. Susan Williams, chairman, said Linda Burke had been nominated for a three year term replacing Susan Lohraan, and Ed Barraclough had been nominated to finish Marianne Richards' term.
3. Membership. We now have 734 paying memberships.
4. Cougar Mountain. Discussed developments and short plans on Cougar Mountain. Learned that Wally Toner has applied for grant to fill in coal mines. Cougar Mountain Regional Park survived the December 2 PRO PARKS "cut" intact.
5. Issaquah. Draft EIS on Sato development is out - another Meadows with Pay'n Save, Safeway, et al, to be called Town and Country.
6. Tiger Mountain. Discussed State Forest and the citizen advisory committee, and Mike Lowry's proposal for an urban national recreation area.

January 21, 1982.

1. Membership. Our mailing list is to be put on computer.
2. Adopt-A-Mile. Program will begin with each board member adopting a mile of trail to maintain. Discussed methods, frequency. Bill Longwell is chief ranger.
3. Cougar Mountain. Discussed support for preferred Newcastle Community Plan and support for Cougar Mountain Regional Park.

1. Cougar Mountain Regional Park. Jeanette Veasey from King County Parks presented a slide show of Cougar Mountain which will be shown to community groups, County Council, etc.
2. Spring Media Event. This will be Longwell's Army, which will rebuild two miles of the TRT. We'll have a big work party followed by a picnic at Lake Sammamish State Park some time in May. Everyone welcome.
3. Hikes Committee. Discussed Caves trail, Adopt-A-Mile and East Lake Sammamish trail. Tim O'Brian will chair a new committee to work with senior groups, other clubs, youth groups to "tailor" hikes for them. Also discussed inviting schools into Alps programs and contacting orienteering groups for joint operations.
4. History Seminar. Scheduled for April 22 with Eleanor Hope, an expert on the High Point Area.
5. Membership. We now have 910 members, including 66 who re-upped after the mailing.
6. Issaquah Environmental Council. New group headed by Ruth Kees to protect Issaquah's green plain. IATC will affiliate, as soon as the organization process is complete..

MEETINGS

All these meetings are open to the entire membership and everybody is wanted. Come and listen -- and speak up and help shape club policies.

The meetings are at Newport Way Library, 14250 Newport Way, Bellevue - a bit west of the top light in Eastgate at Newport and 150th. All meetings start at 7:30 PM

Thursday, April 15	-----	Board of Directors
" " " 22	-----	History Seminar
" " " May 13	-----	Hikes Committee
" " " May 20	-----	Board of Directors
" " " June 17	-----	Board of Directors

OFFICERS & COMMITTEES

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

Harvey Manning, President	746-1017
Barbara Johnson, Vice President	--
Connie Dow, Secretary	392-2190
Linda Joy Hendricks, Treasurer	--
Betty Culbert	641-6451
Linda Burke	271-3658
Tom Mechler	255-0922
Ralph Owen	746-1070
Ed Barraclough	392-6008
Larry Vinter	746-5775

To volunteer to serve on a committee, or for information about its activities, call the Chair:

Hikes -- Betty Culbert	641-6451	
Bike Rides -- Larry and Susan Lehrman	392-5192	
Horse Routes -- Bob Court	235-1033	
Alpiner -- Yvonne Mechler	255-0922	
Publicity -- Barbara Johnson		
Telephone Tree -- Barbara Johnson		
Valley Floors/Floodplains -- Ruth Kees, 392-3410 & Linda Krumsin,	641-9119	
Tiger Watcher -- Laurene McLane	392-0204	
Squak Watcher -- David Giles	271-8681	
Newcastle Watchers -- Dave Kappler, 235-0741 and Ralph Owen,	746-1070	
Land-Development Watcher -- Linda Krumsin	641-9119	
Book Publisher -- Susan Williams	392-4869	
Public Rousing -- Jim Jordan	746-2990	
History Seminars -- Ralph & Peggy Owen	746-1070	
Chief Ranger -- Bill Longwell	255-1295	
Membership -- Paula Clark	271-2771	
Talking hikes for other groups -- Tim O'Brian	392-7365	

IATC cycling goals:

1. To encourage and inform beginning cyclists.
2. To provide close to home bike tours for Eastside cyclists.
3. To draw together cyclists interested in improving cycling conditions in the Issaquah area.

IATC BIKE RIDES

- April 10 Saturday- Bike repair workshop. 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon Bring your bike and bike repair questions. Learn to fix a flat, adjust your brakes and derailleurs or replace spokes... subjects covered will be determined by the needs of those who come to the workshop. If you'd like to come to this workshop but can't come on this date let us know- other similar workshops can be scheduled if enough interest is shown. Fee \$3.
Leader: Larry Lohraan 392-5192.
- April 4 Sunday- Hike along the proposed site of a new East Sammamish multi-use trail. Meet at the Lake Sammamish State Park Boat ramp (off East Sammamish Rd) at 12:00 noon. Hike to Marvcoor park and shuttle back to starting point in cars. Refreshments will be available.
Leader: Shirley Wolfe 747-8698.
- April 18 Sunday- Issaquah/Fall City loop (22 miles). Ride starts at 10:00 AM at Issaquah Park & Ride. Lunch along the Snoqualmie River in Fall City or in one of the Cafes in Fall City.
Leader: Larry Lohraan 392-5192.
- May 11 Tuesday- Marvcoor Park/Ste Michelle Winery via Sammamish River trail (10 miles of easy, flat riding). Bring a lunch or sample the goodies and spirits from the winery's Deli.
Leader: Susan Lohraan 392-5192.
- May 15 Saturday- Maple Valley loop (25 miles) Meet at the May Valley School at 10:00 AM. Bring a lunch or stop at one of the two grocery stores along the way.
Leader: Larry Lohraan 392-5192.
- June 6 Saturday- Carnation/Duvall (25 miles) Meet at Hansen Memorial Park (formerly Toll River Park) in Carnation at 9:00 and ride to the Silver Spoon in Duvall for a late breakfast or early lunch.
Leader: Larry Lohraan.

EAST LAKE SAMMAMISH TRAIL

Many hikers, bicyclists, joggers, and walkers have long advocated a recreational trail to be built on the Burlington Northern railroad right-of-way along the east shore of Lake Sammamish. The county is now considering the construction of such a trail. Unfortunately, a few anti-trail residents have organized a strenuous, negative letter-writing campaign to the elected officials of King County. In some cases an "alternative" consisting of a paved shoulder on busy East Lake Sammamish Rd has been promoted in order to defeat the railroad trail plan.

If we want to keep alive the possibility of a Burke-Gilman-type trail on E. Lake Sammamish, we all need to write to the County Executive and Council explaining the value, safety, and beauty of such a trail. It would provide a link between Lake Sammamish Park, Marvcoor Park, and the Sammamish River Trail. Write to Councilman Bill Reams, Bruce Linds, and Lois North and also to County Executive Randy Revelle at: King Co. Courthouse, Third Avenue and James Street, Seattle WA 98104.

BICYCLE FREEWAY SHOULDER USE

The State Department of Transportation recently ruled that bicycles are allowed to use freeway shoulders except in selected locations. All roads and freeways will be open except for the following (still subject to change):

- A. I-5 from Marysville to Ponders (South Tacoma)
- B. I-5 from Lacey to Twister.
- C. I-5 in downtown Vancouver.
- D. I-90 in downtown Spokane.
- E. I-90 West from Eastside (Bellevue).
- F. I-405 over only from Ray Creek-Remton to Bellevue-Newcastle.
- G. SR-520 west of 148th Ave. in Bellevue.
- H. US-99 Battery Street Tunnel and Alaskan way Viaduct.
- I. West Seattle Freeway.

What this ruling means for Issaquah Cyclists is that it is now legal to cycle on the shoulder along I-90 anywhere between Eastside and Spokane. The State Patrol office in Bellevue is as of this writing not aware of the change in freeway shoulder usage rules so if you plan to ride on the shoulder of I-90 be prepared for an argument with the State Patrol.

If you have Questions call:
Susan or Larry Lohraan
392-5192



APRIL-MAY-JUNE 1982

Hikes Committee: Betty Culbert (611-6151), Chairman; Russ Williams (392-5989), in charge of Saturday Hikes; Mike Hyman (392-4901), Sunday Hikes; Mary Cadigan (611-4046), Mid-week 1-2 Hikes; Ann Leber (746-3291), Mid-week 3-4 Hikes; Jenne Mical (747-1457), Troubleshooter; George Jackman (611-2895), Doug Harro (392-8312) and Dwight Riggs (271-8389), Inputs.

HIKE CLASSIFICATION

- Class 1: Short trips on improved paths at a pace easy for a just-walker or a parent with a baby on back and perfect for studying birds and beetles and all.
- Class 2: Easy morning or afternoon typically 3-4 hours at a loitering pace, perhaps going 5 miles on the flat, or less if some elevation is gained.
- Class 3: A fairly full day, from morning to afternoon, typically 5-6 hours on the go, but with plenty of stops. Small children often come along, sometimes on parental backs.
- Class 4: Steady-going day, typically 6-7 hours, but not really grueling. A person should be sure Class 3 is no strain before trying these.



NOTE! WHERE TO MEET

MEETING PLACE

In order to reduce confusion all hikes will assemble at the Issaquah Park and 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. We gather at the south end.

Most hikes are coordinated with the Metro 210 schedule. That is, hikes generally leave the Park and Ride at 8:30 or 9:30 in the morning or 12:30 in the afternoon, in each case shortly after scheduled arrival of a 210 bus from points west. Check your 210 schedule.

SPONSORSHIP

Issaquah Parks and Recreation sponsored these hikes before there was a club and continue to co-sponsor them.

We receive publicity assistance from Bellevue, Mercer Island, Renton, Seattle, and King County Parks Departments.

The public is welcome on all hikes. So are other clubs, youth groups, church groups, etc. Children under 13 should be accompanied by an older person.

NEW HIKES

There are many great new hikes this quarter, so better read your Alpiner carefully. I have a feeling the leaders are taking over, inventing new routes and even writing the descriptions. With a new computer also at our disposal, there may be no need for a human computer. Just add me to the statistics of the unemployed. Your chairwoman never should have admitted in print that she was at a loss for words.

The visit to Westwood Farm in May is an annual outing for the youngest set of hikers. Thanks again to our leader. To all our leaders: Cheers!

COAL CREEK (Class 2)Sunday, May 23, 12:30 PM

Leader: Steve Williams, 232-8072

Steve plans to touch on the geology of the area which is rich in deposits of coal. Visiting the cinder mine with many examples of rock deposits, some fused and some petrified wood, mixed with the burned tailings of the old mines. Explore the mouth of the Mary Tunnel. To venture further is too dangerous but maybe a side trip can be made to the old town of Newcastle where a bunker still stands and a mine shaft splits the earth. This is one of the many such holes that dot the hill above.

SQUAK MOUNTAIN (CHYBINSKI TRAIL) (Class 2)Wednesday, May 26, 9:30 AM

Leader: Della Boe, 1-488-7536

A deep woods trail a steady going up the steep west face, featuring ancient stringers of a bridge which logging trucks rumbled across in the 1920's, a beautiful "nurse-bridge" now, growing good size trees. It's possible to cross but slippery with moss. The usual way is to descend in the lovely ravine and then rejoin the grade. The way climbs near the west peak of Squak or on, if party desires, loop back by one of several alternate ways.

GRAND CANYON OF 15 MILE CREEK & MIDDLE TIGER RR GRADE LOOP (Class 3)Friday, May 28, 9:30 AM (Class 3)

Leaders: Ursula and Leonard Eisenberg, 392-4034

From the Grand Canyon we ascend to the Middle Tiger RR grade side tracking to 15 Mile Creek in its wildest stretch and passing the site of the famous Horseshoe Trestle, looping back via either the railroad grade or the Tiger Mountain Trail.

BEAVER VALLEY VIA SILENT SWAMP (Class 3)Saturday, May 29, 8:30 AM

Leader: Stan Unger, 283-7823

See April 8 for details.

LAKE TRADITION (Class 2)Saturday, May 29, 12:30 PM

Leader: Bill Daly, 392-1405

See April 16 for details.

YELLOW LAKE (Class 2)Sunday, May 30, 12:30 PM

Leader: Harvey Manning, 746-1017

See April 20 for details.

SOUTH TIGER VISTA (Class 2) JOINTLY WITH AUDUBONTuesday, June 1, 9:30 AM

Leader: Corrie Dow, 392-2190

See May 8 for details.

POO POO POINT (Class 3)Thursday, June 3, 9:30 AM

Leader: Shirley Lindahl, 822-3694

A popular viewpoint and a fairly long climb with one steep ascent from the north but this hike will do a one way-car-switch with a southern approach along the West Side Road. This will be an easier way for those who have put off this hike fearing the long pull up.

TIGER MOUNTAIN POTLUCK (Class 3)Saturday, June 5, 8:30 AM

Leaders: Susan and Ben Viles-Muzzey, 644-1669

Another surprise fare to be served the day of the hike. Less strenuous this time but still a 3.

LONG VIEW VIA WILDERNESS CREEK (Class 2)TIGER RAILROAD GRADE EXPLORATORY HIKE (Class 3) NewSunday, June 6, 6:30 AM

Leader: Falk Krueger, 283-7776

There are still some artifacts of the railroad logging days lying half hidden along the old grades. Falk has found remains of an old camp with pots and pans and other scattered in the underbrush. Come step back into history.

scenic but it is passable. In the future we will have a trail from the Far Country Creek.

MIDDLE TIGER (Class 3)

✓ Leader: Laurene McLane, 392-0204

This route starts from the SE Tiger Mt. Road and then to the West Side Road where the climb begins. It is rather steep this way, gaining 1000 feet in a one mile stretch. However, it is worth the work to this lovely view spot. If Rainier doesn't show there are nice close-in views of Issaquah Valley and the other Alps, Squak and Cougar, with Lake Sammamish and the meadows, (not THE Meadows, we hope) at their feet.

Tuesday, June 8, 9:30 AM

LAKE TRADITION (Class 2) JOINTLY WITH AUDUBON

✓ Leader: Beryl Bell, 255-6399

See April 16 for details.

Wednesday, June 9, 9:30 AM

SQUAK MOUNTAIN (CHYBINSKI TRAIL) EVENING HIKE (Class 2)

✓ Leader: Tom Mechler, 255-0922

Bring flashlights. See May 26 for details.

Thursday, June 10, 6:30 PM

TIGER 1 (Class 3)

✓ Leader: Trudy Ecob, 232-2933

This highest peak of West Tiger is over populated at the summit with radio towers, but the walk there is a lovely wildwood trail built by Dick Heins with samples of quiet ridges and valleys of the mountain. Views over Puget Sound and the Cascades.

Saturday, June 12, 8:30 AM

POO POO POINT (Class 3)

✓ Leader: Russ Williams, 392-5989

A popular view point and a fine start for a glide down into Issaquah Valley. Glider Point may be a more romantic name but the Talki-Tooter is often associated with this area too. The route down follows the Tiger Mountain Railroad grade looping back through Mary Creek Valley and down the Tradition trail to the cars at High Point.

Sunday, June 13, 8:30 AM

COAL CREEK (Class 2)

✓ Leader: Steve Williams, 232-8072

See May 23 for details.

Sunday, June 13, 12:30 PM

LAKE MONT GORGE (Class 2)

✓ Leader: Mary Cadigan, 641-4046

See April 10 for details.

Thursday, June 17, 9:30 AM

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Meeting place: Newport Way Library, 11250 Newport Way.
Please come.

Thursday, June 17, 7:30 PM

All members are welcome.

TIGER MOUNTAIN TRAIL (Class 3+)

✓ Leaders: Ursula and Leonard Eisenberg, 392-4034

This is the classic 10.3 mile trail from near Highway 18 in the south to the newly constructed finish at High Point...(Let's hear it for the Army!)..With a car switch we can do it all in a single day, in deep woods, over creeks, along railroad grades, with broad views from slopes of Middle Tiger and West Tiger 2. The scenic spots along the way have been named for the boys who helped Bill Longwell build the trail. I guess they aren't boys anymore. Time and many feet have walked that trail over the years.

Friday, June 18, 9:30 AM

Saturday, June 19, 8:30 AM

TRADITION LAKE (Class 2) JOINTLY WITH AUDUBON

✓ Leader: Kate and Bob Gross, 329-8292

See April 16 for details.

Saturday, June 19, 12:30 PM

Sunday, June 20, 8:30 AM

RATTLESNAKE MOUNTAIN (Class 2)

✓ Leader: Della Roe, 1-488-7536

See May 6 for details. This hike is a shortened version of the Class 3- and an easy climb.

Tuesday, June 22, 9:30 AM

✓ BEAVER VALLEY (Class 2) Evening walk. Jointly with Audubon. Thursday, June 24, 6:30 PM

Leader: Barbara Johnson, 992-5869

See April 8 for details. Bring flashlights.

✓ YAH-ER WALL (Class 3)

Leader: Harvey Manning, 746-1017

This dizzy height above the Hobart Road can be reached by several routes including a no connector trail to Poo Poo Point. There may be a car switch but that only makes it eas not harder to get to the brink with its unique plant community of manzanita, poison oak and other unusual species.

✓ THE CAVES (Class 3)

Leader: George Jackman, 641-2895

See April 23 for details.

✓ LOOP ON COUGAR MOUNTAIN (Class 2)

Leader: Ann and Ted Leber, 746-3291

Here's a hike on Cougar that is less strenuous and introduces some of the half-day hike to the wonders of the Proposed Cougar Mountain Regional Park. Ann is a resident of Cougar and can trace some of the history of the old Nike Site and long-gone logging and mining camps and the towns that vanished with them. There are awesome cave holes along the way.

✓ GRAND TIGER TRAVERSE (Class 3+)

Leader: Mark Follett, 937-2114

The really-truly way to do this hike is by ascending from the Middle Tiger Railroad to Fifteenmile Pass and then descending via a new railroad trail to the Dick Heins Trail to Preston. A fantastic one way trip due to car-switching. No steps retraced and lots of ground covered, hopefully not with snow by June.

✓ SQUAK MOUNTAIN VIA THRUSH GAP (Class 3)

Leader: Larry Vinker, 746-5775

The southern route to the summit following a long, lovely valley to Thrush Gap, site of 1920's logging camp. The climb then takes us rather steeply to the towers which don't grace the tops but the views are worth it to Seattle, and the Olympics and Mount Rainier.

CITY LIGHTS AND FIREWORKS * WEST TIGER 3 CAMPOUT. ADVANCE NOTICE July 4, 12:30 PM

Leader: Harvey Manning, 746-1017

Is there anyone out there willing to volunteer to take over the publication/ mailing of the Alpiner? Please call Yvonne Mechler, 255-0922.