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The president's (37th) report

If you'll permit, I'm going to be exceptionally brief, this one time. Having eroded a doughty editor, Connie Fair, into retirement (that is, to Publicity), I am now late for the copy deadline of our new editor, Rodi Ludlum, doubtless no less doughty, but I don't wish to press her too hard at the start.

Additionally, I feel oddly out of touch with reality--the Issaquah Alps variety, that is. Having for some while been invalid-ed home by old war wounds (those Cossacks were brutal on the Retreat from Moscow), I recently managed to get my bones together and gimped around the Cascade highlands 40 days during July and August. Between trips I managed 17 lengthy walks hereabouts, yet am not quite settled back into the local uniform.

However, the cannonading is picking up and soon the leftenants will be blowing their whistles and again we'll be going over the top, into the withering fire of the machine guns. Once more unto the breach, dear friends, for England and St. George!

Weird, weird things are happening in our Trailhead City. The fantasies of the East Village schemers are being treated as serious proposals by people who should know better. It is left to us, under VP David Kappler, to protect the regional resources of West Fork Tibbetts Creek, Bear Ridge and Protector Ridge from the cynicisms and absurdities now being considered solemnly.

We expect Issaquah to have its feet more firmly on the ground when it gets around to planning for the Tradition Plateau. Again, though, most of the solid knowledge about that area lies in *our boots*. Hearings, hearings, more hearings... We must make sure our knowledge--your knowledge--is heard. Attend the public hearings. Testify. Clap and stamp your feet. Hiss and boo.

The situation in the Northern (so-called) Village of Cougar Mountain is not so irrational as in the Eastern (so-called) Village but is--to say the least--complex. The developer there is caught between the rock of profit and the hard place of preserving the natural values of

the north slope of Cougar. The Trails Club has enjoyed good relations with this developer, as it has with all the others (save one) on Cougar Mountain, and doesn't wish to harm any honest entrepreneur. Yet it has a loyalty to the regime of Mother Nature. Should we be Jacobites to the bitter end?

Of the grandest features of Cougar Mountain, two lie outside the boundaries, existing or proposed (even by us) of the Regional Wildland Park. Take a hike in the gorge of West Fork Tibbetts Creek, on Bear Ridge, Protector Ridge; the Eastern (so-called) Village developers might contemplate a four-lane highway up through this magnificence.

Take a hike from Exit 13 in the Lewis Creek Gorge, then off left on Peggy's Trail up The Precipice, beside the waterfalls of Owen Creek, and onward across the Precipice Trail and SE 60th and the Military Road to Radar Park--this is the quintessential "Wilderness on the Metro 210". The latest Northern Village plans put a freeway up the Lewis Creek Gorge and relegate Peggy's Trail to sidewalks for a long stretch.

Cougar Mountain? Say also, China Summit, Deceiver Ridge, Military Road, Big Tree Ridge. Whisper "Burlington Northern" and hold your breath as the loose cannon rolls around the public decks. We're not done with Cougar. We've only just begun on Squak. Issaquah City is a bear cub waiting to be licked into shape by a Momma Bear capable of doing the job properly, lest the youngster grow up malformed and grotesque and altogether *horribilis*.

Tiger Mountain State Forest, under the born-again DNR led by State Land Commissioner Brian Boyle, is such a success story we can't begin to treat it in this space. Next time.

Trails Club retreat

Your club is sponsoring a retreat for officers, directors and other active club members on October 22 and 23. The purpose of the retreat is to examine our purpose and goals, review accomplishments, and discuss future goals and methods by which they can be accomplished. In particular, the group will assess strengths, problems, and consider how we might attract new members, expand participation, enlist and direct member energies, and encourage public use and concern for the Issaquah Alps, while still retaining the club's informal camaraderie.

Your suggestions, comments, and concerns, in writing, are cordially solicited and encouraged. Correspondence received in time will be placed on the agenda; late arrivals will be routed to the appropriate committee for discussion. All members are invited to attend the November 1988 board meeting where retreat recommendations will be presented to the board for their consideration.

This retreat will generate some new tasks to be accomplished, and spotlight others that have been neglected. So if YOU have a little time, some time, or a lot of time or a talent, PLEASE CALL, OR WRITE A NOTE, to the address below. Someone WILL contact you to talk about your areas of interest, and what time you might have available. Your support of the goals of your club has brought, and will continue to bring, tangible results.

THANK YOU.

GAIL L. PALM
9518 28th Ave. N.W.
Seattle, WA 98117
783-6005

Second Annual
President's Day
**TEDDY BEAR
HIKE**

January 1
10:00

WEST TIBBETTS CREEK

Climb every mountain: Cougar-Tiger-Squak in one day

A SUPERHIKE CELEBRATION

Nine years ago, when the Trails Club was getting started, we were fighting Developers, Dirtbikers, Politicians, Loggers and Public Indifference to the future of our lovely alps. We were regarded as utopians, obstructionists and agitators involved in a quixotic cause against "progress".

But look at what has happened since those early, trying days! NOW government bodies work with us as partners. Developers negotiate with us because they can no longer run rampant. Thousands of persons have hiked with us, seen our Alps and become political supporters. Major land parcels in the Alps are now preserved (but not enough). By the time you read this, we hope that the voters of King County will have approved a bond issue providing for, among other things, the purchase of unifying connecting corridors of land between Cougar, Squak and Tiger -- connectors for the open transit of domestic man and wild beast.

So it seems right to celebrate with a "SUPERHIKE" highlighting the unity of our three Alps, showing and the proposed connector pathways, and providing fun hiking opportunities for various levels of interest and ability.

An unusual challenge will engage the superhiker from in an early start, late finish through hike from Lake Washington over the summits of Cougar, Squak, Tiger, through Issaquah if possible, with termination near Preston. Approximate distance: 20-25 miles. Fast walkers not wanting to hike the whole way can walk one or more legs with the through hikers. There will be separate additional hikes for each leg at a slower pace.

Perhaps at the end of the day, we can have a gathering, maybe supper, to review the events of the day and present awards. We hope that this unusual event, properly publicized, will generate greater public interest and support as well as provide a lot of fun for club

members.

But for this event to succeed, your leadership and help is needed in planning, publicity, refreshments, hike leadership, transportation, signing, record keeping, coordination, etc., etc., etc. There will be a planning meeting October 6, 7:30 p.m., at Jack Hornung's house, 4218 Meridian Avenue N. Phone: 545-9122. Call and volunteer if unable to attend. Details of the day will appear in the media and/or the Club Hotline.

Taylor Mountain work party October 8

A Taylor Mountain work party will be held Saturday, October 8 to do some light brushing on the upper trail between Della's Way and the West Ridge Vista. This is mostly salmonberry brush. Wear long sleeves and bring gloves.

There will be coffee and doughnuts at the Issaquah Park and Ride at 8:30. For more information, call Geroje Jackman at 221-3925.

Weed Whackers strike again

The Wednesday Weed Whackers, a mid-week trail maintenance group, will start up again the first week of November. To become part of this elite corps, call Joe Toynbee at 723-6716 or Dwight Riggs at 772-1666.

History walks on Salmon Days

Tim O'Brian from the trails club will lead three history walks over Salmon Days weekend. On Saturday, October 1, the walk will start at 1 p.m. On Sunday, October 2, the walks will start at noon and 2 p.m. All walks leave from the Trails Club booth on Front St.

October

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
					1 Tiger Mt. Leader's Choice 3C 8:30 S A L M O N	2 Middle Tiger 2C 12:30 Bellevue: Bellefield nature park, Mercer Slough 2A 12:30 D A Y S
3	4 Tiger Mt. Trail-Manning's Reach 3C 8:30	5	6 S. Cascades: Annette Lake 2C 9:30	7	8 Little Mt. Si 2C 9:30 Taylor Mt. Work Party George Jackman 1-221-3925	9 Cougar: Tibbetts Creek Bear Ridge, Fantastic Erratic 2C 9:30 West Tiger 3 3C 9:30
10	11 Cougar: Wilderness Peak Exploration 3C 9:30	12 Lake Hills Greenbelt 1A 9:30	13 Lake Alice Rd. to Takul Creek 2B 9:30	14	15 Taylor: Shawn Creek Falls 3B 9:30 Squak Mt. Work Party 8:30	16 Cougar: Old Newcastle to new Newcastle 2C 12:30 S. Cascades: Little Si 2C 12:30 Alpine Lakes: Melakwa Lk. 4C RSVP only Maury Muzzy 392-8718
17	18 Preston to Phantom Trestle 1A 9:30	19 Tiger: Hobart RR grade, 15-mile creek, return TMT 3C 9:00	20 Trails Club Meeting, Newport Way Library 7:30	21 Cougar: W. Tibbetts Cr. 2C 9:30	22 Cougar: Wilderness Creek Loop 3C 8:30	23 S. Cascades: Pratt River Valley 3B RSVP only Don DeWitt 771-1242
24	25 Tiger 2 summit via Poo Poo Pt., Seattle View & 1 view 3C 8:30	26	27	28 North Bend: Little Si 2C 9:30	29 ISSAQUAH ALPS TRAVERSE: COUGAR, SQUAK AND TIGER CALL HOTLINE: 328-0480	30 Tiger: Grand Canyon of 15-mile creek ROUGH TERRAIN 2C 12:30 Peggy's trail work party 8:30
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NOVEMBER 1988 Hike Schedule

TUE NOV 1

Tiger Mountain
Exploratory Bushwhack
3C 9:30
Dwight Riggs 772-1666

THU NOV 3

Cougar: Coal Creek Falls &
DeLeo Wall
2B 9:30
Connie Dow 392-2190

SAT NOV 5

Tiger Mountain Loop
3C 8:30
John Schuy 228-5302

SQUAK MOUNTAIN WORK PARTY 8:30

Jack Hornung 545-9122

SUN NOV 6

West Tiger 3 Loop
3C 9:30
Maury Muzzy 392-8718

Bellevue: Kelsey Creek Park
Exploration

2B 12:30
Dave Blawn 271-1677

TUE NOV 8

No. Bend: Old Si Trail
4C 8:30
Joanne Howe 432-0741

WED NOV 9

Cougar: New Newcastle
1A 9:30
Leigh Bortin 228-7323

THU NOV 10

Taylor Mtn: Shawn Falls &
W. Taylor Summit
GREAT VIEW OF RAINIER.
3C 9:00
Bob Knutsen 243-4546
Gail Palm 783-6005

FRI NOV 11

Tiger: Lake Tradition
Exploratory
2B 9:30
Mary Cadigan 641-4046

SAT NOV 12

West Tiger 3
3C 8:30
Leonard & Ursula Eisenberg
392-4034

Tiger: Poo Poo Point
3C 9:30
Russ Williams 392-5989

No. Bend: Little Si

2C 12:30
Bob Gross 392-0539

SUN NOV 13

Tiger 3
3C 8:00
John & Joan Held 941-0526

TURNING UP THE HEAT ON SQUAK

(See article, page 3)
2C+BST 8:30
Jack Hornung 545-9122

TUE NOV 15

West Tiger RR Grade
3C 9:30
Joe Toynebee 723-6716

THU NOV 17

Tiger Mountain
Exploratory Bushwhack
3C 9:30
Dwight Riggs 772-1666

FRI NOV 18

Cougar: Lakemont Gorge
2C 9:30
Betty Culbert 432-7387

SAT NOV 19

So. Cascades: Mt. Washington
4C (SLOW PACE) 8:30
Hazel Hale 243-5376

Tiger Mountain History Hike

3C (SLOW PACE) 9:30
Bill Longwell 255-1295

Seattle:

Georgetown Historical tour
2C 10:00 (Meet at Airport Way
& Lucille Street)
Tim O'Brian 324-1609
or 522-1540

SUN NOV 20

West Tiger 1&2 Loop
3C 8:30
George Mischler 746-8144

Cougar: Wilderness Creek
2C 12:30
Steve Cavit 271-7780

TUE NOV 22

Boeing Trail
1A 9:30
Virginia Cuykendall 746-7280

WED NOV 23

Tiger Mountain Leader's Choice
3C 8:30
Will Thompson 488-8592

THU NOV 24

No. Bend: Little Si
2C 9:30
Al Blalock 746-4155
Ed Bowser 747-3349

SAT NOV 26

Tiger 2 & 3 Loop
3C 8:30
Trudy Ecob 232-2933

Squak Mountain Exploratory
3C 8:30

Tom Mechler 255-0922

SUN NOV 27

Grand Ridge: Monster Fir &
Issaquah Vista (NEW HIKE)
2A 9:30
Harvey Manning 746-1017

Middle Tiger Loop

3B 9:30
George Jackman 1- 221-3925

MON NOV 28

Tiger Mountain Leader's Choice
3C 8:30
Laurene McLane 392-0204

WED NOV 30

Tiger Mountain Leader's Choice
3C 9:30
Bernie Dionne 228-5302

Turning up the heat on Squak

After a number of years of benign neglect of Squak Mountain, threatening private development and promising public acquisition have caused us to lay the lash on our backs; to "turn up the heat on Squak" our lovely, lesser-known central Alp. But we need help to accomplish our assigned job.

First, we want a better public and member acquaintance with Squak, whose lack of panoramic views is more than offset by its varied and luxurious forest growth, its dramatically steep slopes, its logging and mining history, and its just plain woody charm. Secondly, we want a number of YOU to become knowledgeable about the mountain so that you can become part of a club cadre of "Squak Experts", workers and leaders.

Accordingly, this and subsequent hike schedules feature monthly Squak hikes and work parties. The hikes combine a morning "2C" get acquainted portion, and an all day "BST" (blood, sweat, & tears) exploration, route finding and flagging exploration. After lunch and the departure of the morning group, the self-chosen few will grapple with the mountain's wilds to scout out new routes and improve old ones.

All day "BST" hikers should count on tough, cross country up and down bushwhacking, temporary disorientation (read "we're lost"), and late tired emergence from remote parts. Make your fixed dinner engagements for another evening. But you WILL learn this mountain! Work parties will clear out the routes we establish. For Further info: call Jack Hornung 545-9122.

Free nature walks held in Lake Hills

Each Saturday in October, the Bellevue Park Ranger will lead an easy 45-minute walk in the Lake Hills Greenbelt. Everyone is welcome, but all children must be accompanied by an adult. Child carriers are recommended for small children. Meet at the parking lot at SE 16th St. and 156th Ave. SE.

October 1

Human History. Why does Larsen Lake drain north and Phantom Lake drain east?

October 8

Marvelous Marshes. We'll look at how useful "useless" swamplands are.

October 15

Fabulous Flora. Lots of wildflowers are still in bloom. An introduction to their names and uses.

October 22

Feral Flora. Volunteers will be working on the special wildlife habitat pro-

ject. Find out what lives in the Greenbelt.

October 29

Bye-Bye Birdies. Fall migration is in progress with many comings and goings. Some binoculars and guidebooks are available, or bring your own.

For more information, call Barbara Johnson, 451-7225.

Lend a hand with an urban wildlife project

You can make a difference by lending a hand on Saturday, October 22, for an Urban Wildlife service project. The Bellevue Parks Department and the Washington State Department of Wildlife are co-sponsoring a demonstration project for homeowners who are interested in attracting wildlife to their yards.

Volunteers are needed to design bird-attracting gardens and to plant native groundcovers and shrubbery. For more information, or to register, call Barbara Johnson, 451-7225.



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OCTOBER 1988 Hike Schedule

SAT OCT 1

SALMON DAYS FESTIVAL

Issaquah history walk
1:00 1A (Meet at Trails Club
booth on Front Street)
Tim O'Brian 324-1609 or
522-1540

Tiger Mtn. Leaders Choice.
3C 8:30
John Schuy 228-5302

SUN OCT 2

SALMON DAYS FESTIVAL

Issaquah history walk
noon and 2:00 1A (Meet at Trails
Club booth on Front Street)
Tim O'Brian 324-1609 or
522-1540

Middle Tiger
2C 12:30
Bob Gross 392-0539

Bellevue: Bellefield nature park
and Mercer slough exploration.
2A 12:30
Dave Blawn 271-1677

TUE OCT 4

TMT to Manning's Reach
3C 8:30
Ann Leber 746-3291

THU OCT 6

S. Cascades: Annette Lk.
2C 9:30
Al Blalock 746-4155
Ed Bowser 747-3349

SAT OCT 8

Little Mt Si.
2C 9:30
Leonard & Ursula Eisenberg
392-4034

TAYLOR MOUNTAIN WORK PARTY

George Jackman 1-221-3925

SUN OCT 9

Cougar: Tibbetts Creek/Bear
Ridge and Fantastic Erratic
2C 9:30
Ralph Owen 746-1070

West Tiger 3

3C 9:30
Russ Williams 392-5989

TUE OCT 11

Cougar: Wilderness Peak
Exploration
3C 9:30
Ann Leber 746-3291

WED OCT 12

Lake Hills Greenbelt
1A 9:30
Leigh Bortins 228-7323

THU OCT 13

Lake Alice Rd to Takul Creek
2B 9:30
Al Blalock 746-4155
Ed Bowser 747-3349

SAT OCT 15

Taylor.: Shawn Creek Falls
3B 9:30
Doug Welti 322-7714

SQUAK MOUNTAIN WORK PARTY 8:30

Jack Hornung 545-9122

SUN OCT 16

Cougar: Old Newcastle to
new Newcastle
2C 12:30
Ralph Owens 746-1070

So Cascades: Little Si.
2C 12:30

John & Joan Held 941-0526

Alpine Lakes: Melakwa Lake
4C 8:30 Limit 12 RSVP
Maury Muzzy 392-8718

TUE OCT 18

Preston to Phantom Trestle
1A 9:30
Virginia Cuykendall 746-7280

WED OCT 19

Tiger: Hobart RR Grade,
15-Mile Creek, Return TMT
3C 9:30
Bob Knutsen 243-4546
Gail Palm 783-6005

FRI OCT 21

Cougar: W. Tibbetts Creek
2C 9:30
Betty Culbert 432-7387

SAT OCT 22

Cougar: Wilderness Creek loop
3C 8:30
Stan Unger 283-7823

SUN OCT 23

So. Cascades: Pratt River Valley
3B RSVP only
Don DeWitt 771-1242

TUE OCT 25

Tiger 2 summit via Poo Poo
Point, Seattle View, and One
View Trails.
3C 8:30
Will Thompson 488-8592

FRI OCT 28

N. Bend: Little Si.
2C 9:30
Mary Cadigan 641-4046

SAT OCT 29

**THE ISSAQUAH ALPS
TRAVERSE: COUGAR,
SQUAK AND TIGER**
(Call HOTLINE: 328-0480)
SEE ARTICLE PAGE 2. BE
SURE TO ATTEND HIKE AND
PLANNING PARTY OCT 6.
Jack Hornung 545-9122

SUN OCT 30

Tiger: Grand Canyon of
15-Mile Creek
2C ROUGH TERRAIN 12:30
Larry Hansen 392-2458

PEGGY'S TRAIL WORK PARTY

This is a very politically
important area, so make a special
effort to attend this one. 8:30
Ralph & Peggy Owen 747-1457

December

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			1 Cougar: Tibbetts Creek 2C 9:30	2	3 W. Tiger 1, 2 & 3 4C 8:30 Tiger: Big Tree & caves 2C 9:30 Cougar: Wildemess Peak 3C 9:30	4 Tiger Mt. leader's choice 3C 8:30 Snoqualmie Valley: Preston to Lake Alice Rd. 2A 12:30
5	6 Tiger: Manning's Reach 3C 9:30	7	8 W. Tiger 2 & 3 4C (slow pace) 8:30	9 Cougar Mt. leader's choice 2B 9:30	10 Middle Tiger via Artifacts Trail 3C 8:30 Tiger Mt. work party 8:30	11 Tiger: Peggy's trail 2B 12:30 Tiger 1, 2 & 3 Wipe out 4C 9:00 Squak Mt. work party 8:30
12	13 W. Tiger 1 loop via bootleg 4C 8:30	14 Cougar: Anti- Aircraft Peak Park 1A 9:30	15 Trails Club meeting 7:30 Newport Way library	16 Cougar: Coal Creek Falls 2C 9:30	17 W. Tiger 3 loop 3C 8:30 Seattle: South Park Historical Tour 2A 10:00 RSVP only Tim O'Brien 324-1609 or 522-1540	18 Alps: geology special 2B 12:30 Cougar: Big Tree Ridge & E. Military Rd. 2C 9:30
19	20 Tiger: Lk Tradition 2B 9:30 Lake Hills greenblt 1A 9:30	21	22	23 Tiger Mt. leader's choice 3C 8:30	24 Squak: Work up an appetite hike 2C+BST 9:00 (see "Turning up the heat on Squak, page 5)	25 <i>Merry Christmas</i>
26	27 Cougar: Far Country Lookout, Doughty Falls, Long View Peak, Wildemess View Cliff & Big View Cliff 3C 8:00	28	29 N. Bend: Little Si 2C 9:30	30	31 Tiger: Poo Poo Point 3C 9:30 Tiger Caves 2B 12:30	January 1 Cougar: Second Annual President's Day "Teddy Bear Hike" West Tibbetts Creek 2C 10:00

Pratt River Valley update

Many thanks to all of you who joined us on our outings into the Pratt Valley this summer. We are part of a small but rapidly growing number of people who have first hand knowledge of the public values of this area. There will be hikes this fall but due to the uncertainty of the water volume in the Middle Fork of the Snoqualmie, the hikes will have to be more spontaneous. Call Don DeWitt, 771-1242 for details about unscheduled hikes or for general information about the Pratt Valley.

We will be working this winter to make more people aware of the Pratt Valley. Several slide shows are already planned. These shows will include slides from many of our outings this summer. We are also planning to set up information booths at river and old-growth conferences to be held this fall. A short Pratt River video is also being planned. Volunteers are needed in

many capacities, from letter writing and phone-banking, which can be done at home, to attending conferences out of state.

Representative Mike Lowry and John Miller are co-sponsored HR 4839, a bill to designate the Pratt River as a Wild River under the federal Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. As a Wild River, the Pratt would be managed to protect fish, wildlife, water quality, recreation and scenic values. No dams would be allowed on the Pratt or its tributaries, and no roads would be built in the river corridor.

On July 2, Representative Miller joined other hikers on a tour of the lower Pratt Valley to see the area for himself. Miller said he thought a wild river bill could be passed this year if Rod Chandler sponsored it. Chandler's support is critical because the Pratt is in his district. Unfortunately, Chandler is not supporting the bill at this time. He seems in-

clined, instead, to rely on the forest service to bring about greater emphasis on scenic and recreational values in the area within a "multiple use" context.

However, we feel Chandler can be persuaded to support the Wild River Bill if he becomes aware of the public support for protection of this area. It should be noted that he is not actively opposing the bill, merely not supporting it. He needs to know that you want the Pratt Valley to remain roadless and free from commercial development, that you want it managed to preserve its natural qualities while providing non-motorized recreation. HR 4839 is designed to accomplish that at virtually no cost to the government.

Letters to Chandler on this issue are needed now. Even if you do not live in his district, please write him anyway. His address is 233 Cannon Building, Washington DC 20515.

Don DeWitt and Len Gardner

Board of Directors Meeting notes

June 16, 1988

Return to Newcastle. Analysis and report on this event, including finances, guided hikes, King County trail maintenance, possibility of two-day event next year, chairs, parking, place for oldtimers to gather, music, food.

Park Survey. Dan Kees volunteered to do some surveying in Cougar Park. Discussed signs of development at China Creek, Deceiver Ridge and Military Road.

Alpiner. Rodi showed what she can do using a computer. Discussed purchase--too expensive for club.

Retreat-Master Plan. Agenda committee will meet to determine what will be studied and will assemble task force to attend Retreat. Talked about various possibilities--hike leaders meetings, potlucks, recruiting, politics, hiking.

Maps. Rodi will draft new Tradition map. Need map of Lake Sammamish Park, including threatened area.

Choppers. Helicopter training school is practicing touch and go at the Nike

Site. Call 431-1370 if you spot them. They are not permitted here.

Horses. Washington Walking Horse Society wants to use Wildside Trail.

Trails Club insists that riders keep off foot trails unsuited for multi-use. Harvey will write to Tom Eksten.

July 21, 1988

Reports. Treasurer's report and Membership report were presented. We had 1433 memberships in June.

Inter-Agency meeting. Trails Club, DNR, State Parks, Issaquah Parks, King County reps met to discuss interconnecting trails, wildlife travel corridors, open space along I-90 corridor.

Cougar Mountain. Dave is carrying on Tibbetts-East Cougar campaign. North Village discussions continue as project requires massive rezone and EIS. Discussed action Trails Club must take, including assembling our own Open Space Plan for the entire Alps.

Trails. Our Cougar Squak connector trail is on state right-of-way and the developer will dedicate Squak clay pit as

open space--we could have trailhead plus picnic areas. Club labels were donated for mailing in favor of preservation of the Pratt.

Retreat. Board approved resolution endorsing retreat. Article will appear in next Alpiner.

Open Space Bond Issue. Vote is September 20. Discussed what we might do in the way of a Hike-in and special mailing.

August 18, 1988

Open Space Bond Issue. We'll provide labels and phone list, help with phone tree, hand out brochures at Park and Ride, put up yard signs.

Lake Sammamish. Board voted to contribute \$250 in support of Lake Sammamish wetlands.

Issaquah Alps traverse. Will be held October 29. Jack Hornung will organize. Board enthusiastically adopted this proposal.

North Village. Ralph has prepared statement of Trails Club position regarding open space, permanent trail corridors and wildlife corridors.

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	1 Tiger Mt. exploratory bushwhack 3C 9:30	2	3 Cougar: Coal Ck.falls & DeLeoWall 2B 9:30	4	5 Tiger Mt. loop 3C 8:30 Squak Mt. work party 8:30	6 W. Tiger 3 loop 3C 9:30 Bellevue: Kelsey Creek exploration 2B 12:30
7	8 N. Bend: Old Si trail 4C 8:30	9 Cougar: New Newcastle 1A 9:30	10 Taylor Mt: Shawn falls & W. Taylor summit 3C 9:00	11 Tiger: Lake Tradition exploratory 2B 9:30	12 West Tiger 3 3C 8:30 Tiger: Poo Poo Pt. 3C 9:30 N. Bend: Little Si 2C 12:30	13 Tiger 3 3C 8:00 Turning up the heat on Squak 2C+BST (see article page 5) 9:00
14	15 W. Tiger RR grade 3C 9:30	16	17 Tiger Mt. exploratory bushwhack 3C 9:30 Club meeting 7:30 Newport Lib.	18 Cougar: Lakemont Gorge 2C 9:30	19 S. Cascades: Mt. Washington 4C (slow pace) 8:30 Tiger Mt. history hike 3C (slow) 9:30 Seattle: Georgetown historical tour 2C 10:00 (see schedule for details)	20 W. Tiger 1&2 loop 3C 8:30 Cougar: Wilderness creek 2C 12:30
21	22 Boeing trail 1A 9:30	23 Tiger Mt. leader's choice 3C 8:30	24 N. Bend: Little Si 2C 9:30	25	26 Tiger 2 & 3 loop 3C 8:30 Squak Mt. exploratory 3C 8:30	27 Grand Ridge: Monster Fir & Issaquah Vista (new hike) 2A 9:30 Middle Tiger loop 3B 9:30
28 Tiger Mt. leader's choice 3C 8:30	29	30 Tiger Mt. leader's choice 3C 9:30				

DECEMBER 1988 Hike Schedule

THU DEC 1

Cougar: Tibbetts Creek
2C 9:30
Connie Dow 392-2190

SAT DEC 3

West Tiger 1 & 2 & 3
4C 8:30
Ralph Leach 783-6345

Tiger: Big Tree & Caves
2C 9:30
Leonard & Ursula Eisenberg
392-4034

Cougar: Wilderness Peak
3C 9:30
Bob Eschrich 232-5764

SUN DEC 4

Tiger Mountain Leaders Choice
3C 8:30
John Schuy 228-5302

Snoqualmie Valley:
Preston to Lake Alice Road
2A 12:30
Dave Blawn 271-1677

TUE DEC 6

Tiger: Manning's Reach
3C 9:30
Joe Toynbee 723-6716

THU DEC 8

West Tiger 2 & 3
4C (SLOW PACE) 8:30
Hazel Hale 243-5376

FRI DEC 9

Cougar Mountain Leaders Choice
2B 9:30
Mary Cadigan 641-4046

SAT DEC 10

TIGER MOUNTAIN
WORK PARTY 8:30
Dwight Riggs 772-1666

Middle Tiger via Artifacts Trail
3C 8:30
Tom Mechler 255-0922

SUN DEC 11
SQUAK MOUNTAIN
WORK PARTY 8:30
Jack Hornung 545-9122

Tiger: Peggy's Trail
2B 12:30
Ralph Owen 746-1070

Tiger 1 & 2 & 3 Wipe-out
4C 9:00
A. J. Culver 392-3002

TUE DEC 13

West Tiger 1 Loop via Bootleg
4C 8:30
Joanne Howe 432-0741

WED DEC 14

Cougar: Anti-Aircraft Peak Park
1A 9:30
Leigh Bortins 228-7323

FRI DEC 16

Cougar: Coal Creek Falls
2C 9:30
Betty Culbert 432-7387

SAT DEC 17

West Tiger 3 Loop
3C 8:30
George Mischler 746-8144

Seattle: South Park Historical
Tour, includes horse & buggy
farm tour
2A 10:00 RSVP ONLY
Tim O'Brien 324-1609
or 522-1540

SUN DEC 18

Alps: Geology Special
2B 12:30
Steve Williams 453-8997

Cougar: Big Tree Ridge &
E. Military Road 2C 9:30
Harvey Manning 746-1017

TUE DEC 20

Tiger: Lake Tradition
2B 9:30
Al Blalock 746-4155
Ed Bowser 747-3349

Lake Hills Greenbelt 1A 9:30
Virginia Cuykendall 746-7280

FRI DEC 23

Tiger Mountain Leaders Choice
3C 8:30
Will Thompson 488-8592

SAT DEC 24

Squak: Work up an
Appetite Hike
2C+BST 8:30
Jack Hornung 545-9122
See, "Turning Up The Heat On
Squak"

SUN DEC 25

MERRY CHRISTMAS

TUE DEC 27

Cougar: Far Country Lookout,
Doughty Falls, Long View Peak,
Wilderness View Cliff &
Big View Cliff
3C 8:00
Bob Knutsen 243-4546
Gail Palm 783-6005

THU DEC 29

No. Bend Little Si
2C 9:30
Al Blalock 746-4155
Ed Bowser 747-3349

SAT DEC 31

Tiger: Poo Poo Point
3C 9:30
Stan Unger 283-7823

Tiger Caves
2B 12:30
Bob Gross 392-0539

SUN JAN 1

Cougar: **SECOND ANNUAL
PRESIDENTS DAY
"TEDDY BEAR HIKE"**
West Tibbetts Creek
2C 10:00
Harvey Manning 746-1017

Hike Information

HIKE LEADERS

The hike leaders are volunteers who have donated their time to lead people who want to hike and explore the trails in the Issaquah Alps and other nearby foothills (Cascades) in King County. Hikes are scheduled and led year-round regardless of weather or attendance.

Trails in the Issaquah Alps may be good or bad, easy or hard, muddy or dusty, brushy or clear, steep or flat, easy or hard--or all of the above. Some are not much more than animal trails. As *volunteers*, neither the hike leaders, the Trails Club or club directors are in any way responsible or liable for hiker's comfort, transportation, property, safety or general wellbeing while traveling to and from the trail head or while hiking or while maintaining any trail.

The club's sole purpose is to show hikers where the trails are and to lead the way. The public, other clubs, youth groups, church groups and others are welcome and wholeheartedly invited to join with the hike leader and others who want to hike these trails. Children under 13 should be accompanied by an adult.

HIKE CLASSIFICATIONS

Each hike has a number and letter designation after it (i.e. 2C). Numbers indicate the hiking time and letters indicate the degree of difficulty.

Hiking time

Class 1: 2 hours

Class 2: 4 hours

Class 3: 6 hours

Class 4: 8 hours

These are *approximate* hiking times, not including travel time to and from the trailhead (20 to 70 minutes, depending on the hike) and meal times (lunch will add another 20-70 minutes, depending on the mood of the group). The times are based on an assumption of a two mile per hour pace, with a half hour added for each 1000 feet in elevation gain. Trail conditions, weather, and unexpected hazards can extend the hiking time.

Degree of Difficulty

A: level terrain: no difficulties for an average walker

B: some climbing: up to 800 feet, or some other difficulty

C: more climbing: up to 2200 feet, or some other difficulty

D: much climbing: over 2200 feet elevation gain

This is an *estimated* degree of difficulty. Most trails in the Issaquah Alps are not up to the high standards of state and national parks. Issaquah Trails can be very steep in parts or muddy and brushy. Hikers may gain 1000 feet in just one mile of a five-mile, 1500-foot elevation gain hike. Sometimes there are trees to climb over or nettles and berry bushes to beat through. *Short* doesn't automatically mean easy and *long* doesn't automatically mean tough.

HIKE DESCRIPTION MODIFIERS

Exploration

The leader shows trails and points of interest along the way. The trails to be hiked or points visited depend on the weather and the group's interests.

Leader's Choice

The leader had not decided where to hike before publication of the hike schedule.

Trail Party

Trail maintenance work party.

Variation

The leader may detour, take short cuts and loops, explore or otherwise deviate from the main trail to make the hike more interesting.

Exploratory Bushwhack

The leader goes cross country off the main trail system to explore animal trails, canyons, old logging roads, or old railroad grades. Expect to go through brush, over logs, tiptoe through wildflowers and/or mud and have a good time hiking where others seldom tread.

Youth Hike

For children ages six to 12.

Parents must come along.

Toddler's Walk

For parents with very small children or infants.

MEETING PLACE

All hikes meet at the Issaquah Metro Park and Ride lot, Exit 15 off Interstate 90. The lot is located west of Issaquah at the junction of Highway 900 and Newport Way. Hikers gather at the south end of the Park and Ride. Most hikes are coordinated with Metro 210 schedule. Hikes generally leave the Park and Ride right after 8:30 or 9:30 in the morning or 12:30 in the afternoon. These times are shortly after the scheduled arrival of a 210 bus from points west. Check the 210 bus schedule.

CLOTHING

Dress for the Pacific Northwest outdoors--expect rain, snow, sunshine, fog and everything in between. Bring extra clothing, rain gear, food, drink, matches, flashlight and first aid supplies. Wear comfortable hiking boots or hiking shoes.

TRAIL MAINTENANCE

Volunteers organize and schedule trail maintenance parties from time to time. These work parties generally meet at the Park and Ride lot. The Club is well supplied with heavy trail maintenance tools, but workers may also bring their own loppers, weed whackers and other tools. Trail work parties last between two and four hours. *Trail maintenance is a vital part of the Club's work--and a great way to meet people!* Individuals and groups are also encouraged to adopt a trail, or section of trail, and be responsible for maintaining it.

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By Richard K. McDonald and Lucile McDonald. A complete history of the once-thriving coal mining area on Cougar Mountain, now hidden from all but hikers. More than 100 photos, four maps and Tim O'Brian's account of the incredible Seattle and Walla Walla Railroad.
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Tiger Mountain map

\$1.75 (includes tax and shipping)

Cougar Mountain map

\$1.75 (includes tax and shipping)

All available through mail. Write the club.

Issaquah Alps Trails Club
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Membership Application Issaquah Alps Trails Club

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

- Annual Regular Dues \$5
- Annual Contributing Dues \$10
- Lifetime Membership \$100

•All memberships cover the entire family. No matter when you join, your membership is renewable May 1. However, applications received after January 1 will apply through April of the following year.

•Regular annual family membership remains \$5. This *just* covers the cost of printing and mailing the Alpiner.

•Contributing memberships at \$10 or more not only permit us to hold the regular membership to \$5, but allow us to do more: sponsor special events, publish new trail guides and buy new trail maintenance tools.

•Lifetime memberships at \$100 help keep us in business and support club overhead.

•Any membership in excess of \$5 is tax-deductible.

•The club continues through the efforts of volunteers.

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