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ALPINER

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The President's third report:

Open space bonds will preserve trails for future generations

This November the King County Open Space Bonds will be on the ballot.

This bond issue includes some very important acquisitions in the Issaquah Alps as well as all over King County. There are projects involving hundreds of acres and miles of trails and projects involving fractions of an acre and trails of less than a mile. The Alps have much to gain, and we will have to get behind this effort. We will need your help to put up signs, pass out leaflets, call and raise money.

Every dollar you can spare will make a difference. Please send your check in the envelope attached inside the Alpiner. You may also call any board member to volunteer your time, or sign up at the Trails Club booth on Salmon Days.

This will be the last great chance to acquire major open space areas close to population centers. We owe it to future generations.

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~~We will have work parties~~
~~Smaller work parties~~
of the year. Each work party will have a variety of tasks and will be able to accommodate beginner as well as experienced trail maintainers and builders.

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Great things came out of our retreat in 1988 and we see a need to have another retreat this year. All members of the club are invited. We only ask that you let us know by November that you are coming. ~~The retreat will be on~~
~~day November 11th~~
p.m. at a location in or near Issaquah. This will be a perfect time to find out

more about the club and become more involved in its many efforts. It has been suggested that the only prerequisite to attending is having the energy to commit. If you qualify, please attend. Please see separate article on page 3 for more details and how to let us know you will attend.

David Kappler

**Clips, Snips, Hacks,
Chops and Saws**
by Dennis Burk

*Trail maintenance is my life;
I shall not rest.*

*It makes me sweat
in green forests:
and ache in strange places.*

*It restores my soul
and invigorates my heart.*

*Even though I walk along
obscure paths,
I don't fear getting lost
because Footsore #1 is with me;
my clippers and saw comfort me.*

*The trail is a garden before me:
I prune limbs next to the trunk,
clip sprouts flush to the ground,
remove windfalls from the path,
encourage nettles
to live elsewhere,
divert water from the trail:
my water bottle is empty.*

*Surely Ed Hume and Harvey
will praise me
for the rest of my life.
I hope we can visit the forest
forever.*

**New Year's Day
Chairman of the Board
Teddy Bear Hike**
See page 6

Thus spake me

*Wandering between two worlds, one dead,
The other powerless to be born.*

The objection to the dead world, the loggers' free-for-all that commenced on Puget Sound some 140 years ago, is that it refuses to lie down and be buried, but thrashes around in a death agony as insane as that of a feral dog in the throes of hydrophobia.

Yet a heightened public awareness, plus the emerging leadership of a public official (Brian Boyle, head of the Department of Natural Resources), give hope that the new world of a rationalized, stable forest industry *can* be born, and will be.

When? Ah, the Prophet's keen eye clearly sees the future but is unable to make out the exact date on the calendar. The first number of the year is not a "1", the second is a "0", but more than that is hidden.

However, gaze with me into that future and - lo! - behold wonders:

The Northern Pacific Land Grant will be revested. This theft from the public domain, which makes robberies of the Reagan Gang look like pilfering petty cash, has repeatedly been called by members of Congress a national disgrace. Belated justice *will* be done. Heirs of the thieves will be fairly compensated for their expenses; in the case of Weyerhaeuser, this will amount to \$5 an acre, adjusted for inflation plus the property taxes the company has paid over the years, less the value of the trees it has cut in the meanwhile.

The dream of Gifford Pinchot, founder of the U.S. Forest Service, will be realized, to wit: forest lands will be recognized as too important to the national and state and local society to be managed by free enterprise. All forest lands will be taken from private owners, upon payment of just compensation, and placed in management of federal agencies (the U.S. Forest Service, the National Park Service, or a new U.S. Wilderness Service) or state agencies (Department of Natural Resources, State Wildlife, State Parks), or local agencies, depending.

Federal and state local governments will agree on a legal definition of commercial forest lands. They will exclude from the definition (1) ancient forests, those few that remain, on the grounds that these have many more important roles to play than feeding the mills; (2) forests that cannot reproduce within the span of a "commercial cycle" which has been stated by Weyerhaeuser to be 40 years, though others accept 80 or 100 years, or in special cases, even more. (The tree-mining that Wyeco and others have been doing at elevations up to 5000 feet, where ring-counting of the stumps plainly shows that the trees were as many as 375 years old when shipped overseas, will at last be revealed to be a scandal as vicious as the Northern Pacific Land Grant.)

The definition of commercial forest lands will *include* large expanses at the low elevations where forests can, indeed, be cropped on a 40-year cycle. (At least, for small cycles; the European experience with long-term "tree farming" is not encouraging.) The cities of Western Washington lowlands will insist on preserving, within their confines, not only forest parks, but *working forests*. The folks who work in the woods

and the mills, the people of the forest towns, no longer will be at the mercy of the Great Thieves, the Great Plunderers. The boom-bust cycle manipulated by corporate greedheads will give way to a planned public economy designed to ensure a stable output of forest products and stability of forest jobs. (If this is socialism, make the most of it. The people are going to have to take back the railroads, of course; Burlington Northern, another heir of the Northern Pacific Land Burglary, is as loose a cannon as the region ever suffered.)

The State of Washington will revise the Forest Practices Act, the revision to be done by citizens, not the industry. It will give the DNR the funds to properly enforce the act. The charter of the DNR will be revised to (1) abolish the five-member Forest Advisory Board, which typically consists of the two logger deans of the UW and WSU, the governor (currently, a Weyerhaeuser), the state superintendent of public instruction, and the state land commissioner; over the years, the "let daylight into the swamp" vote has ranged from 5-0 to 3-2; (2) free the DNR from the "trusts"-- the common schools, the state institutions, the counties. Rather than have individual sections labeled as belonging to a specific trust, all DNR-managed lands should be in a pool. The legislature should then address the funding of school construction and recognize that the forests cannot be expected to do the job by themselves, not anymore; (3) mandate DNR to serve the full spectrum of social needs--preserving ancient forests, saving wildlife habitat and pure waters, providing passive recreation and urban greenbelts. The DNR will never be able to cease scalping the land to ship state logs overseas in company with Weyco and the "offshore owners" so long as it is commanded to return maximum income to the trusts.

The DNR will be given funds to (1) buy private lands on Tiger Mountain and (2) buy out the trusts on Tiger Mountain. King County will adopt a Forest Plan which will ensure that the land developers never will be permitted to buy the State Forest.

Tiger Mountain State Forest will be protected as a "working forest in an urban environment" by concerted King County and state action. The portion of little commercial value but enormous recreational value will become a "West Tiger Mountain Natural Resources Recreation area," on the pattern of the Mount Si Natural Resources Recreation Area.

The Grand Entry to Puget Sound City via I-90 will be in some part, at least, kept intact. Commercial-industrial zoning at Preson will be denied -- and the hideous scar of existing such development there erased. From the portal between Tiger Mountain and Grand Ridge, east to High Point, Preston and the Raging River, the freeway will provide the visitor some pleasant miles, some memories and the resident a bit of refuge.

I have seen it, so it must be so. I have seen more and will spake of it later, if not prevented by the police.

*Look into the pewter pot
To see the world as the world is not.*

Harry Manning

Calendar of Events Fall Quarter

- Saturday, October 7
- Sunday, October 8
Salmon Days, Issaquah. Look for Trails Club booth on Front Street. See page 4 for Issaquah history walks.
- Sunday, October 15
Trail work party. See this page.
- Thursday, October 19
Trails Club Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Newport Way Library.
- Tuesday, October 24
"Geology of the Issaquah Alps" Fellowship meeting. See article page 7.
- Sunday, November 12
Trail work party. See this page.
- Wednesday, November 15
Trails Club Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Newport Way Library.
- Saturday, November 18
Trails Club retreat. See this page and page 10.
- Sunday, December 10
Trail work party. See this page.
- Thursday, December 21
Trails Club Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Newport Way Library.
- Monday, January 1
Chairman of the Board Teddy Bear Hike. See page 6.

Retreat helps Club focus on the future

The Trails Club Second Annual Retreat will take place Saturday, November 18 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at a site in or near Issaquah. As of our printing deadline, details are still being worked out.

If you would like to help plan the retreat, please call Dave Kappler at 392-3571. ~~If you would like to attend the retreat, sign up by November 5 by filling out the volunteer form on page 7 and checking the appropriate box. Or sign up at the club booth on Salmon Days in Issaquah October 7 or 8.~~

New members are especially welcome to attend. We always need fresh ideas and fresh energy.

Lift that lopper, tote that spade

By Gail Palm
Hikes Coordinator

Our trails have not been getting the maintenance that they should. So on an experimental basis this quarter or until a volunteer to administrate trail maintenance steps forward, the board has decided that we will have one day each month set aside for maintenance exclusively. No hikes will be offered on these days

Trailwork is very social, very good conditioning and really contributes to the enjoyment of using the trails. Please don't think that you need to be twenty years old and have the strength of Samson to join in. There is lots of brush to cut back and other lighter tasks.

You are encouraged to bring favorite tools, but be sure to put your name on them. A piece of bright ribbon or

yarn will help keep them from getting lost in the vegetation. The club has large loppers and heavy tools for making tread.

Bring a lunch, something to drink, work gloves and a hat. Boots are recommended, especially if you intend to use heavy tools.

Meet at 8:30 at the Issaquah Park & Ride on these days:

- Sunday October 15
- Sunday November 12
- Sunday December 10

MARK THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR!

Morning coffee and rolls will be served by member Pam Williams
LET'S HAVE GOOD TURNOUTS !

P.S. The mid-week "weed whackers will be starting up again. To join this fun group call Bob Knutsen 243-4546.

Windfalls are better left alone

by Dennis Burk

Snags, windfalls, leaners, widowmakers...it doesn't matter what you call them, they can kill you! These are dead trees that haven't completely reached the ground. They may still be standing on their roots or their trunks may be broken, but their tops are caught up in adjacent trees, leaving the dead tree standing at any angle from vertical to almost horizontal.

The near vertical snags appear safe, but for that very reason are probably the most dangerous. A gust of wind, a bump or push against the trunk can cause the tip to the snag to break off and fall to the ground like a javelin and skewer a hapless hiker. When the top breaks off it usually falls to the pushed side of the trunk. When the wind breaks the tip it can fall in any direction, but most often falls downwind or upwind. When a free-standing snag is cut down, the tip often breaks off just as it begins to fall.

Leaners look dangerous because of their crazy angles, and they are because they can collapse without warning. Leaners entangled with adjacent trees are also extremely difficult and hazardous to cut down. The trunks are under tremen-

dous stresses and can split apart when cut. Collapsing leaners can roll sideways or slide toward the stump or downhill. The risks of bringing an entangled leaner to the ground can be reduced by using pulling ropes long enough to get you out of the danger zone.

For safety's sake, when you are out for a fun hike, don't mess with dead trees. If you are on a trail maintenance excursion, tackle dead trees only if you have the experience and equipment to do so safely.

Don't become a trail shish kabob.

For those who thought the Grand Traverse was a leisurely stroll

If you thought the Grand Traverse of Cougar, Squak and Tiger in one day was a toddler walk, wait until you hear about Jack Homung's latest scheme: the Mountains to Sound Hike, from Snoqualmie Pass to Discovery Park, planned for 1990.

Jack will be leading a series of scouting parties for this extravaganza. Call him at 545-9123 if you would like to help out or come along.

OCTOBER 1989 Hike Schedule

SUN OCT 1
Cougar Mtn. South Cougar
Variations 3C 9:00
Greg Brigance 362-1770

MON OCT 2
Cougar Mtn. Tibbitts Creek &
Fantastic Erratic 2C 9:30
Ann Leber 746-3291

WED OCT 4
Snoqualmie Lake Alice Road
Toddler's Walk 1A 9:30
Leigh Bortins 228-7323

FRI OCT 6
Tiger Mtn. Artifacts trail &
So. TMT loop 3B 9:00
Gail Palm 783-6005
Bob Knutsen 243-4546

SAT OCT 7
SALMON DAYS
Issaquah Town History Walk
1:00 Tim O'Brian
meet at Trails Club booth

Tiger Mtn. Poo Poo Point
3C 9:00
Russ Williams 392-5989

Grand Ridge Hour Glass Trail
3B 9:30
Dennis Burk 391-3835

SUN OCT 8
SALMON DAYS
Issaquah Town History Walk
1:00 Tim O'Brian
meet at Trails Club booth

Cougar Mtn. East Precipice
Trail, AA park, Protector Ridge
& Shangri-La Road Loop
3C 9:00 Tom Wood 391-8027

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

MON OCT 9
Tiger Mtn. Tiger 2
3C 9:30
Maury Muzzy 392-8718

OCTOBER						
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WED OCT 11
Grand Ridge Leaders Choice
3B 9:30
John Seebeth 391-3843

THU OCT 12
Taylor Mtn. Kerriston
2B 9:30
Ed Bowser 747-3349
Al Blalock 746-4155

SAT OCT 14
Grand Ridge Leader's Choice
3B 9:30 Dennis Burk 391-3835

Cougar Mtn. Lake Boren,
China Creek & Marshall's Hill
2C 9:30
Dave Kappler 392-3571

Taylor Mtn. Shawn Falls
2C 12:30
George Jackman 1-221-3925

SUN OCT 15
TRAIL WORK PARTY
Meet at 8:30 see page 3

TUE OCT 17
Tiger Mtn. Tiger 2 & 3 from
High School, includes
One View Trail 3D 9:00
Gus Nelson 392-7428

WED OCT 18
Cougar Mtn. Far Country
Lookout 2B 9:30
Mary Cadigan 641-4046

THU OCT 19
Tiger Mtn. Lake Tradition
Toddler's Walk 1A 9:30
Peggy Barchi 432-5446

FRI OCT 20
Cougar Mtn. Tibbitts Creek
2C 9:30
Betty Culbert 432-7387

SAT OCT 21
Grand Ridge Leader's Choice
2C 9:30 Stan Unger 283-7823

Taylor Mtn. Shawn Falls
2C 9:30 Doug Welti 322-7714

SUN OCT 22
Tiger Mtn. Poo Poo Point from
High School 3C 9:00
Clifton Cooper 932-3124

~~Cougar Mtn. Precipice Trail
(Book required) 746-1017
Harvey Manning 746-1017~~

TUE OCT 24
Issaquah Evening Town Walk
2B 6:30 PM (Meet at City Hall)
Linda Reiter 391-0589

WED OCT 25
Cougar Mtn. Cougar Park
Perimeter Loop 3C 9:00
Jim Cadigan 641-4046

SAT OCT 28
Tiger Mtn. TMT Traverse
(fall colors) 4C 8:00
JoAnn Howe 432-0741

Cougar Mtn. AA Peak from
Red Town 3C 9:00
Steve Cavit 271-7780

Grand Ridge Leader's Choice
3C 9:30 Stan Unger 283-7823

SUN OCT 29
Tiger Mtn. Leader's Choice
3B 8:30
Will Thompson 488-8592

Tiger Mtn. Tiger 2 3C 9:00
A.J. Culver 392-3002

TUE OCT 31
Rattlesnake Ridge. North Scarp
3C 9:00 (Slow Pace)
Archie Wright 762-8074

NOVEMBER 1989 Hike Schedule

WED NOV 1
Cougar Mtn. Newcastle
Toddler's Walk 1A 9:30
Leigh Bortins 228-7323

FRI NOV 3
Tiger Mtn.
Hobart RR Grade 3B 9:30
Connie Dow 392-2190
Gail Palm 783-6005

SAT NOV 4
Tiger Mtn. Tiger 2 & 3
3C 8:30 Trudy Ecob 232-2933

Tiger Mtn. Lake Tradition
2B 9:30
Kate Gross 524-6530 (Days)

SUN NOV 5
Squak Mtn. Exploration
(Hike will include Botanizing
and Ecology) 2C 8:30
~~Fred & Ann Wermann~~
392-9230

Rattlesnake Ridge 2C 9:30
Greg Brigrance 362-1770

WED NOV 8
Grand Ridge Leader's Choice
3B 9:30 John Seebeth 391-3843

FRI NOV 10
Cougar Mtn. Coal Creek Falls,
DeLeo Wall Loop 2B 9:30
Steve Irby 255-3211

SAT NOV 11
Tiger Mtn. Tiger 3 3C 8:30
Leonard & Ursula Eisenberg
392-4034

Grand Ridge Leaders Choice
3B 9:30 Dennis Burk 391-3835

SUN NOV 12
TRAIL WORK PARTY
Meet at 8:30 See page 3

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TUE NOV 14
Squak Mtn. Summit Loop
3C 8:30
Tom Mechler 255-0922

THU NOV 16
Tiger Mtn. Variations 3C 8:30
Bob Knutsen 243-4546

Lake Sammamish
Toddler's Walk 1A 9:30
Peggy Barchi 432-5446

FRI NOV 17
Cougar Mtn. Lake Boren to Red
Town via China Creek 3B 9:30
Betty Culbert 432-7387

SAT NOV 18
Tiger Mtn. TMT Traverse
4C 8:00
Gus Nelson 392-7428
Tom Wood 391-8027

Cougar Mtn. De Leo Wall
3C 9:00 Stan Unger 283-7823

Grand Ridge Leader's Choice
3B 9:30 Dennis Burk 391-3835

SUN NOV 19
Cougar Mtn. North to South
Traverse 3C 9:00
Clifton Cooper 932-3124

Tiger Mtn. Tiger 2 3B 8:30
George Mischler 746-8144

TUE NOV 21
Snoqualmie Lake Alice Road,
Tokul Creek 2C 9:30
Ed Bowser 747-3349
Al Blalock 746-4155

THU NOV 23
THANKSGIVING
Tiger Mtn. Lake Tradition
2B 9:30 Kate Gross 524-6530
(Weekdays) Hikers without
dinner plans could have dinner
together -- call Kate.

SAT NOV 25
Tiger Mtn. Middle Tiger Loop
3B 9:30
George Jackman 221-3925

Squak Mtn. Squak to Tiger 3
(Boots and Flashlight Suggested)
This is a long one but there are
easy bail outs. Call leader
4D 7:30
Jack Hornung 545-9122

SUN NOV 26
Tiger Mtn. Poo Poo Point
3C 12:30 Bob Gross 392-0539

Cougar Mtn. Precipice Trail
(Boots Required) 2C 9:30
~~Harvey Manning 746-1017~~

TUE NOV 28
Tiger Mtn. Leader's Choice
3C 9:00
Will Thompson 488-8592

WED NOV 29
Tiger Mtn. Lake Tradition
Exploratory 2B 9:30
Mary Cadigan 641-4046

THU NOV 30
Rattlesnake Ridge 2B 9:30
Ed Bowser 747-3349
Al Blalock 756-4155

DECEMBER 1989 Hike Schedule

SAT DEC 2
Tiger Mtn. Lake Tradition
Circuit 2C 9:30
Joe Toynbee 723-6716

Squak Mtn. Explorations
3C 8:30 Tom Wood 391-8027

SUN DEC 3
Tiger Mtn. Lake Tradition
2B 12:30
Larry Hanson 392-2458

Tiger Mtn. Tiger One loop via
H. P. & Dick Heintz Trail
(hike will include botanizing and
ecology). 8:30 3D
~~Ted and Ann Weinmann~~
392-9230

TUE DEC 5
Taylor Mtn. West Taylor
Summit (Great Mt. Rainier view)
3C 9:30
JoAnn Howe 432-0741

WED DEC 6
Tiger Mtn. Lake Tradition
Toddler's Walk 1A 9:30
Leigh Bortins 228-7323

FRI DEC 8
Cougar Mtn. Tibbetts Creek
2C 9:30 Connie Dow 392-2190

SAT DEC 9
Cougar Mtn. Leader's Choice
3C 9:00
Stan Unger 283-7823

Tiger Mtn. Big Tree Trail and
The Caves 2C 9:30
Leonard & Ursula Eisenberg
392-4034

SUN DEC 10
TRAIL WORK PARTY
(Meet at 8:30) See page 3

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MON DEC 11
Cougar Mtn. Wilderness Peak
and beyond 3C 9:00
Tom Mechler 255-0922

WED DEC 13
Grand Ridge Monster Fir, under
I-90, Lake Tradition Loop
2C 9:30 Gus Nelson 392-7428

THU DEC 14
Cougar Mtn. Variations 3C 8:30
Bob Knutsen 243-4546

Bellevue Kelsey Creek
Toddler's Walk 1A 9:30
Peggy Barchi 432-5446

FRI DEC 15
Cougar Mtn. Wilderness Loop
2B 9:30
Betty Culbert 432-7387

SAT DEC 16
Grand Ridge Leaders Choice 3B
9:30 Dennis Burk 391-3835

Tiger Mtn. Tradition Plateau
2B 12:30
Paul & Patricia Kaald 746-8741

SUN DEC 17
Tiger Mtn. Tiger 2 & 3
3C 8:30
George Mischler 746-8144

Cougar Mtn. Introductory
Sampler 2B 12:30
Steve Irby 255-9211

TUE DEC 19
Tiger Mtn. Lake Tradition
explorations 2B 9:30
Ed Bowser 747-3349
Al Blalock 746-4155

WED DEC 20
Grand Ridge Variations
3B 9:30
John Seebeth 391-3843

THU DEC 21
Snoqualmie Lake Alice Road to
Snoqualmie Road (Slow Pace)
3A 9:00
Archie Wright 762-8074

SAT DEC 23
Squak Mtn. Bushwhack
(Boots Required)
3C 8:00
Jack Hornung 545-9122

Cougar Mtn. Precipice Trail
(Boots Required) 2C 10:00
Harvey Manning 746-1017

SUN DEC 24
Cougar Mtn. East Cougar
Explorations 2C 9:00
Greg Brigrance 362-1770

MON DEC 25
MERRY CHRISTMAS

WED DEC 27
Cougar Mtn. Leader's Choice
2B 9:30
Mary Cadigan 641-4046

THU DEC 28
Tiger Mtn. Leader's Choice
3C 9:00
Will Thompson 488-8592

SAT DEC 30
Squak Mtn. Squak Explorations
9:00 3C Gus Nelson 392-7428

SUN DEC 31
Tiger Mtn. Tiger 2 3C 12:30
Bob Gross 392-0539

MON JAN 1
New Year's Day
Chairman of the Board
Teddy Bear Hike

Issaquah Alps Trails Club Volunteer Registration Form

Mail to Issaquah Alps Trails Club, P.O. Box 351, Issaquah, WA 98027.

Name: _____

Address: _____
Number & Street *City* *State* *Zip Code*

Phone Numbers: Home: _____ Work: _____

I am interested in helping with the following activities (greatest needs are in boldface) :

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hike Coordinator (see below) | <input type="checkbox"/> Cougar Mountain Concerns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Open Space bond issue | <input type="checkbox"/> Squak Mountain Concerns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> History | <input type="checkbox"/> City of Issaquah Concerns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity | <input type="checkbox"/> Tiger Mountain Concerns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mailing T-shirts | <input type="checkbox"/> Pine Lake Plateau Concerns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trail Maintenance | <input type="checkbox"/> Little Si Concerns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Book Publications | <input type="checkbox"/> Taylor/Rattlesnake Mountain Concerns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> Tradition Lake Plateau Concerns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Walking Organizing Group | <input type="checkbox"/> Lake Sammamish State Park Concerns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trails Club "100" (see below) | <input type="checkbox"/> Coal Creek Concerns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alpiner word processing | <input type="checkbox"/> Grand Ridge Concerns |

**I'm coming to the retreat Nov. 18 (see page 3)
to learn more about the club and how I can best help.**

Hikes Coordinator is still needed

Hikes coordinators why haven't you called? Please call. I'm here until December to hold your hand, guide you through the perils of dealing with hike leaders, teach you the art of making a silk purse out of the lumps of input graciously delivered four times a year.

I have secrets to share, tales to tell; you will have my devoted attention. Don't be stand-offish, let us do your first schedule together. I want you to look GOOD.

So call, write, ask me on a hike, to send you a small information sheet I have nicely typed up.....No Obligation. We will start the first activity for the Spring Schedule Nov 1. It's no big deal; we just send out the requests for input and sit back and wait two weeks.

No special skills are needed other than the ability to coordinate a schedule.

GAIL PALM, 9518 28TH AVE NW.
SEATTLE 98117 783-6005

Check here to join the Trails Club "100"

- I would be willing to write two letters a month on issues of concern to the club.
- I would be willing to leave some messages on the toll-free "hotline" in Olympia.
- Two or three times a year I could attend an evening hearing or meeting.
- Once or twice a year I could attend a daytime hearing or meeting.
- I'd be willing to call 8-10 other members of "The 100" to inform them of fast-breaking issues.
- I'd be willing to speak at a hearing or meeting.
- I'd be willing to help with mailings to "The 100".
- I'd be willing to work on developing positions, strategies and the like affecting the Issaquah Alps.
- I have some additional thoughts I would like to share with you. They are attached.

Would you like to run the fellowship programs?

Have you been to the fellowship meetings in March, April, May and June? If so we think you learned about a subject of interest to you and had a good time too.

The members who agreed to set up these meetings already hold club offices. So now that the initial organizing phase is accomplished we are looking for some new faces to take over. We would like a minimum of three people, as someone needs to be host at each meeting.

Members will develop and decide on programs, have a budget, arrange refreshments, host meetings and keep records. It's actually fun. Please call Gail Palm at 783-6005 for further information.

A 'fair share' on Tiger Mountain will soon ruin the forest for all

An open letter from Laurene McLane to the Department of Natural Resources:

I feel compelled to write this because I continue to fear, specifically, that the solution to the all-terrain bicycle (ATB) problem on Cougar will create an ATB problem on Tiger; and, generally, that the phenomenal surge in variety of recreational pursuits and numbers of people participating could easily inundate Tiger with an unmanageable jumble of incompatible pursuits unless a solid recreation policy is developed and enforced.

Tiger needs, right away, a recreation policy that defines in clear general terms what is appropriate recreation use and what is not. That policy needs to deal with at least three compatibility factors:

1. Compatibility with the land, both the nature of the land (soil types, stream quality, plant life, wildlife) and the size of the land unit, which limits the types of compatible recreational uses. Some recreational activities, particularly those that put a premium on speed, consume a tremendous amount of land. Ten or 12 miles of trail that would be a good full recreational day for a hiker at a 2 mph pace, might offer only 20 minutes of amusement for a trail biker at a 30 mph pace.

2. Compatibility with neighboring land use: the straightforward concerns of noise, danger and trespass.

3. Compatibility with other recreational uses on the site. This includes considerations of safety generated by considerable differences in speed; and considerations of atmosphere or tone (for lack of better words) in issues of noise or degree of frenzy inherent in a particular pursuit. Here, for example, bird watching and trail biking are incompatible on both counts, as are toddler walks and ATBs. When mutually exclusive pursuits compete, the choice must be based on the land compatibility factor.

Two major pitfalls to establishing and maintaining a workable policy of compatible recreation use persist:

1. Arising trends and fads often generated by unanticipated high-tech "advances". The fertile minds of the recreation industry labor tirelessly to develop new and profitable amusements. A policy specific to existing recreation uses and equipment is doomed to swift obsolescence. Who would have anticipated that hikers would be competing with bicycles, that canoes would compete with ski jets, that swimmers would compete with sail-driven surfboards--all wanting to use the same recreation space.

2. The fair - share - piece - of - the - pie - all - things - to - all - people - bleeding - heart syndrome: This is an insidious and potentially fatal syndrome and unfortunately quite a prevalent one. Advanced stages are characterized by categorical dismissal of all three compatibility criteria. In the final stages the victims will grant the tuba player equal rights with readers in the public library, will welcome the elephant stampeders into the tot lot and will endorse ATBs on hiking trails.

I would like to see the DNR develop a recreation policy for the Tiger Mountain State Forest that gives central importance to the compatibility factors I have tried to outline. Such a policy would protect itself from constant revision by dealing with the unforeseen high tech breakthroughs, not one by one as they inevitably arise, but on general grounds of speed and noise, safety and degree of frenzy. Such a policy would also circumvent the absurdities of the fair-share syndrome, recognizing in doing so that a substantial restriction of the diversity of recreation uses would be entailed. Such a policy would automatically ban the tuba players from the public library, prohibit elephant stampeders in the tot lot and outlaw ATBs on hiking trails. Giving a "fair share" to all who ask for one will destroy the Tiger Mountain State Forest for all.



Elephant stampeders have rights too!

The Pacific Northwest Elephant Stampeders Association bitterly protest the unfair attitude of the Tiger Mountain Citizens Advisory Committee appointed by Land Commissioner Brian Boyle to advise on the management of the Tiger Mountain State Forest.

This committee is dominated by people who run about the woods wearing boots, sniffing flowers and doing golly knows what with the birds, and by their friends who ride itty-bitty horses, and by local residents who are fanatic about peace and quiet and clean water. These people are determined to hog Tiger Mountain State Forest and not let us have any fun.

They say they will let us stampede our elephants on the roads so long as we obey the speed limit, but how can you have a slow stampede? Moreover, the big thrill of the sport is muddying creeks and crashing through the woods, knocking down trees and laughing at how the apes run away screaming.

We're not asking for all of Tiger Mountain, only a fair share, and would build elephant trails on which we would welcome hikers who think they're agile enough.

We invite everyone to be our guests on a stampede and see what a jolly, heartwarming sport it is, the whole family together in the howdah, our little children perched atop the elephants' heads, learning to be safe and sane mahouts. We should think you would be happy to have our children in the forests of Tiger Mountain, instead of where they are now, stampeding up and down the streets of Issaquah, Mirrormont, Hobart and Preston.

So far as the alleged noise is concerned, to my ears there is nothing finer than the roar of a hundred elephants on a Sunday afternoon stampede. Moreover, measurements have shown the noise never exceeds 150 decibels, or the average level of the stereo in our kids' room.

--Harvey Manning

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What the well-dressed hiker will be wearing this fall

Your fashion prayers have been answered! No more endless hours searching your wardrobe for just the right hiking apparel. Introducing the new Issaquah Alps Trails Club T-shirts!

These shirts will be offered in sizes small, medium, large, and extra large in long and short sleeve. Colors are teal or white. The price will be \$10 for short sleeves and \$13 for long sleeves. Send your order specifying size, color and sleeve length to: Issaquah Alps Trails Club, P.O. Box 351, Issaquah, WA 98027 (No charge for postage).

The shirts will also be available at the Trails Club booth on Salmon Days October 7 and 8.



Your employer may match donations to Trails Club

by Dennis Burk

Make a contribution to the Trails Club and your employer may match your gift of dollars or the market value of securities. Check with your employer for submittal forms and procedures specific to your company. Since the corporate Matching Gift Program is regulated by the IRS, all programs are very similar.

In general, here is how it works:

1. You get a set of Matching Gift Program application forms from your employer and fill out the sections identifying you as the donor, the Trails Club as the recipient and the dollar amount of the gift.

2. Send the forms along with your check or securities documents to: Issaquah Alps Trails Club, Attention Berni Dionne, Treasurer, P.O. Box 351 Issaquah, WA 98027

3. Our Treasurer completes the forms by certifying receipt of the gift and attaching a copy of the Trails Club 501 (c) (3) tax-exempt ruling forms issued by the IRS. The application package is then returned to your employer.

4. Your employer then evaluates the application, and if it meets approval, will send a matching check to the Trails Club.

Payments are usually made quarterly. Your employer will have stipulated a cut-off date (such as December 15) for

receiving completed applications) to be matched in that calendar year. Our Annual Regular dues of \$5 are not eligible for matching, but any amount over that usually is. The value of personal time is not eligible.

The Trails Club is recognized by the IRS as a charitable organization under Section 501 (c) (3) of the IRS code and is eligible for tax deductible donations and grants from individuals and corporations. If you have any questions, please call our finance chairman Joe Toyne at 723-6716.

Many of you have been incurring out-of-pocket expenses in support of Trails Club objectives, but have not been treating these as "contributions." If these pocket contributions can be documented to the extent required for inclusion with your federal tax return, they may qualify for matching by your employer. Copies of your documentation must be submitted to our treasurer for certification.

Eligible expenses may include: auto mileage to Board meetings, committee meetings, trail maintenance excursions, hike leader duties, etc. The donation of tools, materials and other purchased consumables may also be eligible.

Grand Ridge trails can be major crossroads

by Dennis Burk

A lot of work has been going into Grand Ridge. The "Hour Trail" (see Footsore #1, pages 122 and 156) will soon be up to the quality of a National Park, but there is much yet to do on the Ridge.

The Ridge forest is beautiful and there are many special spots left to discover. Grand Ridge is a crossroads for trail corridors on Tiger Mountain, the Pine Lake Plateau, Snoqualmie River and Lake Sammamish. Four potential trailheads are begging for development

and improvement on connector trails to the I-90 "Rail Trail" Tradition Lake trails, Yellow Lake trails and Issaquah-Fall City trails are a must.

Thanks to the Friends of Grand Ridge:
Dennis Burk 391-3835
John Seebeth 391-3843
Tom Wood 391-8027

For more information about Grand Ridge or if you would like to join the maintenance effort, please call Dennis Burk or one of the friends.

Snoqualmie Valley Trails Club Hike Schedule

Oct 14

Tolt River Trail to Good Woods Lake
exploratory bushwack (waterproof
boots recommended) 4B* 9 a.m. F.C.
Mike Leake 333-4243

Oct 21

Taylor River Trail 3B 9 a.m. N.B.
Jeff Hogan 888-9649
Pat Brewington 888-2426

Oct 28

Cedar Butte 2C 9 a.m. N.B.
John Johnson 633-3805

Nov 4

Dirty Harry's Balcony 9:30 2C N.B.
Jeff Hogan 888-9649 or 888-2426

Nov 25

Cherry Creek State Park (proposed
park) exploratory bushwack 2B 9 a.m.
F.C. Mike Leake 333-4243

Dec 9

Snoqualmie Valley Trail, Spring Glen
to Tokul Creek (X-mas tree farm near
trail!) 2B 9 a.m. F.C.
Patti Mercer 888-4753

Dec 16

Twin Falls (new trail--X-mas tree farms
near trail!) 2B 9 a.m. N.B.
Pat Brewington 888-2426

*N.B. = meet at North Bend
Park & Ride, 4th & Main,
next to the library.*

*F.C. = meet at Fall City
Park & Ride, junction of
SR 202 and SR 203*

** poor trail conditions or
difficult terrain.*

Free nature walks in Lake Hills greenbelt

Each Saturday and Sunday, the Belle-
vue Parks and Recreation Department
leads 45-minute nature walks in the
Lake Hills greenbelt. For more infor-
mation, call Barbara Johnson at
451-7225.

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May was the most popular month for hikers

by Gail Palm
Hikes Coordinator

Issaquah evening town walks led by
Linda Reiter last quarter were a great
success. She will be doing one this
fall: Tuesday, October 24. Youth hikes
were not so successful. Any thoughts
about this?

I did a little number crunching and
came up with some interesting hiking
facts for the months of January through
June. We have led 171 hikes with 932
participants, for an average of five peo-
ple per hike.

Jan: 26 hikes, 143 hikers, 6 av.
Feb: 27 hikes, 104 hikers, 5 av.
Mar: 28 hikes, 103 hikers, 4 av.
Apr: 31 hikes, 187 hikers, 7 av.
May: 27 hikes, 214 hikers, 8 av.
June: 27 hikes, 181 hikers, 7 av.

This quarter, Friends of Grand Ridge
have scheduled numerous hikes and
opened up some very nice routes. It is
beautiful up there SO GO! Hikes are
scheduled October 7, 11, 14, 21, and 28;
November 8, 11 and 18 and December
13, 16 and 20. If you are interested in
becoming one of the Friends, just tell
your leader.

Issaquah geology featured at fellowship meeting

Tuesday October 24
7:30 to 9:30 p.m.
"Geology of the Issaquah Alps"
Greenbaum's Furniture
(see map)

Have you ever imagined the ground
heaving and shaking under your feet as
you hiked the trails of Tiger, Cougar or
Squak Mountains? Well, who knows;
it may just be some of the ancient vol-
canoes of the Issaquah Alps area stirring
to life again after a 40-60 million year
long snooze.

Although this scenario is highly un-
likely, you still may be interested in
Dr. Lawrence Baum's slide talk on the
geological evolution of Western Wash-
ington. Dr. Baum, consulting geolo-
gist and educator, will place special em-
phasis on the volcanic and sedimentary
rocks, plant and animal fossils, and the
folds and faults of the Alps in our own

~~We have a new team of hike leaders,
Fred and Ann Weinmann, who are
trained botanists. They intend to con-
verse on botany and ecology during
their hikes. I intend to go and ask
about the trees of the area. Their hikes
are scheduled November 5 and Decem-
ber 3.~~

I would like to draw your attention to
a route on Cougar that we would like
more people to know about. It starts at
Lake Boren and passes through China
Creek into the park. We could only
schedule two hikes. We hope you can
attend one. They are October 14 and
November 17.

Other goodies: Rattlesnake Ridge
hikes (everyone loved them this sum-
mer) on October 31 and November 5
and 30. Shawn Falls October 14 and
21. Ed and Al are doing Kerrison on
Taylor Mt. October 12.

Last: Issaquah Town Walks, led by
someone who has not led in a long
time, much to the dismay of his fans:
Tim O'Brien, will lead one and only
one each day of the Salmon Days week-
end. PLEASE NOTE: they will start
from the Trails Club booth at 1 p.m.
Saturday October 7 and Sunday October
8.

backyard.

We have been delighted to have Dr.
Baum leading geology hikes during the
Spring and Summer of 89, but due to a
full schedule, he will not be leading any
this fall, so this will be our only op-
portunity to hear him speak on this
very interesting subject.

See you there. Refreshments will be
served by Kate Gross.

