

Next meeting Wednesday, Feb. 20

ISSAQUAH ALPS TRAILS CLUB

Board of Directors Meeting and Annual Meeting, January 17, 1985, Newport Way Library.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Harvey Manning, Dave Kappler, Jack Price, Buz Moore, Maryanne Tagney-Jones, Susan Olson, Ralph Owen, Connie Dow, Darla O'Brian, George Jackman

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Bill Longwell

OTHERS PRESENT: Barbara Johnson, Betty Culbert, John Vietenhans, Jamie Vietenhans, Greg Cooper, Laura Basacchi, Chuck Christensen, John Affolter, Mary Cadigan, Tom Lucas, Don Simmons, Frank Hogan, Louis Zibelli, Fred Rounds, Steve Cavit, Tim O'Brian

Meeting was called to order at 7:30.

Elections were the first order of business. Betty Manning, Ralph Owen, Mary Ann Bagley and George Jackman were nominated for the Board of Directors and unanimously elected to office. Officers were then elected as follows, unanimously: Harvey Manning, President, Dave Kappler, Vice President, Connie Dow, Secretary and Darla O'Brian, Treasurer. The 1985 Board of Directors is as follows:

Position #1.	George Jackman	Term expires:	1987
2.	Ralph Owen		1987
3.	Mary Ann Bagley		1987
4.	Betty Manning		1986
5.	Buz Moore		1986
6.	Maryanne Tagney-Jones		1986
7.	Bill Longwell		1985
8.	Dave Kappler		1985
9.	Jack Price		1985

ANNUAL REPORT by HM

Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park.

Developments since publication of the Alpiner in December include Wilderness Creek where there is but one acquisition pending. Peterson is near closing. Pankratz is holding out for more money. The land trade with DNR is progressing. The Swanson situation is settled. Negotiations with Daon continue. As 1985 is an election year, there is pressure to finish the park. Discussions have begun with Burlington Northern. We have obtained trail corridors from four developers on Cougar.

Tiger Mountain State Forest.

The management guidelines have been published, but these are advisory only. The actual state plan is still in process, but no action will be taken in the interim period. This is fine, except for law enforcement. Laurene has written DNR on behalf of IATC, and Mike Griggs is interested in doing something this summer. HM will also write to tell Brian we are making report to other environmental groups regarding the status of the State Forest.

Squak Mountain.

Don Simmons, manager of Squak and Lake Sammamish State Parks, reported six problem areas are now posted with signs. The useless tank traps have been filled in and ten ton boulders now prevent access of four wheelers. New effort is being launched to discourage two wheelers. The Squak Mountain Initial Development Fund of \$307,000 will be before the legislature this winter. This will provide parking lot, rest rooms, signs, 3000 feet of trail to the park (600 acres). WRITE OR CALL YOUR LEGISLATORS !!!

Lake Sammamish

IATC (HM) testified against airport in State Park. There is a group in Issaquah

working on a new plan. Legislators alerted: Nobody wants to kill the Skyport and carry this political albatross.

Tax Status and Publications.

Now that we qualify for tax exemptions, the Bullitt Foundation has given us \$2500 to help with publications. The Newcastle History Book and a new Cougar-Squak Guide are in the works. Experts on Cougar-Squak are Ralph Owen, Cougar, and Bill Longwell with Dave Kappler on Squak. Tim O'Brian is our expert on Seattle and Walla Walla Railroad.

We need volunteers for art work, organization and layout, plus transcription of oral interviews. We'll put Help Wanted ad in Alpiner. Also need replacement for Susan Olson to handle publications.

Surface Water Utility

Martha Bean, Surface Water Management Utility Project for King County, gave a slide presentation about the growing problem of surface water runoff. She discussed a variety of solutions, financial alternatives, benefits to King County residents and the decision process. There were no regulations on developers before 1975. The utility would work with nature to preserve existing wetlands, and it would have the ability to respond quickly to problems.

Goals are to solve drainage problems protect resources, and prevent drainage problems. Funds would pay for watershed programs, maintenance, drainage projects and administration. Developers would pay fees. Residents would pay \$40 annually, and commercial rates would be on a sliding scale. County Council action is expected in April.

Hikes.

Maryanne is working on publicity for Newcastle III, first Sunday in June.

An article in Carole Beers column brought out 55 people for a hike to the Caves.

We need new leaders, more hikes publicity.

Our area is expanding - Mt. Si, Fuller Mountain (when we find it.)

A Volksmarch is proposed for the Issaquah area, six or twelve miles, to include children and seniors. No up and down. Medals are given. We would join in.

General Development Guide

Dave attended meeting in Bellevue, 80 people of whom only 2 or 3 spoke. Buz and Friends of Washington are the main group. There are three versions of the plan, (1) County Exec's is strongest; (2) County Comprehensive Plan is a watered down version of this; and (3) Terre Harris Alliance for Sensible Growth is an insidious and unacceptable version. Master Builders have strong influence in the Council and they hope to defeat Revelle in 1985.

FOW will hire lobbyist in next few months, and will try to raise \$3000 for the campaign. Tom Lucas said club can contribute to FOW. Motion made and approved to donate a set of address labels to FOW (Directors Resolution).

Towers.

HM has three meetings regarding towers in the next two weeks. There are four applications before the county and the FCC has three more pending. All are a menace to the new park as well as nearby residents.

President's diary -- 1

Dec 24: Christmas visit to the Mayor of Newcastle Hills. He was just looking at an old map, finds 10,000,000 gallons of water were stored in Klondike Lake. When he was a whistlepunk for the mine-town logging show (pre-railroad) they would log 3 days, saw in the mill 3 days. A donkey at the mill, another midway to the yarder, at site of logging, skidded the logs to the mill, on Coal Creek.

Who is buying what? Wally has lowered his asking price of the County. But is Palmer heading him off?

Dec 26: talked to Josie Lehman of Evergreen Wanderers, 682-4101, 271-3053. Need 10k and 20k for a volksmarch, but never have gained more than 750 feet. Have 500-700 people each time! Need a place at trailhead to sell food and drink, which is how they make their money to pay expenses.

Dec 28: Joanne Lennox very pleased by my tower letter. They have felt mighty lonesome, on top of old Cougar, all covered with towers. Next crisis: Jan 29, 9 am, 854 KC Ad Bldg, appeals hearing by Puget Power. The County seems to lean toward solving the radiation problem by raising tower height. Must tell County that a 300-foot tower on edge of park is terrible idea. EIS can say, one way to remove radiation is remove the towers. I'll be at the meeting for Trails Club, will try to get Sierra Club, Mountaineers, Audubon. Joanne will go after WEC.

Dec 31: The snow still deep and icy, for first time put "the rig" in 4-wheel configuration and went out.

Note: forecasts are for the coldest winter in years. Couldn't come at a better time. ALL YOU FOLKS WHO LIVE UP HIGH, PLEASE KEEP DAILY LOG ON DRIVING CONDITIONS. In 1985 City of Issaquah will start thinking annexation of Bakersville, and when Wally appears before the Council to blandly say in his unctuous tones that "he'll take care of the snow," we want to be able to point out to the city that it will be incurring huge expense to keep streets open at 1400 feet -- and that due to unstable slopes on east side of Cougar, its trucks will have to come around through the City of Bellevue to get to its western neighborhood!!!

Jan 1: 16 people on President's Walk to Seattle & Walla Walla and Ford Slope. So cold that Ralph had to keep his history lectures short.

Jan 3: Carole Beers called, Times, to get trip information. We are one of her "dependables," good for filling holes on slow days.

Jan 4: Bill has talked to Evergreen Wanderers and is going to lead them on a scouting trip: 20K -- Issaquah to Lake Tradition along powerline, up TMT, over Dwight's Trail, down to Preston, back on RR grade to Iss; 10K -- cut over at High Point. We will not be involved in any work, but will want to publicize and join in if they go through with it (in April) -- be very neat to get 500-700 people walking through at least a part of TM State Forest.

Bill and I check out the 20 \$50 signs, at City Shops, 525 1st Ave. NW. Brett Heath our contact. Shop open work hours, so we can pick them up. However, must call Leon Kos about the High School gate being wrecked. And we learn the City Police has lost its key to the High Point gate!

Ben Hayes calls. Some of "our people" are meeting with Tim Hill to educate him about land use, in case he decides to run against Randy Revelle.

and dark shadows

Jan 5: Drive from cold winter/on north side of Cougar to bright sun in May Valley, where the farmers are beginning to dig up their fields. Dick Brooks has excavated a pond on the creek that comes down from Squak to join May Creek; he and Linn are suing about the developer who is messing the creek upstream.

At Red Town stop two lads on a 4-wheel ATV and run them out of the country. Find their tracks in the snow all over the roads, to Clay Pit and Far Country. Also jeep tracks to Far Country, where no wheels have been in years. They even tried to climb to the Lookout.

FRED: A new bunch of playboys has discovered our area and is running wild. They are coming through the Red Town gate, and that needs to be locked again. Also are coming via the Landfill entry -- we need a cable across the road above the Ford Slope. Also, a NO TRESPASSING NO SHOOTING sign on that entry, and another on the trail from Lake Boren -- Jack will put it up if you can get one.

little

Jan 7: Jim Poth, of Sunset, will run a piece on us in March issue. Also will see if he can sneak by another bit on Return to Newcastle -- MARIANNE WILL KEEP AFTER HIM.

In Klondike Basin the snow is still 4" deep, frozen and crusty, not thawing. A motorcycle, just yesterday, started up Radio Peak trail and ran all over the area. Heavy traffic up the Cave Hole Road onto Caly Pit Road.

Very large paws, no people tracks around, have been to Cougar Pass in last couple days. Anybody reported a cougar in the vicinity?

Wally Toner, Kerry Anderson, Mackey, and Jamie Woodward have got a closed meeting set up Jan 9 at Holiday Inn to plot the campaign to put the airport in Lake Samm Park.

Invited to speak by Sierra Club. Feb 25 will give them an hour of scoop on towers, airport, Cougar Mountain, and why Brian Boyle has got to be sued.

Jan 8: Finish 100 Hikes in Alpine Lakes, prepare to start on Cougar-Squak Guide.

Just read about me in new book by Strickland. He has no ear for spoken language; ~~makes me sound like~~ all the quotes from me are in "geezer ling," which I don't speak. But will be on KIRO-TV Friday noon, presumably to plug the book but really to change the subject to Issaquah or something interesting

(No lude.)

Ruth Ittner reports seeing, in Elliott Bay Park, a 3-year-old on a motorized tricycle, battery-powered. What next, a Honda high chair, a Kawasaki cradle? Why not figure out some rig for pregnant women so the kids can get a prenatal start?

Barbara Johnson watched a bald eagle eat a fish and take a long drink of water. This was reported to Bonnie Robbins.

Jan 9: Through Marty Murphy, Ruth Kees, learned of a meeting at Holiday Inn this night for "supporters of the Skyport" (in Park). Marty and husband, Dick and wife attended. Meeting led by Wally Toner; reservation in Jamie Woodward's name. 2 Council members, Kerry Anderson and another Park staffer, head of soccer club, 1 from Parks Board, Tom Whitmore, Jon Gillis, Jim Keller. Will be more meetings. The pitch is to put Skyport on the other side of creek. But this would take over 2 of the best existing soccer fields, so soccer club can't see it does much for them. Also, ~~new~~ flight path would go right over the heron rookery. For every objection, Wally "will take care of it." Jon

wants the City to get control of the land -- fee ownership! Wally pointed out the 25-year lease (which is to the soccer club, not the city) wouldn't permit IAC funding (Ralph Mackey is on IAC, he and Wally being "the connections" to make this work). Marty says Dick did wonderful job. Dick says Wally was writing down all comments on paper, posting on walls -- until Dick spoke; nothing on the walls. Wally tried to buddy up to Marty. Jamie too. Iss Press was there -- Wally said it wasn't an open meeting, so he hoped Press would keep quiet. The timing is to get the plan going by April, in order to get IAC funding by May 1. Dick feels the whole affair is laughable, childish, not a chance -- simply trying to put up a brave show of trying to save the Skyport while actually watching it go down the tube -- as it may by April

-- King County Towers Committee meeting for tonight was canceled. So I didn't go.

Seattle Times is beginning a daily East Side Edition. Joanie Balter has been transferred over here and she's eager to get educated. She never had heard of a Cougar Mountain Regional Park! We will be educating her.

Jan 10: Sent 1-page "Legislative Memo #1" to 7 selected friends in Legislature, and same number of Orgs and other friends and Press, about the Skyport situation -- ~~informing~~ informing of the threat to State Parks -- all of them. This is not lobbying, simply striving to protect land and birds, so I didn't feel need to run it by Tom.

Jan 11: Laurene reports that Mike Griggs has requested funds for law enforcement on Tiger, but it's out of his hands -- Pat McElroy is running the Tiger show. She will write letter to Pat, cc to Brian Boyle, Cleve Pennox (recreation), asking that law enforcement be done now, before summer, not waiting for the Tiger Plan.

Ken Jacobsen of Legislature calls to say he received Memo #1 about Lake Samm Park; is watching it, and will follow.

Jan 12: ~~A~~ Sleuth⁵ put onto tracing 1977-78 ~~whereabouts~~ whereabouts of a local slime merchant.

5 varied thrushes in front-window larch; they hang around here all winter, and then when it's time to make music go over to Red Town Creek.

Joanne Lennox reports word that Seattle Broadcasting is said to be giving up on Cougar for Capitol Hill; if true, a victory!

But King County seems not to be "scoping" esthetics in EIS; I'll go with Lennoxes Monday am to see Holly Miller and talk about that.

Heavy coyote traffic on trail from Cougar Pass to Clay Pit. Some huge tracks -- cougar?

At Claypit, admiring mountains from Baker to Index, and the late sun in headwaters of Tibbetts Creek, noted something large and white in top of a fir across the pit. Watched it 20 minutes. Once it aired out huge white wings. Had no glasses, so couldn't see fine details. However, from habits and size and whiteness, no mistake: a snowy owl. Eat your heart out, Barbara, you and your eagles.

*Yesterday Stan Vargo had 48 on Tiger Canyon! View in
Cedar River column*

Jan 13: On 24th anniversary of Great Seattle Blizzard, led Trails Club's first (official) outside-Alps hike. Brandnew clearcuts cut us off both from Fuller Mountain trail and Boyle-Bridges Lakes trail, but we did beat through slash to Klaus Lake, and an old but newly active beaver lodge! From side of Fuller, nice view.

Jan 14: Tower meeting: Holly Miller, Brian Glen (BALD chief), Karen _____, Buz, Joanne and Monty Lennox, and the woman who chairs Tower Committee (of which I'm the "esthetics" member). Exchange of ideas and information. To what end?

Jan 15: Betty Culbert will go after Tom Eksten to find out what's up on Rainier Crest and our two trail corridors there, and how to proceed with Eastgate-Coal Creek Park trail, as well as our Licorice Fern Wall-Far Country corridor. needing cleanup.

Department of Ecology is holding an affair in April? to identify ~~as~~ ~~as~~ ~~as~~ ~~as~~ ~~as~~ Do we nominate Yellow Lake?

Jan 16: Recruited to speak to Issaquah AAUW and Sacred Heart School 6th grade class.

Jan 17: Another tower meeting called, to discuss EIS preparation.

Laurene: Mike Griggs called, Boyle wants to get going on law enforcement. We will urge him on.

Tom Eksten progress report on Park:

Only parcel remaining to obtain on Wilderness Creek is Peterson; agreement near. Pancratz -- every time agreement seems near, he asks more money.

Raven Crest -- tried to get County to buy whole "development" ~~xxxx~~ !!!!

KC-Daon: KC offered \$5000, Daon asks \$6600, difference of \$1,750,000, so nothing doing.

DNR Land trade going smoothly

Talks started with B-N

John and Milt Swanson are agreeable to new offer: KC will buy their parcels on Coal Creek, buy development rights on their uplands.

Spent 2 1/2 hours walking from the Mayor's house to the 200-meter hut, via old trails I've not been on (nor anyone else) in years, until hooked to Peggy's Trail, almost close enough to set the beagles barking. What a great trail it is! The falls, the mixture of big trees. New signs have been put up, leading to "Exit 13/I-90." Also, at one gulch the trail has been rerouted and a bridge built! The trail gets very heavy use -- one of our best successes.

*Leon Ker, Issaquah Administrator: He appreciates my telling him
Hike. Ticket gate is gone. Would have taken
action months ago had anybody told him.
That gate is now County responsibility. However, the
Citizens Call Leon and report low visibility*

Harpu the NIGHTMARES OF DREAMTOPPING

An everyday story of weekend folk

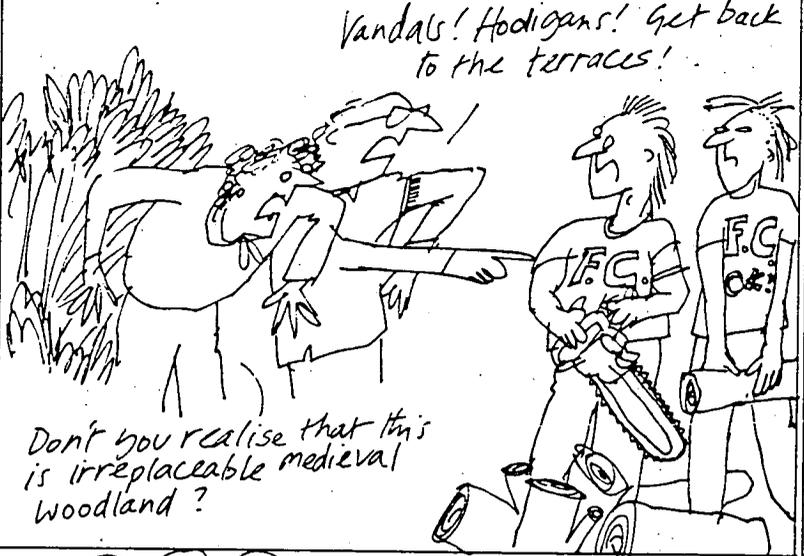
DAVID & DRUSILLA NIGHTMARE ARE OUT COLLECTING BRANCHES FOR THE BARBECUE, DEEP IN MYSTERIOUS DICKY HEART WOOD, WHEN THEY HEAR A SPINE-CHILLING CRY...



These logs are ideal for justifying the Range Rover.

What was that noise? It sounded like a chainsaw.

THEY PLUNGE THROUGH THE UNDERGROWTH, AND FIND YOUTHS WITH CHAINSAWS.



Vandals! Hooligans! Get back to the terraces!

Don't you realise that this is irreplaceable medieval woodland?

Yeah. That's why we're here.



That's why you're here? Let me guess - you're shooting a video nasty. The Joy of Chain Saw Massacre.

We'll report you to your football club.

Don't be silly; we are the Forestry Commission, & we're clearing this for a conifer plantation.



Pine trees! O Horrible! Desecration!

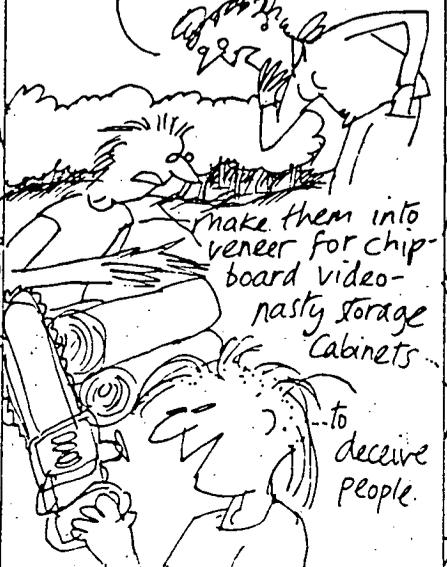
We leave a ring of oak trees round the edge to deceive people.

But what are you going to do with all these 500-yr-old oaks?

DAVID & DRUSILLA RUSH OFF TO GET AN INJUNCTION.



Not at all. Pine is all the rage down the Forestry Commission. Clean modern lines, & fewer earwigs.



make them into veneer for chip-board video-nasty storage Cabinets

to deceive people.



Veneer! So it is a sin! I always thought it sounded like one...

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