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(This here) President's 38th (and final--see below) report

Now that Brian Boyle has survived the Attack of the Killer Geoducks and been elected to a third term as State Land Commissioner, head of the Department of Natural Resources, we would like to put the spotlight on the accomplishments of his administration we know best--on Tiger Mountain.

Very early in his first term, Brian recognized the unique opportunity to develop a new philosophy of forest management. Having negotiated land exchanges which brought most of the mountain's interior into DNR hands, he established the Tiger Mountain State Forest, to be a "working forest in an urban environment." Staff members, outside consultants and a citizen's advisory committee launched a lengthy study that in 1986 resulted in a comprehensive management plan.

To this point the process might have been viewed by skeptics as an exercise in co-option, to which dewy-eyed environmentalists are notoriously susceptible. Skeptics might have said that Brian had "sent the DNR to charm school", but

that beneath the cosmetics it was the same DNR reigned over for so many years by Ol' King Cole. However, the most suspicious among us are long since convinced.

Not the least of Brian's contributions has been to "free up" his people. In many bureaucracies the rule is to do things the way they've always been done, even if known to be wrong, because nobody ever loses his pension for repeating mistakes. In the DNR of today, we see a spirit of enterprise, innovation, experiment--of looking not over the shoulder to guard the rear, but looking forward to pioneer the future.

The new spirit is manifested by an openness of communication. Formerly the rule dictated by the King was to circle the wagons to fend off the Indians, to tell the public nothing unless compelled and if necessary, to say things that weren't so.

Now the DNR personnel responsible for Tiger Mountain State Forest meet

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Goodbye to all that--time to move over

And now for something completely different.

At the end of the January 1989 Annual Meeting, I will not stand for reelection as president. Instead, I will nominate David Kappler for that post. Dave was, in my mind, supposed to be president in 1979, but he out-shuffled me. I intend now, more than nine years later (how time flies when you're having fun) to take my revenge.

Mind you, I will *not* be going away. Moving over is more like it. Rodi wants to call my column (which will continue) "The Gospel According to St.

Harvey." However, promotion to that new post would have a couple of requirements, such as performing three certified miracles and dying, for which I'm not presently prepared.

Whatever my new position may be, I'll be doing pretty much what I have been, and Dave what *he's* been doing (only more so), and our old gang of anarchists what *they've* been doing, and our new recruits what *they've* now set about.

So don't *you* go away. There's plenty left for us to do.

Harvey Manning

Thanks to you, the Trails Club continues to succeed

By David Kappler

The club will reach its tenth birthday in a few months and all indications are that we are heading into a time of growth, increased energy and wider participation. The October retreat was a great success and new interest and involvement is being shown by both new and old members. The club has several people who are spending many hours a week on matters related to the goals of the club. Some of these people we know well, some are simply "out there" building trails, writing letters and talking up the area and the club. To all of you--sung and unsung--

thanks. As important as your efforts are now, it will be the future generations that will most thank you and appreciate your work and time.

We can all be proud of what is happening on Tiger Mountain. Our successes also include the base of West Tiger, the Tradition Lake Plateau. We all abhorred four of the five possible development schemes for this area suggested by the consultants hired by the City of Issaquah. The great part was that you came out to hearings and wrote letters to let the city know your thoughts. The matter is not over and there are still those vainly promoting concepts that won't

get our support.

We now have the DNR and Issaquah School District involved in planning for Tradition and we very much like what they are saying. The biggest concern of the city is financial. They presently see much of their park budget going to non-resident users, and with the regional appeal of Tradition this could be even more the case. Certainly we can't expect the city to provide regional facilities on a nonregional budget, so the involvement of the DNR and the School districts of the region will be required.

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regularly with a citizen's advisory committee representing industry, government, and assorted elements of the public. They have also taken a leadership role in organizing an interagency coordinating committee bringing together State Parks, King County Parks, Issaquah Parks and DNR.

They have formed another committee that brings together (for openers) the Issaquah School District, the State Superintendent for Public Instruction and the University of Washington to determine how Tiger may be exploited for class uses, kindergarten through high school, college-level teaching and research as well as interpretive programs for the public.

The DNR has commented extensively on City of Issaquah plans for the Tradition Lake area. In December it took the Western Forestry Conference, meeting in Seattle, on a tour of Tiger.

Meanwhile, the "working forest" proceeds. At the end of 1988, the first timber sales were held under the new plan.

- Stream-monitoring stations have been established to keep watch on water quality.

- Certain roads are being upgraded to serve both management activities and improved recreation.

- Gates are closing off other roads to all but management and non-motorized

recreation.

- The law enforcement program has pretty well tamed the wild frontier, sending the crazies off to harass other mountains.

- More sensitive methods of controlling the alder and maple, which tend to choke plantations, have replaced the former technique to bombing the forests (and animals and hikers) with herbicides.

In summary, as the free-enterprise giants of the forest industry increasingly move out of the tree business into the subdivision (and golf course) business and/or out of state to Alabama and Indonesia, the DNR is seeking to show on Tiger Mountain that the industry can (and should) remain here, living in harmony with the cities. The pattern set on Tiger can be emulated elsewhere. If not, our future is plastic.

Of very immediate interest to members of the Trails Club, the DNR has obtained a grant from the State Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation and early in 1989 will engage a person or firm to plan a transportation system for the State Forest. This means trails for hikers only. Trails for hikers and horses. Roads with gates for hikers and horses and bicycles. Open roads for all three plus motorized vehicles, with viewpoints and picnic sites.

There is room on Tiger for them all--but not in the same places. Opportunities exist for horse folk to work with the

DNR and the Trails Club to build horse trails, as hikers have built hiking trails. A number of the roads are excellent for the back roads bikes and off-pavement bikes. None of the trails are suitable for these bikes.

Finally, let us take note of one of the most momentous accomplishments of the Boyle team. In 1987 the state legislature passed a DNR-drafted bill permitting the agency to withdraw lands from the requirement to "maximize income" and establishing, as a start, four Natural Resource Conservation Areas to preserve scenic, natural, geological, habitat and recreational values. This month Brian appointed a 10-member committee to help establish boundaries and a management plan for one of these, the Mount Si Natural Resource Conservation Area.

We mention this exciting new departure not only because the Trails Club has informally "annexed" Mt. Si to the Issaquah Alps (our Will Thompson led in the building of the new Little Si Trail, an overnight sensation). We mention it because we think in the next round, the Tradition Lake Plateau is surely a prime candidate to become a West Tiger Mountain Natural Resources Conservation Area.

Harry Manning

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Watch the newspapers for further doings and keep those letters to the city, DNR and school district coming. We plan to keep our powder dry and are prepared to call you out. Please be there when the bugle is blown! In the meantime, enjoy Rodi's great new Tradition map (page 8 and 9). Take a walk on the plateau. It will surely reinforce how great an area this is and can continue to be.

Jack Hornung has been doing great things on Squak--new trails, improvements to old trails, work parties and new hikes. Most important, he has been talking with state parks, the City of Issaquah and private landowners about Squak Mountain. Squak was in real need of a good friend and Jack has become its best friend. We need to help him out.

There is lots happening with Cougar. Jim Cadigan and Dan Kees have been putting in much time trying to locate the present boundaries of the Cougar Mountain Wildland Park. This has been no easy matter and has taken much research on Dan's part and much field work by both Dan and Jim.

Russ Cahill, Manager of Parks and Natural Resources for King County, indicated at a public hearing that the long-awaited land trade with Burlington Northern is expected to occur perhaps

before you get this issue of the Alpinist. This is great news. Credit must be given to the Hill administration and our many friends on the King County Council. (Jim and Dan will be thrilled to know that there may be several hundred more acres to find!)

The North Village proposal is coming closer to realization. Ralph Owen has been working on this a great deal. Trail and wildlife corridors are still being worked out. A good way to learn more about this area is to join one of our hikes or work parties on Peggy's Trail or the Lakemont Gorge.

Attention to the North Village has increased interest in the Precipice Trail (or route in places) from the North Village to the east side of Cougar. This has always been an important wildlife corridor and route of one of our prime trails of the future. The future is now in this area and exploratory efforts and route clearing have been taking place. Watch for hikes on the Precipice, Military Road, and Big Tree Ridge. Or be brave and do a little exploring on your own. There are several trails from just east of the Summerhill Plat on Newport Way that will get you into this area of steep hillsides, great little creeks and huge gorges. Be prepared to walk the old Military (Stagecoach or Bush) Road up or down the Precipice and see not a stump in the big old mixed forest in Big Tree

Ridge.

The City of Issaquah's plan for the northeast part of Cougar, Tibbets Valley and West Squak is now in the works. Many of you have written the city on this and many have attended the hearings. This issue is important, both to the interests of the club and to the broader community's interests--traffic, taxes, quality of life and so on. The club is counting on our Issaquah members to come through on this one. The major points the club would like you to support are these:

1. Protector Ridge needs to be in the Cougar Mountain Wildland Park.

2. The West Tibbets and Claypit Gorges need to be made parks and no roads should cross them or run up them.

3. Big Tree Ridge and the original Military Road grade need to be preserved.

4. The commercial, high density and school site parts of the East Village (the village center) should be located on the lower bench.

5. The upper bench should be residential and not impact the Wildland Park, West Tibbets Creek and existing neighborhoods.

We hope to get your support on the above issues. Please feel free to contact me and other members about your thoughts and concerns.

Board of Directors Meeting Notes

September 15, 1988

Plans for the new Alpinist, the Board Retreat and the Great and Grand Issaquah Traverse on October 29 were discussed.

Cougar Survey. Dan Kees and Jim Cadigan have been working on boundaries of Cougar Park. Many boundary problems await data.

Salmon Days. We'll lead history walks and perhaps salmon walks from Gilman Village.

Bellevue Stream Team. Volunteers needed to adopt streams, identify salmon.

Cougar Mountain. Discussed North Village, wildlife corridors, natural areas. Hearing on East Village will

be held in mid-October. We'll have special mailing. We need trails through Rainier Crest and Licorice Fern in the West Village area.

Centennial. November 12. Gail will get us to lead walks for Issaquah. Newcastle Historical. The County has provided signs for Thomas Rouse Road, Old Town, Coal Creek Townsite and Baima House. Trails Club will co-sponsor.

October 20, 1988

Lower Coal Creek Park. Issue here is "taking of parklands" as City of Bellevue and King County Parks plan to convert lower park into holding pond for developers' junk water. We must seek organic law to protect the parks, involve community through trail building, work parties, events...

Tradition Plateau, East Cougar.

Everyone exhorted to come to meetings, stomp, yell. HM to speak for Trails Club, Dave for Issaquah citizens: urgent! A.J. will be pushing and we need to turn out in force.

Jack's Army. Seven people have signed up to do the whole 26 miles of the Traverse. Photo opportunities as we march through Issaquah. We have approval of Rowley Realty and Marvin Mohl.

Books. Marty reported on Salmon Days book sales. New edition of Tiger Guide is in the works and Cougar Guide will be coming before long.

Retreat. We need to review meeting plans--have "fun" meetings as well as "political" meetings. Need to revive potlucks, picnics, all of which would help recruiting.

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Retreat results in a long list of jobs to be done

by Gail Palm

The Retreat took place as scheduled on the weekend of Oct 22 and 23 at the Highlands Camping Club Lodge. Our hosts, Jill & Jerry Mays, and the facilities caretakers, Mel and Marilyn, outdid themselves to make us comfortable and help events go smoothly. The turnout was good and discussions were vigorous, but friendly (at least there were no fist fights.)

The Club owes a vote of thanks to all the participants: Ralph Owen, Larry & Marty Hanson, Laurene McLane, Gail & Tom Palm, Joe Toynbee, Jack Horning, Harvey Manning, Will Thompson, George & Donna Jackman, John Seebeth, Tom Lucas, Steve Cavit, Dave Kappler, Tim O'Brian, Ralph Eakins, Betty Culbert, Connie Dow, Jill Mays, Leigh Bortins, Tom Mechler, Connie Fair, Bill Longwell, Lou Zibelli, Rodi Ludlum, and Steve Irby. Agenda committee members unable to attend were Barbara Johnson, Buzz Moore, and Dwight Riggs. THANK YOU!

All final resolutions were presented

to the IATC Board of Directors and most items were voted on at the Nov. 17 Board meeting. In brief, those receiving approval were:

1. A committee of Board members shall draft a formal statement of purposes which will address geographic boundaries of our influence, hike policies, suitable/unsuitable trail uses.

2. A short club history, and statement of purposes shall be prepared and sent to all current club members, and thereafter, all new members.

3. General improvements to the Alpiner were approved.

4. There will be an additional monthly meeting, on a one year trial basis, that focuses more on general interest topics.

5. There will be an information sheet on each hiking area prepared and persons appointed to keep it current. It shall contain interesting facts about the area, note trail conditions, and highlight Club efforts present and past in the area. These sheets will be supplied to hike leaders.

6. A trails committee shall be formed to catalog and prioritize our trail system,

coordinate maintenance, update maps, clarify nomenclature and coordinate with public agencies.

7. The function of Volunteer Coordinator was approved.

8. There should be more specialty and theme hikes.

9. Trail maintenance tools need to be inventoried, and a central storage place found.

10. The Salmon Days booth needs to be repaired and repainted.

11. Rewrite the liability disclaimer on the top of the hike sign-in sheet.

12. Create a finance and budget committee to help the Board become more knowledgeable about our sources of funds and our primary obligations, and to help allocate available funds where they are most needed.

13. Dues should not be raised, unless it is recommended by the Finance committee, after they have identified the real cost of direct member services and proposed member services, or clearly identified unmet objectives needing funds.

With your help, the Pratt River can be preserved

by Don DeWitt

In this last year we have had a remarkable public response to our Pratt River campaign. On our 1988 hikes, most of which were publicized through the Trails Club, we introduced more than 300 people to this valley.

My favorite hike was leading 20 school-age children on a full-day, mid-summer outing. Their honest questions reflected the concerns many of us have. "Why do they do their logging here? Why don't they just do it somewhere else?" "Are they going to cut this tree down too?" "Where will the elk go when this is gone?" "Is there any way to get them to change their minds?"

These concerns and many others were expressed in a significant number of letters to Rep. Rod Chandler and more than 1400 comments to the U.S. Forest Service in the first four months of 1988 alone. Rod Chandler chose not to support HR 4839, a bill to designate the

Pratt River as a wild river under the federal Wild and Scenic Rivers act. He chose instead to side with the timber industry. For this reason, the bill was not voted on this year.

The original intent of the Wild River bill was to take a first step at repairing a longstanding lack of emphasis on recreation in this district. Even the Forest Service admits that they will never be able to satisfy even the local demand for recreation. What is really required is a comprehensive plan for the entire Middle Fork system, with the possibility of including much of this area into a regional recreation area. This could do much to repair what is a disgraceful and, frankly, embarrassing lack of recreation opportunities in this National Forest district, which serves the largest and fastest growing population center in the state.

Areas like this already exist in many parts of the country where the demand is not even as great as it is here. Pro-

posals such as this have been around for years, but so far there has been no significant action taken in this direction.

Currently, the Pratt is planned to be included in a state-wide rivers bill, much like the one recently passed in Oregon. Rep. Chandler conceptually supports this idea, which the notable exclusion of the Pratt. The option of re-introducing the Pratt wild river bill separately is still available.

We are currently working on a new version of our brochure which we hope to begin distributing by early next year.

For those wishing more information than I have space for here, or for information on our Pratt River fundraising T-shirts or old-growth wildlife cards, call me or send a self-addressed stamped envelope.

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Informal meetings set for general membership

by Gail Palm

As a result of the Trails Club's October business retreat, it has been decided (on a one year trial basis) to have an additional club meeting designed to be more interesting to the general membership.

Meeting format will go something like this: 7:15 p.m. doors open, 7:30 meeting brought to order by the evening's chairman, 7:45 meeting participants present ideas, ask questions, voice concerns. If time permits the evening's host or other knowledgeable persons present will throw in short "News Bits" about what your club is up to. At 8:15 the evening's program as advertised, at 9 refreshments and general socializing, 9:30 adjournment.

Sound like a lot of fun? Well, we want it to be! Our members have lined up some nifty programs this quarter, including a revival of the club potluck. **Tuesday, January 31**

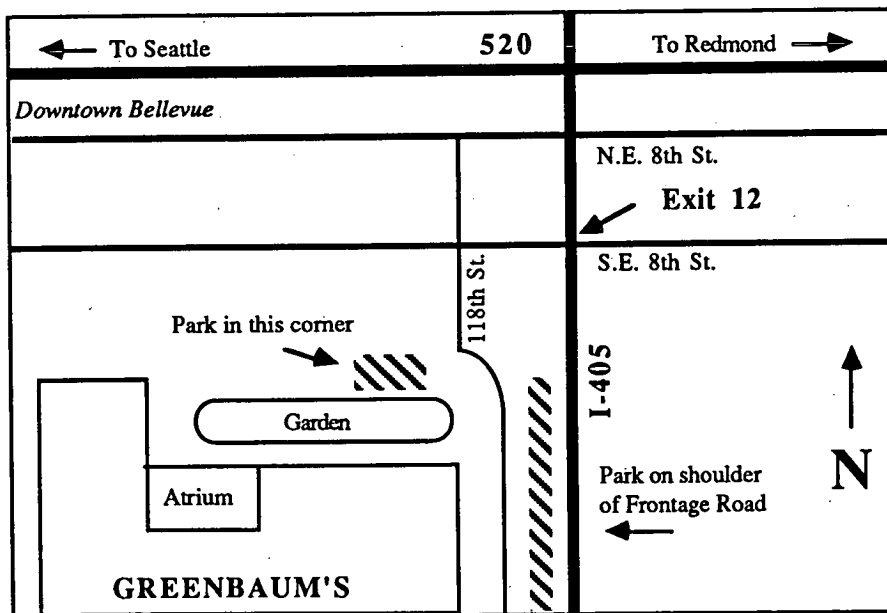
A slide show and talk on "Fifty Flow-

ers of the Issaquah Alps", by our very own Larry Hanson. Larry is a first rate photographer. He will use common rather than scientific names, and give hints as to where and when to find them. Laurence Baum will be there to say a few words about his Geology Class and answer questions. Don't miss this one! **Tuesday, February 29**

A presentation by Doug McClelland of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Did you know that DNR has a Tiger Mtn. Plan? and is actually hiring a planner? Well they do, and they are, and YOU will want to hear all about it. **Saturday, March 18**

THE CLUB POTLUCK! Hot diggity! To be held at the beautiful Highlands Camping Club lodge.

January and February's meetings will be held in the Atrium Room of Greenbaums Home Furnishings, 929 118th Ave S.E., Exit 12 off 405 (SE 8th St.) near downtown Bellevue.



Geology course could lead to Alps guide booklet

Dr. Lawrence Baum, a geologist and teacher, is looking for people interested in taking a 20-40 hour geology course with a special emphasis on the geology of the Issaquah Alps.

The class might locate and map portions of the mountains of geologic in-

terest. This mapping could lead to the creation of a self-guided "geology tour" booklet of the Issaquah Alps.

He will talk about his ideas for a geology course at the January 31 Trails Club Membership Meeting. For more information, call him at 822-2345.

Don't miss the return of the potluck!

Want to meet who's who in the Issaquah Alps Trails Club and beyond? Have someone in mind you would like to trap in a corner? Well then mark this date: Saturday, March 18 on your calendar right now!

And when the time comes, put on your cleanest casual duds, fix your best secret recipe, bring your beverage of choice and join the rest of the gang for an evening of merriment, non-stop talking, eating and socializing. We hope to provide some light entertainment.

Date: March 18

Time: 6 to 10 p.m.

Place: The beautiful Highlands Camping Club, 10610 Renton-Issaquah Road S.E. (SR 900)

Bring: your own table settings and cup or glass.

Do not bring: red wines. Rose and blush wine OK.

May we suggest: persons whose last names begin with

A-D: pasta or rice salads,

E-H: green or vegetable salads,

I-L: main dishes

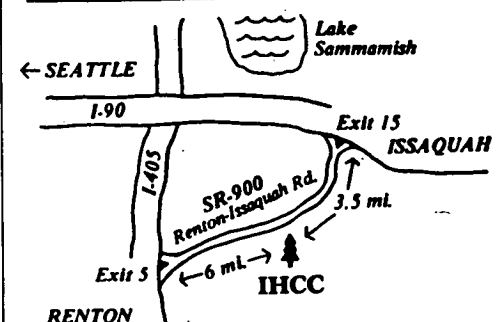
M-P: hors d'oeuvres and bread

Q-T: fruit

U-Z: dessert

Coffee, tea and punch will be provided.

Help: yes, there are a number of small tasks, none very difficult, that need someone in charge. If you plan to attend and would not mind doing a chore, please call George Jackman 441-6636 days or John Seebeth 391-3843. Any assistance will be greatly appreciated.



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High adventure: from dawn to dark over all the Alps

By Jack Hornung

On Thursday morning, less than 48 hours before our grand hike was to begin, I found myself worrying. My sign-up sheet listed only seven names for the hike and three of these were leaders!

Then the phone rang. In response to just-published articles in the Seattle P-I and Issaquah Press, that phone gave me no peace for all of Thursday and Friday.

By Friday night, forty-three hikers had registered on such short notice!

Since my wife Robin and her mother Gloria were going to provide food and refreshments, an expedition with serious buying in mind was hastily undertaken. The two ladies worked gallantly into the wee hours of Saturday to prepare and package the victuals to feed half an army company two and one half meals over almost 12 hours. My worries were now reversed: how would I manage this mob if everyone showed up?

My biggest worries were the transportation logistics of shuttling the vehicles and hikers between High Point and Newcastle Beach. Luckily, Gail Palm and The Lord sent down, on angel's wings, Greg Brigance, who, with energy and brilliant tactics, masterfully solves all these problems at the expense of his sleep.

My other worry, shuttling the retirees

Facts about the Traverse

Date: Saturday, October 29, 1988

Distance: 28 miles

Cumulative ascent: 5500 feet

Cumulative descent: 5400 feet

Hours: 16

Starting number of hikers: 40

Finishing number: 24

Grand traversers awarded patch:

Steve Burdick	Bill Davis
Daryl Deutsch	Bonnie Dixon
Frank Hagan	John Hartman
Ed Haskell	Jack Hornung
Abraham Hornung	Joanne Howe
Johnnie Jeans	Harry Kelsey
Bob Knutsen	Bill Longwell
Alastair Montagu	Grace Ostrum
Larry Ostrum	Ralph Owen
Ray Ricci	Ann Weinman
Fred Weinman	Alison Young
Lou Zibelli	
Stephanie McMonigle	

and single leggers during the day was handled by our floating linebacker, "The Boz" of the Trails Club, Steve Irby, also sent by Gail Palm. Steve also moved in to handle other problems overlooked in the planning.

Arriving in the pre-dawn darkness at 5 a.m. at Newcastle Beach Park, Robin

and I met one fellow early bird. Then we unlocked the park gates (key courtesy of Ranger Barb Johnson), set up the juice-coffee-doughnut table, got out the sign-up sheets and waited, wondering how many people would actually show up. We didn't have to wait long to find out.

The first pilgrim appeared walking out of the dark at 5:30. Then the flash of headlights announced others. Before long there were forty hardy hikers, champing at the bit, snuffling to begin.

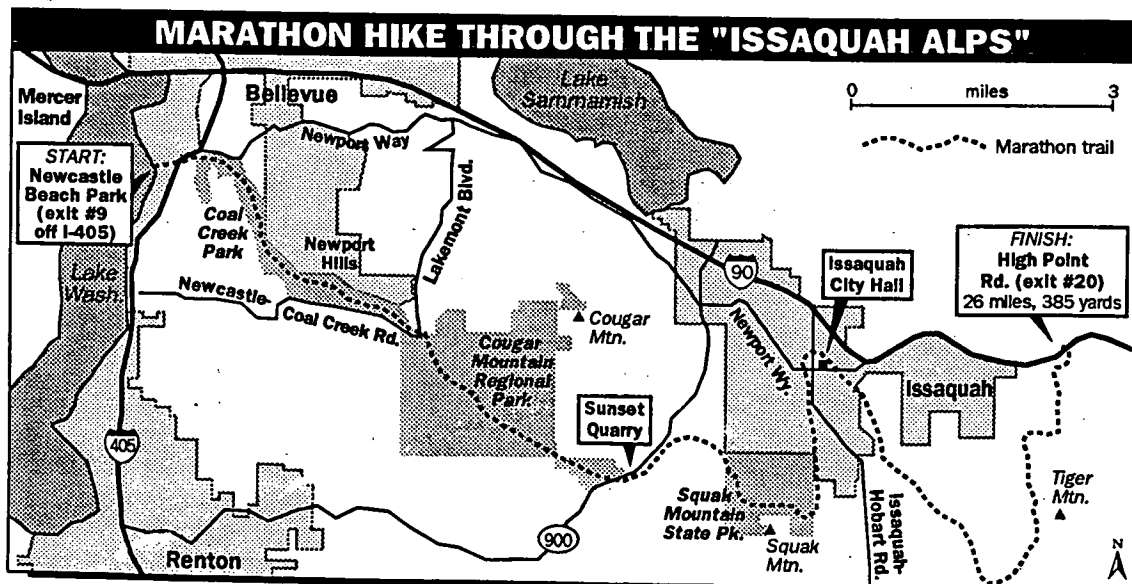
Short announcements and hike rules speeches were made by the leaders. Ralph Owen, Cougar leader, said, "Let's go!"

Our route wound north on the Lake Washington cycle path and then along Coal Creek Parkway--good footing in the dark. Then we swung away from civilization as we left the road and followed the creek and crude trails up into Cougar's heartland.

More worries because of the jungle I had found before when I scouted the route. But then the early dawn light revealed a surprise--branches cut, the path clear, nice new candy-striped flag ribbons marking the way! Ralph had gone to all the trouble to clear and mark this two-mile stretch which I had found so confusing and impenetrable!

We emerged from Coal Creek Gorge on the old grade of the Seattle-Walla

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Map by
Steve
Greenberg,
courtesy of
the Seattle
Post-
Intelligencer

The grand traverse...

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Walla Railroad. It led into the old mining ruins where our club holds its annual "Return to Newcastle" event. There Ralph enlightened the crowd and brought history to life.

The route now proceeded east-southwest along Shy Bear Trail, through Shy Bear Pass. We stayed a bit to enjoy the fall colors at lovely Far Country Lookout. Wonderful places, poetically named by Harvey Manning, were now made tangible to many of us for the first time. Then up and over Wilderness Peak where we signed the Trails Club register. Down we went through the mountain's lovely green groves through paths, shortcuts and old logging roads. Was I glad Ralph knew where we were going!

At SR 900, opposite Sunset Quarry, a lovely brunch was provided by Robin and Gloria aided by Steve. Some first leggers and a few intended through-hikers were returned to Newcastle Beach by Steve. We then picked up some second leggers, including our distinguished Trails Club hike leader and Issaquah Mayor, A.J. Culver.

North on the power line right-of-way and up the steep, dramatic old coal mine-clay pit ascent of the west side of Squak Mountain. Huff-puff: what a steep scramble! But what a great open view backward to Cougar and Wilderness Peak. Along the way to the summit, adjacent and encroaching development was noted. Much to my chagrin, I was so busy talking, I missed a turn and added an extra 385 yards to the hike! From the summit, fine views along the communications cut to downtown Seattle and with the Olympic mountains faintly visible in hazy silhouette.

I regaled my captive audience with grand visions for the future--our path today part of a "Sound to Mountains" route, a "feeder trail" linking Seattle metropolis with the Pacific Crest Trail. Our beloved Alps, Seattle's backyard wilderness, must be preserved for all this to happen.

Down we went from the summit and descended the truly lovely summit trail through glens I like to think of as in

primitive times. At Thrush Gap we went north on Phil's Creek Trail along the old logging grade. At the creek I left the path and crossed the ravine on one of the old log bridge stringers, curious to see who would follow me on this airy alternative. I think all did.

Next we went steeply down Bill Longwell's old connector trail to the east side road with its views of Tiger Mountain to the east. This is not so much a road as a lacy hemlock tunnel. Then down the very steep northeast slope along a new route developed by Tom Mechler and me. Grumbings and mutterings were heard. Thought I, "If you think the going is rough now, you should have been here with Tom and me before we cleared it!" Besides, who said this trip was going to be easy? We finally emerged at the base of the mountain and followed old dirt roads into Issaquah along Issaquah Creek. "High Tea" in the form of chili and other fare was waiting for us in the heart of the city at Memorial Field. Even though it was now late afternoon, the third leggers had waited patiently to finish with us. As expected, Squak had taken its toll on those intending to go all the way and more than a dozen dropped out.

It was obvious that we were in for a mostly night hike on Tiger, not really a worry since all had been told to be prepared with lights for such an eventuality. A quick leaders confab at Ranger Bill Longwell's urging. Following a vote by the hikers, we switched our route. Instead of West Tiger 2 via the High School Trail, we chose the Tradition

Trail up to West Tiger 3 and then down the Tiger Mountain Trail. This slightly shortened our distance while keeping us within our traverse objectives. Quick and sensible thinking on Bill's part.

Bill led our third leg off at his usual relentless pace despite a knee injury. Huff-puff to keep up. But I knew he wanted to get us up and back before the night was over. On the ascent dusk fell, then dark. As we labored to keep up on this steady-paced, 2300-foot ascent at the end of a long day, flashlights would come out as darkness fell.

Then darkness seemed complete and enfolding but for a marvelous sight when I looked up. For there, winding up the dark mountain, the flashlights created an ascending string of lights--moving, metaphysical identities, separate yet connected like the candles of votives on a pilgrimage.

Nearing the summit, we left behind the hot sweaty lee slope to encounter alpine wind and craggy smells. Hats and jackets were quickly donned. And then, finally reaching the summit, the grandest, most climactic moment of the day: the lights of the Puget Sound metropolis spewn over the landscape like phosphorescent plankton in a black sea below. The low dark hulks of Cougar and Squak interrupted the urban nebula, making us realize how far we had come.

Reverential silence, shared camaraderie and then congratulations and joy all around. Our glorious Alps had been traversed!

Tiger Mountain Trail is legally accessible from the High Point exit

It has always been Trails Club policy not to trespass on private land that is clearly posted. When "Private" signs went up on 270th, the north entrance to the Tiger Mountain Trail, hike leaders were instructed to use an alternate entrance to the trail off the Preston exit.

Now it appears that 270th, the street that goes straight south from the High Point exit is *not private*. A King County inspector, Terry Kenagashsee,

has gone out there and removed the "private" signs.

To cause minimum unhappiness among the people who put up the bluff signs, it might be advisable to park at the interchange and walk 270th.

The footlog over "High Point Creek" could stand some embellishment, but makes an easy connection between 270th and the service road--and thus the Tiger Mountain Trail.

JANUARY 1989 Hike Schedule

SUN JAN 1

Cougar Mt. Second Annual
"Teddy Bear Hike", W. Tibbitts
2C 10:00
Harvey Manning 746-1017

WED JAN 4

Tiger Mt. Leader's Choice.
3C 8:30
Dwight Riggs 772-1666

FRI JAN 6

Cougar Mt. Coal Creek Falls
2B 9:30
Mary Cadigan 641-4046

SAT JAN 7

Squak Mt. Leader's Choice
3C 9:30
Bob Eschrich 232-5764
(Joint hike with Mountaineers)

Cougar Mt. DeLeo Wall
2C 12:30
Stan Unger 283-7823

SUN JAN 8

Taylor Mt. Shawn Creek Falls
WORK PARTY 9:30
George Jackman 221-3925

Tiger Mt. Lake Tradition
Exploration
2B 12:30
Larry & Marty Hansen 392-2458

TUE JAN 10

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

WED JAN 11

Cougar Mt. Claypit Road
1A 9:30
Leigh Bortins 228-7323

FRI JAN 13

Tiger Mt. Lake Tradition
2A 9:30
Al Blalock 746-4155
and Ed Bowser 747-3349

JANUARY

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SAT JAN 14

Tiger Mt. West Tiger 2 & 3
3C 8:30
George Mischler 746-8144

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

SUN JAN 15

Squak Mt. Exploration
3C 8:30
Tom Mechler 255-0922

Cougar Mt. New Newcastle to
Old Newcastle
2B 12:30
Ralph Owen 746-1070

TUE JAN 17

Cougar Mt. Leaders Choice
3C 8:30
Joanne Howe 432-0741

THU JAN 19

So. Cascades Preston to Lake
Alice Road.
9:30 1A
John & Patricia Kaald

FRI JAN 20

Tiger Mt. Lake Tradition and
the Caves
2C 9:30
Betty Culbert 432-7387

SAT JAN 21

North Bend Little Mt. Si
2C 8:30
John & Joan Held 941-0526

Tiger Mtn. Poo Poo Point 3C
8:30 Russ Williams
392-5989

SUN JAN 22

Cougar Mt. Far Country
Lookout
3B 9:30
Gregory Brigrance 525-0763

MON JAN 23

Cougar Mt. N.E. Cougar
Variations
3C 9:30
Gail Palm 783-6005
and Bob Knutsen 243-4546

THU JAN 26

Tiger Mt. Leaders choice
2C 9:30
Connie Dow 392-2190

Cougar Mt. Coal Creek RR
Grade and Cinder Mine
1A 9:30
Virginia Cuykendall
746-7280

SAT JAN 28

Squak Mt.
2C Hike + Afternoon Bushwhack
(bring tools)
8:30 Jack Hornung 545-9122
*Not necessary to stay for
Bushwhack*

Tiger Mt. Lake Tradition Ramble
2C 9:30
Dave Kappler 235-0741

SUN JAN 29

GEOLOGY SPECIAL
2C 12:30
Larry Hanson 392-2458
and Laurence Baum 822-2345

MON JAN 30

Taylor Mt. Shawn Creek Falls
2C 9:00
John Seebeth 391-3843

FEBRUARY 1989 Hike Schedule

WED FEB 1

Tiger Mt. Exploratory
Bushwhack
3C 8:30
Dwight Riggs 772-1666

SAT FEB 4

Taylor Mt. Shawn Creek Falls
WORK PARTY 9:30
George Jackman 221-3925

Tiger Mt. The Caves
2C 12:30
Bob Gross 392-0539

SUN FEB 5

Cougar Mt. Cougar Ring
3C 8:30
Ralph Owen 746-1070

Tiger Mt. Tiger 1 & 2 via
Dwight's Way, Bootleg and
Preston Trail -- return via TMT
Loop
4C 8:30
Falk Krueger 525-4544

TUE FEB 7

Tiger Mt. Poo Poo Point
3C 9:00
Laurene McLane
392-0204

WED FEB 8

Tiger Mt. Lake Tradition Plateau
1A 9:30
Leigh Bortins 228-7323

THU FEB 9

Cougar Mt. Leader's Choice
2C 9:30
Connie Dow 392-2190

FRI FEB 10

Tiger Mt. Tiger 3
3C 9:00
John Seebeth 391-3843

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SAT FEB 11

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

Tiger Mt. Waterworks,
Big Tree, under I-90,
High Point RR, Superloop
2C 9:30
Harvey Manning 746-1017

SUN FEB 12

Tiger Mt. The Caves
and Beyond
3C 8:30
Tom Mechler 255-0922

Tiger Mt. Lake Tradition
Exploration
2B 12:30
Larry & Marty Hansen
392-2458

TUE FEB 14

Taylor Mt. Shawn Creek Falls
and W. Taylor Summit
3C 8:30
Joanne Howe 432-0741

THU FEB 16

Tiger Mt. Lake Tradition Plateau
2A 9:30
Paul & Patricia Kaald
746-8741

FRI FEB 17

Cougar Mt. West Tibbets Creek
and the Fantastic Erratic
2C 9:30
Betty Culbert 432-7387

SAT FEB 18

Tiger Mt. Leader's Choice
2C 8:30
John & Joan Held 941-0526

Squak Mt. Leader's Choice
3C 9:30
Stan Unger 283-7823

SUN FEB 19

Tiger Mt. Leader's Choice
3C 8:30
A.J. Culver 392-3002

Cougar Mt. Military Rd.,
Big Tree Ridge loop 2C 9:30
Harvey Manning 746-1017

TUE FEB 21

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

THU FEB 23

Tiger Mt. Issaquah High School
to I-90 via RR Grade 1A 9:30
Virginia Cuykendall
746-7280

FRI FEB 24

Tiger Mt. The Caves 2C 9:30
Mary Cadigan 641-4046

SAT FEB 25

Tiger Mt. West Tiger 3
3C 8:30
Russ Williams 392-5989

Squak Mt. WORK PARTY
8:30 Jack Hornung 545-9122
(no coffee)

SUN FEB 26

Cougar Mt. Tibbets Creek and
Bear Ridge
3C 9:30
Gregory Brigrance 525-0763

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

TUE FEB 28

Tiger Mt. Tiger Caves loop
2C 9:30
Gail Palm 783-6005 and
Bob Knutsen 243-4546

MARCH 1989 Hike Schedule

THU MAR 2

Tiger Mt. Middle Tiger
Variations 3C 9:00
Laurene McLane 392-0204

SAT MAR 4

Taylor Mt. West Taylor
WORK PARTY 8:30
George Jackman 221-3925

North Bend Lake Alice Road to
Snoqualmie
Peggy Owen 746-1070

SUN MAR 5

Tiger Mt. Tiger 1 & 2 via
Dwight's Way, Bootleg and
Preston Trail; return via TMT
loop 4C 8:30
Falk Krueger 525-4544

Tiger Mt. Lake Tradition
Exploratory 2B 12:30
Larry & Marty Hanson
392-2458

TUE MAR 7

North Bend Little Mt. Si
2C 9:30
Al Blalock 746-4155
and Ed Bowser 747-3349

WED MAR 8

Squak Mt. Leader's Choice
1A 9:30
Leigh Bortins 228-7323

FRI MAR 10

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

North Bend Little Mt. Si
2C 9:30
Jack Simonson 324-6383

SAT MAR 11

Cougar Mt. Peggy's Trail to
Wilderness Peak 3C 9:00
Ralph Owen 746-1070

Cougar Mt. DeLeo Wall 2C
9:30 Gregory Brigance 525-0763

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SUN MAR 12

Tiger Mt. The Caves Loop
2C 8:30
John & Joan Held 941-0526

Tiger Mt. Poo Poo Point via
Many Creek Valley 3B 9:30
Steve Irby 255-3211

TUE MAR 14

Tiger Mt. Tiger 2 3C 9:00
John Seebeth 391-3843

THU MAR 16

Tiger Mt. Hobart & 15 mile RR
grades & TMT loop 3C 9:00
Gail Palm 783-6005 and
Bob Knutsen

FRI MAR 17

Cougar Mt. Wilderness Loop
2B 9:30
Mary Cadigan 641-4046

SAT MAR 18

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

Squak Mt. Hike & Afternoon
Bushwhack (Bring tools)
2C 8:30
Jack Hornung 545-9122

SUN MAR 19

Tiger Mt. West Tiger 3 Loop
3C 9:00
Maury Muzzy 392-8718

North Bend Little Mt. Si
2C 10:00
George Mischler 746-8144

Cougar Mt. China Creek,
Marshall's Hill, Far Country
Lookout loop 3C 9:30
Harvey Manning 746-1017

TUE MAR 21

Tiger Mt. West Tiger 2 & 3
3C 8:30
Joanne Howe 432-0741

WED MAR 22

Tiger Mt. High Point RR Grade
1A 9:30
Virginia Cuykendall 746-7280

THU MAR 23

Tiger Mt. Leaders Choice
2C 9:30
Connie Dow 392-2190

FRI MAR 24

Cougar Mt. The Boulders and
Upper Wilderness Creek
2C 9:30
Betty Culbert 432-7387

SAT MAR 25

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

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

North Bend Little Mt. Si
2C 12:30
Bob Gross 392-0539

TUE MAR 28

Lake Alice Road to Tokul Creek
POTLUCK
2C 9:30
Al Blalock 746-4155 and
Ed Bowser 747-3349

WED MAR 29

Tiger Mt. Tiger 3
Exploratory Bushwhack
3C 8:30
Dwight Riggs 772-1666

Volunteer's Corner

by John Seebeth
Volunteer Coordinator

I am a new member of the Issaquah Alps Trails Club. My wife Judy and I were inspired to join the club after visiting the club's display booth at Salmon Days last October.

I feel very fortunate to be living so close to the Issaquah Alps. Not only do the mountains provide me with the opportunities for recreational activity, I also find them inspiring and uplifting to look at when traveling around Issaquah. I'm sure you share some of the same feelings.

After attending a Trails Club sponsored weekend retreat, I was impressed by the work the club was doing in establishing and promoting recreational use of the Issaquah Alps. By the end of the Retreat, I had volunteered to be the Club's new Volunteer Coordinator.

Volunteer's Corner will give recognition to those in the Trails Club who are motivated to work alongside other like-hearted people to make their sense of purpose and vision a reality. The column will also encourage more volunteers.

I asked several Trails Club members why they're willing to volunteer time and energy for the club. Their answers follow.

Sally Davies from Bellevue responded: I personally don't feel we can go through life constantly taking and never putting back.

Payback is very important. When an organization provides as much pleasure and enjoyment as that which I have received from this group, I feel I am indebted to make a contribution. This contribution for me can be in several areas where I feel I can share my abilities toward the good of the common purpose; i.e., the continuation of the club for the preservation of the Issaquah Alps so all may enjoy.

Let's all do our part- social responsibility is for everyone. Besides, where can you work with nicer people for a more worthy cause?

Sandra A. Coon and Wesley P. Smith from Bothell replied:

Wes and I are recent graduates from Washington State University. Wes holds bachelors degrees in Psychology, Elementary Education and Special Education. Wes is currently driving a truck and heavy equipment for Eastside Rentals in Bellevue. I graduated with a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine and am working for Dr. Watson at Alpine Animal Hospital in Issaquah.

Through our respective jobs Wes and I have been introduced to Issaquah and can clearly see the impending doom of "progress" lurking just around the bend. I grew up in Bothell. The Bothell I left nine years ago when I went to WSU is dead. The woods I played in all through my youth are gone; the swamps, the ponds, and the farm land have all been consumed by malls, condos and housing projects. Seeing these things happen is deeply disturbing, for Wes and I both love the natural beauty of the Northwest.

For these reasons and more we feel strongly about working through organizations such as the Issaquah Alps Trails Club to help growing communities save spaces for people to enjoy and experience the natural beauty of the area they live in.

Thank you very much for all that you

are doing in such a hard working organization.

The club is currently looking for volunteers to take on various assignments. The leadership positions are:

Mailing Coordinator to organize bulk mailings of the Alpiner quarterly newsletter and occasional special flyers.

Club Historian to organize papers and clippings.

Special Event Coordinator for the yearly "Return to Newcastle" and "Salmon Days" events.

Education Chairperson to compile information about the ecology, geology and history of the Alps. Also gather information on governmental activities and actions affecting the Alps.

Tool Maintenance Coordinator to keep an inventory of club tools, check them out as needed and see that they are in good working order.

If you see something that interests you, please fill in the Volunteer Registration Form on the next page. If you have further questions, call 391-3843. Please take a minute to fill in the form so the club can contact you and put your talents to work for us and the Issaquah Alps!

Board of Directors meeting notes...

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Nominating Committee. Dave Kappler, Gail Palm, Betty Culbert appointed. Need nominations in time for next Alpiner. Present nominations at Annual Meeting.

High Point Gate. DNR is looking into status of easement. Club will not sponsor hikes entering TMT from High Point until something is resolved. We'll use Preston access through Puget Power lines.

West Tibbetts Plan. We need to extend park out to Protector Ridge and Tibbetts corridor down to SR 900. Village Center must be on lower bench. Come to City Council meeting Dec. 1 bearing pikes, ropes and firebrands.

Grand Traverse. Grand success. Traverse 2 will be part of next Salmon Days.

Tradition Map. Rodi showed final

version-magnificent! Will insert in next Alpiner as centerfold.

Retreat. Discussed specific recommendations to the Board--statement of purposes, new members procedures, Alpiner, a program committee, information sheets for hike leaders, finances, tool storage and dues.

Annual membership meeting January 19

Three new board members are up for election at the Trails Club annual membership meeting Thursday, January 19. They are: Jack Hornung, John Seebeth and Ralph Eakins. Buzz Moore is up for re-election.

The annual meeting will be held at the Newport Way Library at 7:30 p.m. and is open to all members of the Trails Club.

Issaquah Alps Trails Club Volunteer Registration Form

Thank You for expressing interest in becoming a Trails Club volunteer. Please take the time to fill out this brief questionnaire. If you need further information about job descriptions, please call 206-391-3843. Send completed form to:

John Seebeth (volunteer coordinator)
26103 S.E. Black Nugget Road
Issaquah, WA 98027

Name: _____

Address: _____
Number & Street City State Zip Code

Phone Numbers: Home: _____ Work: _____

I am interested in helping with the following activities:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Hikes | <input type="checkbox"/> Cougar Mountain Concerns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter | <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"/> Mailings | <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"/> Volunteer Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Lake Samamish State Park Concerns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Finance Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Area Concerns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Walking Group | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tool Maintenance | |

How many hours can you volunteer per week? _____ Weekends _____ Weekdays _____ AM/PM _____

Do you want to participate in a phone tree when important Trails Club issues arise? _____

Are you willing to help with occasional mass mailings to Trails Club members? _____

Can you help with special events? (Salmon days, Return to Newcastle) _____

Perhaps you have an idea for some special project, event, committee or concern. We would like to hear from you. Please indicate here something special you would like to get involved with:

Please note your special skills _____

SPECIAL NOTE- The club needs more hike leaders. We have a real need for people who will lead special interest hikes, for example on flowers, birds, geology or history.

Also: the Trails Club needs a mailing coordinator. This could be a shared position.