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DENT'S (NINTH) REPORT

The Hikes Committee WANTS YOU

A bunch of our folks (hikes Committee and Directors and the like) were whooping it un at Lake Sammamish State Park one evening in August, snapping at hot dogs and swilling diet Pepsi, when Russ Williams remarked that two years ago almost to the day, the Trails Club set to formally organize. We did not emerge from Issaquah City Hall that dark and stormy night with any officers, but because Russ, not really knowing what he was doing, held up his hand to volunteer, we had a Hikes Committee. Him and me. Since we already had an Alpiner, thanks to the Mechlers and Florence, the club was in business.

that business? Trails business.

Subsequently we published guidebooks identifying routes for horses. Recently the Bike Rides Committee, led by Larry and Sue Lohrman and Jeangar Brunschwig and associates.

has brought us vigorously into the (quiet, non-fossil-fuel-consuming) wheel scene.

As for the Hikes Committee, it grew from just the two of us to include Craig Taylor, Virginia Gallagher, and Evelyn Rudolph, who served valiantly and creatively before retiring and Ted and Ann Leber, Mike Hyman, Paula Clark, Mary Cadigan, and Jenne Micai, who are still on the firing line. Hamm...I seem to have omitted a name. Oh yes, Betty Culbert, who se rapicly mastered the trail system she found herself installed as Central Computer, putting me out to pasture as club president.

A committee can only schedule hikes. Somebody has to be there at the Park & Ride to lead the way. In the beginning we had Chief Ranger Bill Longwell and a handful of other brushapes. Soon we had dozens of leaders, who when asked to doa trip would say, "But I don't know where that is." To which Russ would respond, "Trust Harvey -- he's sure you can find it." More months passed and lo, many of our leaders, now numbering by the scores,

did indeed know where they were going.

These two years are an amazing success story. But nothing more than Mother Nature

had in mind when She put the Issaquah Alps in the middle of Puget Sound City.

However, success breeds complacency. The hikes program cannot run on momentum, it needs a steady input of fresh people power -- to replace leaders who move away, run out of spare time, develop terminal nettle-sting, and to fill the ranks of the Hikes Committee as members are afflicted with telephone ear and must retire from the front lines. Therefore: 1. As soon as you know a trail or two and feel comfertable with the club's relaxed,

semi-anarchic style, volunteer to lead hikes. Volunteer to any member of the Hikes Committee or the Board. Telephone. Send a postcard. THE HIKES COMMITTEE WANTS YOU.

2. When you feel able to contribute to planning and coordinating the program, volunteer to become a member of the Hikes Committee. Betty Culbert currently needs a minimum of three or four new members to relieve the pressure on the overworked committee and take on the that presently can't be done. As the immediate past Central Computer, I live in dress of the incumbent calling me to say, "All the fuses blew at once. You're it again."

Politics -- Why?

The club was not formed to indulge in the pleasures of politicking. Our mutual hope and trust is that in several years our trail system will be securely established and we'll never again have to talk to the government, except socially. For now, though, there's no escaping. Without politicking the trails would vanish. Examples:

Because the Trails Club had identified the need for a trail along Marshall's Hill as an entry to the Cougar Mountain Regional Park, the King County Division of Planning and Community Development, largely through King County Department of Parks and Recreation, negotiated with the developer of Rainier Crest. As a condition of county approval of his plat, he was happy to dedicate trail corridors along De Leo Wall and China Creek.

The original Ellenswood was developed, in 5-7-acre lots, before the need for protection of trails was widely recognized; to their chagrin, property owners found their lots were such that in order to build houses they were forced to block existing trails. This past spring the half-section adjoining Ellenswood was proposed for short-platting. Thanks to an amicable accord between the developer, the county, local residents, and the Trails Club, a trail corridor will be dedicated that will permit us to continue walking from Licorice Fern Wall up Far Country Creek, through Trog Swamp and under Surprise Wall, to our proposed park.

This summer Wilderness Creek came up for short-platting. The issue is in doubt at this writing but had not we been aware of that beautiful valley, including The Boulders and the slopes of Wilderness Peak, and brought it to public attention, there never would have been an issue, the ball game would have been over before we got to our seats.

Our explorers continue to poke into odd corners of Cougar Mountain, Squak, and Tiger, making new discoveries, the stuff of new hikes. We continue to identify trail corridors that deserve protection. The interesting and heartening thing is that we find most land developers eager to listen to us. Understandably, they hate being ambushed after plans are well along. They are delighted to know of a trail proposal in advance, so they can incorporate it in their plans. Not only do such provisions satisfy the requirement that they dedicate open space, but the trails often enhance the value of the property.

Latest Score In The Big Game: Cougar Mountain Regional Park

For nearly three years the Newcastle Citizens Committee labored to develop a plan for Cougar Mountain and vicinity. This was the first arena. The question was, would the committee make room for a regional park in its Preferred Plan? It did. Score one for our side.

Then, last June, the committee held four public meetings to air the plan. The question was, did the Central Newcastle Property Owners Association have the mass support it claimed? If so it surely would make a big noise in favor of the "city in Lieu of a Park." It didn't. The so-called "Villages in the Park" alternative to the Preferred Plan had virtually no support except from the developers' bired hands.

Who did make the big noise? The Cougar Mountain Residents Association, residents of May Valley, Renton Highlands, Issaquah, Factoria. Official representatives of The Mountaineers, Seattle Audubon Society, Washington Environmental Council, and Olympic Park Associates spoke at the meetings, expressing the need of people all over Puget Sound City for a Cougar Mountain Regional Park. And the IATC -- you -- made some noise, too.

In the questionaire ballot that succeeded the meetings we'd have been pleased as punch to defeat "Villages in the Park" by a margin of 2-1. The final margin on the central issues ("Do you favor a large regional park?" "Are you hostile to putting 47,000 people on top of Cougar?") was something like 8 or 9-1! (Let me repeat: !!!!!!)

Another Victory: NO City of Newcastle

Thanks to the residents who organized OPTIONS to oppose the incorporation of a new city of Newcastle, there will be no city. The Trails Club supported OPTIONS because we felt the ongoing King County planning process could be upset, playing into the hands of the "Villagers," who strongly backed (financially and otherwise) the proposal.

A Bizarre Summer

A circus tent was erected and decorated with pretty architects' paintings, fanciful maps. A herd of bullocks was barbecued, a school of salmon roasted, hired maids came a-wilkin' and hired lords a-leapin' and hired hands milled about the firepits. But the shuttle buses standing by at Eastgate to carry throngs to the festivities continued to stand by, empty. Attendance was greater at our last Hikes Committee meeting.

There were cougars wandering around Discovery Park by day, and Other Critters roaming arcund Cougar Mountain by night -- but you'll not read the story in these pages because the air is full of threats of libel suits. Threats made by folks who apparently don't remember what happened to Oscar Wilde when he sued for libel. (Non-English majors, see Ballad of Reading Gaol.)

Once More Unto the Breach, Dear Friends, For England and St. George!

At this writing we've won every battle in the War of Cougar Mountain. But promoters of City in Lieu of a Park" are not downhearted. They know they only have to win a single battle and the war is over.

The next scene is the King County Council. Each of us must speak in person, by phone, and/or by letter to his/her Councilperson. Both now and after the elections. Request:

- 1. WOTE YES on the Preferred Plan of the Newcastle Citizens Committee, the plan that provides a "growth reserve" area on Cougar Mountain within which the Regional Park could be established.
- 2. WOTE IES on a truly Regional Park serving the entirety of King County. The socalled "regional parks" of the so-called "Villages in the Park" are not regional.
- 3. It appears the PRO PARKS bond issue must be scaled down from its projected size. That's a pity, because every facility included is worthy. However, some facilities can be belayed to a future opportunity. If the wildland on Cougar Mountain is developed, however, it cannot be reclaimed. This is the only chance we'll ever have for a Cougar Mountain Regional Park. The entire \$10,000,000 budgeted to purchase 1600 acres (the remaining 700-800 acres would be acquired by land exchange) must be retained in PRO PARKS. Any reduction would cut not fat, but flesh and bone and soul, from the park.

Elections

The Trails Club takes stands on issues, but not candidates. As individuals we may support certain people, but as a club we hope the victors, whoever they may be, will be receptive to our ideas.

On some issues we take the lead, as in the Cougar Mountain Regional Park. On others we support other groups, as we did OPTIONS.

- We have endorsed the proposal for an Issaquah Regional Park District because we see it as a help in preserving the Green Plains that are inseparable from the Green Hills in the personality of the Issaquah Alps, and as having potential value in linking the trail systems of cities, county, and state. This regional park district would be an entity of the Issaquah area, its boundaries coinciding with the Issaquah School District (except for the last-minute deletion of Pickering Farms), to be voted on by Issaquah-area residents.

Do not confuse this with the Cougar Mountain Regional Park, proposed for some 2400 acres on Cougar Mountain. This regional park would be an entity of King County, all of whose residents will have a voice in the decision, through their County Councilpeople and their vote on the PRO PARKS bond issue. Harvey Manning

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Notes on topics discussed at the monthly Board of Directors meetings.

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- Brad Beck, King County Lead Planner for the Newcastle Project, and Jay McCain, Chairman (Volunteer) of the Newcastle Community Plan Committee were guests. Discussed update of King County Comprehensive Plan, Newcastle Plan, zoning variance procedures.
- 2. Membership, Wc have 820 memberships, Wilderness Walk brought many new members.
- 3. Wilderness Walk. This was great success. Discussed organization, future procedures.
- 4. Newcastle Committee Planning Meetings,
- Sllenswood-Licorico Fern Wall, Short platting of this area is under way. We're working with King County and developer to obtain a trail corridor.
- Regional Park. King County Parks putting together proposal for Cougar Mountain Regional Park.
- 7. Tiger Mountain, deckend daylight patrol scheduled to begin in July. DNR still planning to introduce vehicle camping on East Tiger Loop Road.
- 8. Stinger Sale. Release of SIS on revised Stinger Sale postponed three months.
- 9. Issaquah Shoreline Advisory Group. Ruth Kees and Laurene McLane are members.
- 10. Budget. Our treasurer prepared a 1981-82 budget for IATC.

July 16.

- 1. Birthday party for our leader.
- 2. Hikes Committee, we need new hike leaders. Discussed leader's responsibilities and prerogatives with regard to large numbers of children on hikes. Planned pot luck picnic at Sammamish State Park for Board, Hikes Committee, Hike Leaders and families.
- Cougar Mountain. Twenty acres on Wilderness Creek are to be subdivided. County Park Department interested in this area. Trail corridor for Far Country Creek has been planned.
- b. Newcastle. Public meetings well attended, 120 at first, 100 at second, 80 at third. Only two or three were opposed to regional park. Cougar Mt. Residents Assn. has endorsed park. Discussed check for \$6000 which DNR gave to Wally Toner & Associates.
- 5. Hembership, He have 900 memberships now.
- 6. Press Relations. How to be more effective when dealing with the media.

Angust 20.

- 1. Larry Vinter elected to Board to replace Mike Hyman.
- Salmon Days. We need a coordinator, hike leaders. Plen to have hikes as we did last year.
- 3. History Seminars. Hops to continue these this fall, with some new guests.
- City of Newcastle. Not to ba. There was no local support for a city. HM extended congratulations and thanks for job well done to OPTIONS.
- Regional Park District. Letters were written to Bruce Laing when Pickering Farms was excluded from Regional Park District. Telephone tree activated, calls made.
- 6. Forest Conservation Act. State Legislature held hearings on this will affect Tiger Mt
- 7. Pro Parks. Press release sent to County Council and Ron Dunlap comparing Toner's proposal with ours. More specific than article in Alpiner.
- 8. Park District-Pro Parks. Confusion exists in identifying the two. Park District encompasses Issaquan School District while Pro Parks is county wide.
- Wilderness Creek. King County Parks very concerned as County is interested in this
 area for a park.
- 10. IATC policy. The club itself does not endorse political candidates, although individual members can. IATC is supportive of proposal to have park at Pickering Farms, is opposed to Meadows development, as we would like to keep Issaquah's green plain. But we are not taking the lead on these. IATC's main efforts are Cougar Mountain and Tiger Mountain.
- 11. Alps Study Bill. Introduction of bill delayed, but Mike Lowry's office says bill will proceed.
- 12. Bicycle Report. We have 20 regular riders now, plus several occasional riders. We're participating in Cascade Bicycle Action Committee to work for space on E. Lake Sammamish and Issaquah-Hobart Roads. The first week long IATC trip from Seattle to Salem was most successful. There were 240 riders.

PRO PARKS

The Cougar Mountain Regional Park proposed by IATC received a big boost from PRO Parks (the park bond proposal) Preliminary Report (July 1981). Under "Projects of Countywide Significance," the Issaquah Alps are listed first. The proposal: Acquisition and conservation of approximately 1600 acres in the Cougar Mountain area, including sensitive, fragile wildlife and vegetation areas, stream corridors, land with unique geological features and view corridors. Minimal development to these area to include trails for walking, hiking, and horseback riding. \$10,000,000."

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It is not the most expensive proposal. Completion of the Freen River Trail System would cost \$12,007,000, and development of several golf courses would cost \$15,800,000. The entire bond proposal is for \$259,000,000 in capital expenditures.

bond proposal is for \$259,000,000 in the report, when examples are given, the Issaquah Alps are listed first. We've really impressed 'em, gang.'

NEWCASTLE SURVEY RESULTS

The survey forms that were handed out at the Newcastle Community meetings have been compiled and analyzed. A brief summary follows of the "truly important" questions.

Question 9 referred to the Cougar Mt. Regional Park. Ou of 172 responses, 140 (81.4%) favored the park; 19 (11.1%)

opposed it.

Question 8 was concerned with the VIP (developers') proposal. Of 173 responses, 20(11.6%) were in favor, 147 (85%) were apposed.

Question 7 was about the Single Village (Chosen) Plan. Cut of 175 responding, 96(54.9%) favored the Chosen Plan, wills 67 (38.3%) opposed it.

There were 13 questions on the survey. Question 9 received the second highest favorable response while Question 8 the lowest favorable response. Question 9 received the second lowest "oppose" response while Question 8 had the highest "oppose" response while Questions were among those with the lowest "neutral" responses. One might say you either love us or hate us (CMRP OR VIP). Apparently, there are more folks out there who love US than THEM!



If you change your address, please drop us a line and give us your new one, so that you will continue to receive the Newsletter. We'll no longer have "Return Address Requested" on our mailings — it has become too costly and time consuming.



SALMON DAYS

Lil' ol' Issaquah will be celebrating the return of its Salmon on Saturday & Sunday, October 3 & 4.

IATC will again be leading hikes for all comers. The schedule will be the same as last year: Class 2 hikes will leave on the hour on Saturday from 1 FM to 4 FM.

On Sunday morning, hikes to West Tiger 3, and Poo Poo Point will depart from our booth. Class 2 hikes on Sunday will depart on the hour till 4 FM. Books will be available for sale at the booth and club members will answer questions from the public.

If you would be willing to help lead a hike, call Betty Culbert at 641-6451. If you are more sales oriented, Sue Williams needs booth staffers. Call her at 392-4869.



GENERAL DEVELOPMENT GUIDE

The King County Department of Planning And Community Development has released the second draft of the General Development Guide. It is basically an update of the 1964 comprehensive plan that also considers the various Community Flans and Functional Plans (eg, Shore-

lines Management, Sewer, Transportation.)

The parts that specifically concern IATC are Chapter X: "Community Facilities," Section 3: Parks and Recreation, Subsection C. Resource Based Parks, and Subsection D. Major Urban Farks. The IATC board will be writing a comment to the Growth Management section of

the Planning Department expressing our concerns.
Under Subsection C, we would like to see added,
"Wilderness, or open-space" as a resource. Under Subsection D, we have proposed adding a discussion of "reional wilderness park," that is, a large, natural area, undisturbed, without public roads, that has an undeveloped viewshed sufficiently wide at all points to minimize penetration of noise and protect the qualities of wilderness.

The GDG is available at public libraries and at the County Courthouse for review. The draft EIS is also available for review. Public hearings will be held September 23 at 6:30 FM at six locations in the county. Written comments will be accepted until September 30. Write: Flanning Division, Department of Flanning and Community Development, W217 King County Courthouse, Seattle, 98104, Attn: Harold Robertson, Manager. Telephone: 344-4218.

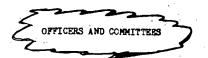
NEWCASTLE: JATC VS VIP

On August 12, 1981, a letter was sent from IATC to the King County Council and the Executive comparing the "Villages in the Park" proposal (the developers--Central Newcastle Froperty Owners Assoc.) and ours for a Cougar Mountain Park.

We noted that VIP's trails would be scattered, small, and never more than 5 minutes from a paved road; whereas our trails are not visible from houses, nor do hikers see homes while on the trail. Several other points covered were the environmental concerns of high elevation housing, especially atop abandoned coal mines; the countywide appeal of a true wilderness, and the lack

of urban wilderness parkland in King County.
A comparison of wilderness parkland in other West Coast cities shows Seattle to be woefully behind. Vancouver, BC, and Portland have 4 and 7 times as much urban wilderness parkland (respectively) as Seattle.

We need Cougar Mountain Regional Fark!



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

Harvey Manning, President 746-1017 Barbara Johnson, Vice President Connie Dow, Secretary 392-2190 Linda Joy Hendricks, Treasurer Betty Culbert 641-6451 Susan Lohrman 392-5192 Tom Mechler 255-0922 Ralph Owen 746-1070 Marianne Richards 746-9448 Larry Vinter 746-5775

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

Hikes -- Betty Culbert 641-6451 Bike Rides -- Larry and Susan Lohrman 392-5192 Horse Routes -- Bob Court 235-1033 Alpiner -- Yvonne Mechler 255-0922 Publicity -- Barbara Johnson Telephone Tree -- Barbara Johnson Valley Floors/Floodplains -- Ruth Kees, 392-3610 & Linda Krumins, 561-9169 392-0204 Tiger Watcher -- Laurene McLane Squak Watcher -- David Giles 271-8681 Newcastle Watchers -- Dave Kappler, 235-0741 and Ralph Owen; 746-1070 Land-Development Watcher -- Linda Krumins 6h1-91h9 Book Publisher -- Susan Williams 746-2990 Public Rousing -- Jim Jordan History Seminars -- Ralph & Peggy Owen 746-1070 Chief Ranger __ Bill Longwell Membership -- Paula Clark 2 255-1295 271-2771



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

The meetings are at Newport Way Library, 14250 Newport Way, Bellevue - a bit west of the stoplight in Eastgate at Newport and 150th.

Board of Directors

Thursday - October 15, 7:30 p. m.

November 19, 7:30 p.m.

December 17, 7:30 p. m.



The History Seminars will return again this fall after a summer vacation. Last year we looked at the Issaquah Alos from inside (coal mines) to outside (logging and railroads). This year we will continue to cover the history of the hills and towns of the Alps with guest speakers who lived and made history here. We expect that our historian laureate, Fred Rounds, will be there to contribute.

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

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

The dates: Thursday, October 8, 7:30 p. m.
Thursday, November 12, 7:30 p. m.

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

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



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Ask at the Park & Ride -- some hike leaders will have a supply for sale.

Vist easily, ask at your local bookstores or backpack-recreational retail outlets in issaquah, Bellevue, Seattle, Kirkland, Bothell, Mercer Island, and Redmond.



Issaguah Ales Fall Cycling Schedule

Club soals:

- 1. To encourage and inform beginning cyclists.
- 2. To provide close to home bake tours for Eastside cyclists.
- To draw together cyclists interested in improving cycling conditions in the Issaguah area.
- Sept 12 Saturday Cousar Mtn loop ride, Start at Issaouah Park & Ride and bike through May Valley farelands. Brins a sack lunch and a smile, About 25 miles, Leader: Jean-Sar Brunschwis 641-3641.
- Sept 19 Saturday- Bike repair workshop, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon Brins your bike and bike repair questions. Learn to fix a flat, adjust your brakes and derailleurs or replace spokes... subjects covered will be determined by the needs of those who come to the workshop. If you'd like to come to this workshop but can't come on this date let us know- other similar workshops can be scheduled if enough interest is shown. Fee \$3. Call 392-5192 for more information.
- Sept 20 Sunday- Issaquah/Ste Michelle Winery (30 miles) Come tour the Winery during the grape crushing season. Meet at Issaquah park and ride at 9:00 a.m. and ride through southeast Bellevue to Marymoor Park then along the Sammamish River trail to the winery. Leader: Larry Lohrman 392-5192
- Oct 11 Sunday-Issaduah/Fall City loop (22 miles). Ride starts at 10:00 a.m. Signup required. Lunch along the Snolqualmie River in Fall City or in one of the Cafes in Fall City. Leader: Mike Hansen 232-1069.
- Oct 25 Sunday- Issaquah/Snoqualmie Falls. Meet at Issaquah Park and Ride at 10:00 a.m. for this lovely 30 mile ride. Come and enjoy the fall weather and colors. Brins a lunch or buy one at Snoqualmie Falls Snack Bar. Leader: Shirley Wolfe 71:7-8698
- Nov 15 Sunday- Fall City/Pine Lake loop (30 miles). Begin at Olive Taylor Quigley Park in Fall City and enjoy dairy farms and fresh fall weather along the Snoqualmie River. Bring a lunch. Leader: Jean-gar Brunschuig 641-3641.
- Dec 13 Sundaw- Issaquah/Preston (15 miles) Meet at Issaquah park and ride at 10:00 a.m. for a break from Christmas shopping...
 Bicycles still work in the winter! Have a snack at the grocery store or sack lunch in the Park in Beautiful downtown Preston. Leader: Larry Lohrman 392-5192.

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



OCTOBER-NOVEMBER-DECEMBER

Betty Culbert (641-6451), Chairman; Russ Williams (392-5989), Hikes Committee:

in charge of <u>Saturday Hikes</u>; Mike Hyman (392-4901), <u>Sunday Hikes</u>; Mary Cadigan (641-4046), <u>Mid-Week 1-2 Hikes</u>; Ann and Ted Leber (746-3291), <u>Mid-Week 3-4 Hikes</u>; Jenne Micai (747-1457), <u>Troubleshooter</u>.

HIME CLASSIFICATION

Class 1: Short trips on improved paths at a pace easy for a justwalker or a parent with a baby on back, and perfect for studying birds and beetles and all.

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

Class 3: A fairly full day, from morning to afternoon, typically 5-6 hours on the go, but with plenty of stops. children often come along, sometimes on parental backs.

Class 4: Steady-going day, typically 6-7 hours, but not really grueling. A person should be sure Class 3 is no strain before trying these.

SPECIAL TRIPS

See page 6 for Salmon Days Extravaganza.

NEW TRIPS

Each quarter we have a few new hikes but this summer our leaders have outdone themselves exploring the Alps and we have about 10 new hikes to introduce to you. It is the resourcefulness of these people that will keep the club vital and we all appreciate the time they have taken to scout and blaze trails. We'll never get stale that way though there will still be the old favorites. Your chairwoman is at a loss for words to describe such hikes but I am sure no one will be disappointed.

WHERE TO MEET

WEETING PLACE

Unless otherwise indicated all hikes assemble at the Issaquah Park and Ride Lot, west of Issaquah at Goode's Corner, the junction of Highway 900 and Newport Way, about 1/4 mile south of I-90. We gather at the south end.

For a very few hikes we assemble in downtown Issaquah and occasionally someplace else. This will be noted.

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

SPONSORSHIP Issaguah Parks and Recreation sponsored these bikes before there was a club and continue to co-sponsor them.

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

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

SQUAK MCUNTAIN VIA THRUSH GAP (Class 3) Leader: Larry Vinter, 746-5775

Thursday, Oct. 1. 9:30 A.M.

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

SALMON DAYS EXTRAVAGANZA (Class 1-2-3)

Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 3-4

Hikes Saturday afternoon and all day Sunday, from Issaquah Creek to the summit of West Tiger 3 and Poo-Poo Point. See Schedule on page 5. EVERYONE COME!!! Meet at the Issaquah Alps booth, right in the middle of do wntown Issaquah.

MIDDLE TIGER (Class 3) Leader: Laurene McLane, 392-0204

Tuesday, Oct. 6, 9:30 A.M.

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

Thursday, Oct. 8, 9:30 A.M.

GRAND CANYON OF 15 MILE CREEK
Leader: Connie Dow, 392-2190

Ascend Tiger Mountain's largest stream to the slot canyon sliced in sandstone and coal. Search for fossils and amber. A possible loop can be made to the Middle Tiger Railroad grade, following it back to the Middle Tiger Trail and descending to the West Side Road. This loop adds an extra hour to the trip.

HISTORY SEMINAR

Thursday, October 8, 7:30 P.M.

Meeting Place: Issaquah Community Hall See page 9 for details

COUGAR MOUNTAIN-ANTI-AIRCRAFT PEAK VIA LAKEMONT GORGE (Class 3) Saturday. Oct. 10, 8:30 A.M.

Leader: Peggy Owen, 746-1070

Meeting Place Note: Exit 13 off I-90-concrete area on south side of the Freeway.

Anti-Aircraft Peak has been temporarily closed to us from the east but the resourceful Owens have marked out and partly built a new trail but the resourceful Owens nave marked out and partly built a new trail which starts at Lakemont Gorge. It climbs steeply after crossing Peltola Creek and passes some lovely waterfalls and seeming-virgin fir. This peak of Cougar is the undeveloped land which the County owns and we hope will be the central part of the larger Regional Park. The views of Lake Sammamish from here are smashing. Possible side trip to Klondike Swamp, slated for the golf course of the Villages in the Park, and the Great Cave Hole which needs to be covered before the houses are built.

Sunday, Oct. 11, 12:30 P.M. ISSAQUAH TO HIGH POINT VIA ISSAQUAH CREEK (Class 2)

Leader: Roger Johnson, 746-3291

Follow the path of the salmon up lovely Issaquah Creek and under the Freeway and then climb slightly up to the Railroad Grade, a nice level stroll to High Point, woodsy and quiet stretches away from I-90. colors of fall should be gorgeous.

SOUTH TIGER VISTA (Class 2)

Leader: Beryl Bell, 255-6399

A short uphill hike on one of Tiger's smaller flanks opens to broad views to May Valley and Squak Mountain and on out to Seattle, down to Hobart and south to Reinier.

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MAIN TIGER VIA SILENT SWAMP (Class 3) . Friday, Oct. 16, 9:30 A.M.

Leader: Shirley Lindahl, 822-3694

Due to DNR's "tolerance" policy this route can be a roaring freeway of razzers, but on the weekdays the road is quiet and especially the trail through Silent Swamp. Possible side trip to Beaver Valley which on weekends is within earshot of the motorbikes. The road is being improved for family sedans so mid-week is the time to take this hike.

LICORICE FERN WALL (Class 1-2) Leader: Ann Kappler, 235-0741

Saturday, Oct. 17, 12:30 P.M.

From the top of this wall covered with licorice fern and moss there is a charming view of May Valley. Onward to another wall and view down to be even visit Trog Swamp.

MIDDLE TIGER VIA 15 MILE CREEK CANYON (Class 3 plus) Leader: Doug Harro, 392-8312 Sunday, 0 8:30 A.M.

From the Grand Canyon we ascend to the Middle Tiger Railroad Grade, side tracking to 15 Mile Creek in its wildest stretch and passing the site of the famous Horseshoe Trestle. Climbing steeply from this railroad grade we intersect the Tiger Mountain Trail, following a delightful section of this great trail past Denny's Bulge to the branch up to Middle Tiger. The climb is short and steep to views of Rainier and the west. The way fown crosses the TMT and drops to the lower Railroad grade and back to the Yest Side Road. A good workout.

RATTLESNAKE (Class 2)

Tuesday, Oct. 20, 9:30 A.M.

Leader: Betty Culbert, 641-6451 This is a new way for us up to a lovely view of North Bend and Mount Si. We found the powerline right-of-way up the west side too steep but this little used service road leads through old clear cut and up to the high views we enjoy. A great sweep over the Great Western Tree Farm with very little effort. Some new logging at the road end has destroyed the forest but we can still find a nice picnic spot and maybe a new waterfall. Plan on a longer drive out to Snoqualmie Falls exit.

SQUAK MOUNTAIN NE FACE LOOP (Class 3) Leader: Bob Wood, 324-8416 Friday, Oct. 23, 9:30 A.M.

Climb the west scarp into Squak Mountain State Park, a one mile wilder-mess which the Bullitt family gave to the state on condition that it remain that way. Only the impressive stone fireplace stands to remind us that civilization did reach way up here... More modern civilization on the summit where the towers can be ignored to face the views of the Cascades,

the Olympics and Baker. Looping back via the precipitous northeast face with views down to Issaquah, you walk a 1920 truck-logging grade through splendid forests to a sawdust heap of a tie mill once located here.

Saturday, Oct. 24, 8:30 A.M.

<u>VEST TIGER 1</u> (Class 3 plus) Leader: Trudy Ecob, 232-2933

The highest peak of West Tiger is over-populated at the summit (with antennas) but the walk there is a lovely wildwood trail built by Dick Heinz with samples of quiet ridges and valleys of the mountain, views over Puget Sound and the Cascades.

COAL CREEK (Class 2)

Sunday, Oct. 25, 12:30 P.M.

Leader: Steve Williams, 232-8072 On this trip we start at the Farm, tour old compaths down past the duck pond to the sandstone gorge of Coal Creek and the mouth of the Mary Tunnel. Explore upstream in the proposed addition to the park, past Cinder Mine to North Fork Falls. Be prepared to wade the creek and crawl ever a few logs. But worth it!

Cougar Mountain Wilderness (Class 3)

Leader: Harvey Manning, 746-1017

We start by climbing in the forest along the Wilderness Creek. From here there are as many choices as there are leaders, but so much to see except the view from Wilderness Peak from which there is none. So we take in other views along the way, including Big View Cliff, Long View, Wild View Cliff, Claypit Peak, via Blackwater Pond. We don't promise to see the bear of Shy Bear Pass but we won't leave out the magical Boulder Field.

LAKE TRADITION FROM HIGH POINT (Class 2) Wednesday, Oct. 28, 9:30 A.M. Leader: Pat Kaald, 641-4046

The watershed plateau hikes include the Big Tree, the Rainforest East, Round Lake, the Springs, maybe the Greyhound Bus and of course, Lake Tradition. Our leaders will make the final decision depending on weather and size of party. Eagles have been spotted in the area and salmon season zight bring them back.

WATERWORKS TRAIL INCLUDING BIG TREES (Class 2) Saturday, Oct. 31, 12:30 P.M. Leaders: Betty Manning, 746-1017, and Darla O'Brian, 392-7365

A new trail system looping back and forth through the Issaquah Watershed visiting the collection boxes at the Springs issuing from the base of the scarp, the Brink Trail on the edge of the lower plateau above, and the Big Trees trail where the 1000 year old fir is the centerpiece. Skid Road trail takes us over the old road which was laid to haul out the other giant firs, brothers to the remaining trees. Dream of what it would have been like to walk here 150 years ago.

VAN-ER WALL (Class 3)

Leader: Harvey Manning, 746-1017

Walk a new logging road through a tragic clearcut, enter big-tree virgin forest and emerge atop the dizzycliff we've all gaped at above the Hobart Those 1,000 feet of empty air are good for thrills - and views. The DNR plans a "Sun King Timber Sale" here, adjoining the enormous Weyerhaeuser clearcuts. We are pleading for protection of the Wall brink. The plant community includes our finest mass of manzanita and a number of unusual (for the Alps) species-including poison oak.

Tuesday, Nov. 3, 9:30 A.M.

HIGH POINT TO ISSAUAH (Class 2)

Leader: Virginia Gallagher, 255-5591

An easy stroll on the abandoned grade which runs from Issauuah to Preston and beyond to the trestle crossing at Snoqualmie Falls. This stretch of the soon to be developed King County bike-foot-horse trail starts at High Point close to I-90 but leaves it in stretches for a quiet woods walk. At the end near Issaquah, a short climb takes you to an overlook of the plain and a visit to the Big Erratic.

Thursday, Nov. 5, 9:30 A.M.

MIDDLE TIGER (Class 3)
Leader: Paula Clark, 271-2771

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One of the favorite viewpoints in the Alps, between West Tiger and East Tiger and South Tiger. No road climbs to the top so you arrive via a lovely but steep trail from the south end of the Tiger Mountain Trail, to a very alpine feeling summit. Clear autumn views of Mount Rainier and Seattle should be possible. Then again, if it rains there is that nice shelter of firs.

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Meeting place: Betty Culbert's home, (in Whispering Heights, Bellevue,)

15455 SE 47th Place, Tel. 641-6451

Hike leaders are particularly urged to attend, but everyone is welcome.

The committee needs to know what you think we're doing right, what wrong and what we can do better. The meeting specifically will look forward to the schedule for January-February-March. Call if need more information.

SQUAK SUMMIT TRAVERSE (Class 3 plus)

Saturday, Nov. 7, 8:30 A.M.

Leader: Bill Longwell, 255-1295
Long a trail builder and innovator of hikes on his back yard mountain, Squak, Bill has come up with a 10 mile traverse of the various summits. You'd better follow in his footsteps because if you try it alone the trail might not be so visible.

LICORICE FERN WALL (Class 1-2)
Leader: Ginnie Block, 527-5466

Sunday, Nov. 8, 12:30 P.M.

See October 17

COUGAR MOUNTAIN RING TRAIL (Class 3 plus) Sunday, Nov. 8, 8:30 A.M.
Leader: Ralph Owen, 746-1070

This hike explores the centerpiece of our proposed Cougar Mountain Regional Park which is expected to be voted on by all King County soon. This is a full day 12 mile hike following old woods roads, bear trails and red ribbons, visiting the Long Marsh, Far Country, The Wilderness, The High Marsh, the Great Cave Hole, with great views from some of the three or four summits of Cougar. Ralph is always discovering something new and making new trails so there may be a few surprises in store.

HILLTOP (Class 1-2)

Wednesday, Nov. 11, 9:30 A.M.

Leader: Ann Leber, 746-3291

By courtesy of Hilltop residents, we are permitted to walk their nature trail, a loop around this 1,000 foot peak of Cougar. Thanks (no thanks) to forest-obliterating new subdivisions, the view of Bellevue, Seattle and Rainier which we loved through windows in the forest is now enormous.

HISTORY SEMINAR

Thursday, November 12, 7:30 P.M.

Meeting Place: Issaquah Community Hall See page 9 for details

Friday, Nov. 13, 9:30 A.M.

POO-POO POINT (Class 3) Friday, N Leaders: Ursula and Leonard Eisenberg, 392-4034

A popular viewpoint and a fine start for a glide down into Issaquah by. Glider Point may be a more romantic name but the sound of the

Talki-Tooter will be heard again from the heights if the Stinger Sale starts. As of present, DNR plans to turn the railroad grade trail into a log-hading truck road. Come before it is all changed and take the West Tiger Railroad grade looping back through Many Creek Valley.

Saturday, Nov. 14, 8:30 A.M.

POTLUCK HIKE (Class 3)
Leader: Bob Wood, 324-8416

You can't tell what will be served until you get to the trailhead. Just trust the leader to make it worthwhile.

LAKE ALICE ROAD TO SNOQUALMIE FALLS VISTA (Class 2) Saturday, Nov. 14.

Leader: Virginia Cuykendall, 746-7280

An old farm, creeks, woods on the abandoned railroad grade, route of someday-to-be Issaquah to Snoqualmie Falls Trail-Bikeway. A nice level stroll all the way.

SQUAK MCUNTAIN SW FACE TRAIL (Class 3 plus) Sunday, Nov. 15, 8:30 A.M.
Leader: Dave Kappler, 235-0741

This hike was introduced in the spring quarter so the trail is being boot-built but expect some bushwhacking on this southwest side of Squak. Views include Mount Rainier on clear days, and closer vistas of Lake Washington with the smaller lakes of Kathleen and McDonald in the Renton-Issaquah outskirts.

SQUAK MOUNTAIN (CHYBINSKI TRAIL) (Class 2)
Leader: Betty Culbert, 641-6451 Tuesday, Nov. 17, 9:30 A.M.

A deep-woods trail steady going up the steep west face, featuring ancient stringers of a bridge which logging trucks rumbled across in the 1920's, a beautiful "nurse bridge" now growing good-size trees. The way climbs near the west peak of Squak - or can if party desires and loops back by one of several alternate ways.

MARSHALL'S HILL (Class 3)

Leader: Harvey Manning, 746-1017

A new route up Marshall's Hill takes us to the brink of DeLeo's Wall in less time so that we can sit and enjoy the surroundings longer. We still pass Licorice Fern Wall, Surprise Wall, Trog Swamp and other favorites.

Thursday, Nov. 19, 7:30 P.M. BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING Newport Library, 14250 SE Newport Way, Bellevue. You're all invited.

MIDDLE TIGER VIA 15 MILE CREEK CANYON (Class 3 plus)
Leader: A. J. Culver, 392-3002 Saturday, Nov. 22, 12:30 P.M. See October 18.

TRADITION LAKE VIA NEW LOOP (Class 2) Leader: Tim O'Brian, 392-7365 Sunday, Nov. 22, 12:30 P.M.

This is a new hike in the Lake Tradition area starting up the scarp but leaving the service road after the plateau to climb another plateau to the west of Round Lake, through nice forests to some open meadows. Not undiscovered by the neighborhood kids but a new place for us and a nice view spot above the lake.

Tuesday, Nov. 24, 9:30 A.M. KERRISTON (Class 2 plus)

Leader: Ann Leber, 746-3291 A walk which follows old logging roads up the valley of Raging River between Rattlesnake on one side and Tiger and Taylor on the other to the site of the old sawmill and coal prospecting town of Kerriston.

SCUTH TIGER VISTA (Class 2) Friday, Nov. 27, 9:30 A.M. Leader: Virginia Cuykendall, 746-7290

EIGH POINT TO MANNINGS REACH VIA FMT (Class 3) Saturday, Nov. 28, 8:30 A.M. Leader: Joe Toynbee, 723-6715

From High Point the Tiger Mountain Trail climbs to the Railroad Grade and then up again along the flank of West Tiger 2 to the pass between 2 and 3 and out to a wonderful open stretch of the TMT called Mannings Reach. It is a great spot in any season even when the noble fir is sprinkled with snow as it could be at this time of year, since at 2600 feet you are at the highest point on the TMT. The views should be clear out to Seattle and further west to the Olympics.

ECUR TRAIL (Class 2)

Saturday, Nov. 28, 12:30 P.M.

Leader: Stan Unger, 253-7823
It's called the Hour Trail because that's how long a horse takes to so clear around the loop. Walkers will take longer due to a maze of trails with signs back to the ranch which the hiker doesn't want to follow. An undeveloped King County park is traversed and many loops are possible including a lovely path along a gorge with screened views of the Snoqualmie Valley. A wet area in most seasons so boots are recommended.

TIGER MCUNTAIN LOOP -- POO-POO POINT, WEST TIGER 3 (Class 3 plus) Leader: Falk Krueger, 283-7796 Sunday, Nov. 29, 8:30 A.M. This hike is the reverse of one which Mike Hyman introduced.

first part climbs to Poo-Poo Point and along the Railroad Grade which DNR is planning to turn into a logging road. Through Many Creek Valley on the grade and then up steeply to West Tiger 3. Anyone who hasn't enjoyed the 350-degree view from here is missing one of the great alpine experiences of the Issaquah Alps.

Tuesday, Dec. 1, 9:30 A.M.

VEST TIGER 3 (Class 3 plus) Leader: Larry Vinter, 746-5775

This used to be the most isolated and alpine feeling of all the summits in the Issaquah Alps. The cat-track that laid the cable to Tiger 2 left scars which are slowly being repaired by nature. It is still a fantastic place for views to all points of the compass. The climb is done in various ways by various leaders as is also the route down. Call if you have any Questions.

LICCRICE FERN WALL (Class 2) Leader: Paula Clark, 271-2771 See October 17.

Thursday, Dec. 3, 9:30 A.M.

FIGER MOUNTAIN SUMMIT TRAVERSE (Class 3 plus) Saturday, Dec. 5, 8:30 A.M.

Leader: Bill Longwell, 255-1295
Bill has another summit hike, this time of 12 miles following the road
cost of the way to Main Tiger and Middle Tiger, then some trails as you descend to the SE Tiger Mountain Road near 15 Mile Creek Canyon. This trip requires a car shuttle starting at the Eastside Road and finishing on the West.

LAKENONT GORGE (Class 2 plus)

Leader: Peggy Owen, 746-1070

Meeting Place: Exit 13 off I-90. Concrete area on south side of Sunday, Dec. 6, 12:30 P.M.:

Freeway.

A wild stream tumbles down a gorge planned as the route of Lakemont Boulevard which is far from a dead issue. Ascend a virtual rainforest past waterfalls to an abandoned homestead where the local bears come for an annual feast of apples along with other four and brave two footed creatures. Take an old railroad grade to the nest of the red-tailed hawk. Peggy's route up is steeper and longer so this is classed a plus but then again she might take you down that way. Boots are recommended.

- LAKE ALICE ROAD TO SNO-UALMIE FALLS VISTA (Class 2) Wednesday, Dec. 9,9:30 AM Leader: Beryl Bell, 255-6399 See November 14.
- DE LEO'S WALL, ON MARSHALL'S HILL (Class 3)
 Leader: Shirley Lindahl, 822-3694 Friday, Dec. 11, 9:30 A.M. See November 19.
- SQUAK MOUNTAIN (CHYBINSKI TRAIL) (Class 2) Saturday, Dec. 12, 12:30 P.M. Leader: Tom Machlem, 255-0922 See November 17.
- COUGAR MOUNTAIN WILDERNESS (Class 3) Leader: Bob Eschrish, 232-5764 See October 27.

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- MIDDLE TIGER (CLASS 5)
 Leader: Laurenc KcLane, 392-0204 Tuesday, Dec. 15, 9:30 A.M.
- GRAND CANYON OF 15 MILE CREEK (Class 2) Leader: Mary Cadigen, 641-4046 Thursday, Dec. 17, 9:30 A.M. See October 8.
- BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING Thursday, Newport Library, 14250 SE Newport Way, Bellevue. Thursday, Dec. 17, 7:30 P.M. Bellevue. You're all invited.
- SQUAK MOUNTAIN ME FACE LOOP (Class 3) Saturday, Dec. 19, 8:30 A.M. Leader: Bob Gross, 743-0925 See October 23.
- Leader: Barbara Johnson, 746-3291
 A nice open area of laws near the lake where birds of all descriptions

await handouts. Walking along the shore the Alps seem to tower around you and the lake stretches north to Mount Baker. Possible longer excursion across the bridge and along the Issaquah Creek to where it feeds into the lake. (Class 3-)

Leader: Sue Williams, 392-4869

Sunday, Dec. 20, 8:30 A.M.

Sunday, Dec. 13, 8:30 A.M.

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MIDDLE TIGER LOOP (Class 3 plus) - Tuesday. 22, 9:30 A.M.

Leader: Dwight Riggs, 271-8389

The way up to Middle Tiger can be done in many ways according to leader's choice but Dewitt has a new loop from the top down. Descending from the north to intersect with the North Side Railroad grade, the way leads back to the Tiger Mountain Trail and along a very enjoyable stretch of that trail to the Middle Tiger Trail and back. There should be a number of new areas to explore this way.

Thursday, Dec. 24, 9:30 A.M. SCIAK MOUNTAIN (CHYBINSKI TRAIL) (Class 2) Leaders: Ursula and Leonard Eisenberg, 392-4034 See November 17.

BEAVER VALLEY (Class 2)
Leader: Stan Unger, 283-7823 Saturday, Dec. 26, 12:30 P.M.

Though the beaver colony emigrated several years ago, they left behind 18 dams, some old and silted in, others looking brand new, here at the headwaters of Hatchery Creek. Their engineering plus the climate in this cocl corner of Tiger Mountain, have resulted in an "Ecotone" where Sitka Sprice, a coastal tree, and Pacific Silver Fir, a mountain tree, mingle. A lovely place of quiet especially with a light dusting of snow.

COUSAR MOUNTAIN PRECIPICE SAMPLER (Class 3 plus) Sunday, Dec. 27, 8:30 A.M. Leader: Ralph Owen, 746-1070 Meeting Place: Exit 13 off I-90. Concrete area south of Freeway.

This hike doesn't mean that you will be walking a precipice all the way but it does climb steeply up the Lakemont Gorge where Ralph has carved out a trail, past waterfalls, touching Big Tree Ridge where virgin fir still stands, along the old Coach Road which led from Issaquah to the Newcastle mines, and to a Fantastic Erratic in some part of the Far Country whose site only the leader knows. The descent will be by way of the Wilderness or Prospector Trail. In either case this involves a car shuttle. is definitely an all day trip and a historic one as well.

Wednesday, Dec. 30, 12:30 P.M. THE SOULDERS (Class 2)
Leader: Linda Joy Hendricks, 392-6281

In the Valley of Cougar Mountain Wilderness Creek lie house-size chunks of andesite which tumbled off the cliffs above. Moss and ferns growing on the rocks beside the creek waterfalls, create a magic spot. A short climb up to Big View Cliff is worth the effort if a crystal clear winter day will give you a view of Mount Rainier.

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