

THE ALPINE



October ♦ November ♦ December 2005

Cougar ♦ Squak ♦ Tiger ♦ Grand Ridge ♦ Taylor ♦ Rattlesnake

Marsh Leads Issaquah Trail Project

Over the years the City of Issaquah, residents and trail advocates have put much time and effort in support of wildland and urban trails. The city has an internal system of urban trails, wildland trails such as on the Tradition Plateau and combination trails that connect the city to the wildland trails of the Issaquah Alps.

One of the trails that perform this connecting function is the Issaquah Trail. This trail is on the old railroad grade from the Sunset Interchange to 2nd Ave. SE near where it joins Front Street. The Issaquah Trail has been kept open by random volunteer efforts and is used by those accessing Tiger Mountain from Issaquah, local joggers and especially by middle and senior high sports teams using it for conditioning.

More recently the full potential of this trail has been promoted by Connie Marsh, friends in the Issaquah Environmental Council and trail users that have been caught up in Connie's vision. Connie herself has devoted hundreds of hours to removing non-native plants, enhancing native plant stocks, organizing hundreds of high school students in removing Scotch broom and non-native blackberries and inspiring others to adopt the trail. One community member brings buckets of rocks to fill the holes that develop in the trail where a buried railroad trestle rots away and leaves leg breaking holes that are narrow, but often several feet deep. Others keep pulling broom and digging up the non-natives or bring their handsaws to cut out windfalls.

We salute Connie for taking on the project, working with the land owners, sharing her vision and involving hundreds of student and numerous adults in making the Issaquah Trail worthy of its name.

Tiger Greenspace Preserved

Recently, two chunks of greenspace on Tiger Mountain have been saved from the developers. Ruth Kees, long-time area environmentalist, has sold her 15.35 acres on Tiger's west slope to the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Cascade Land Conservancy, who will preserve the property in its natural state. The sale was for \$350,000, an inexpensive price for such property.

In a separate transaction, the Trust for Public Land (TPL) purchased 28 acres just east of High Point on the I-90 corridor. The acreage will be added to the West Tiger Mountain Natural Resources Conservation area and managed by DNR.

"This acquisition will ensure that the land will remain in forest, and it protects a piece of the scenic view cor-

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Alpiner Needs Help

By next year, the IATC needs someone to take on the task of the design and layout of the Alpiner for its quarterly publication. No writing or editing is required. Nancy Wagner, who has handled the job for several years is stepping down at the end of the year due to other commitments. She is willing to provide the Adobe Pagemaker file she has used and send it via email or CD-Rom to a willing successor. Call Doug Simpson (425-392-6660) to inquire about details.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Doug Simpson

This is a somewhat tumultuous time for the Issaquah Alps Trails Club. In related articles, you can read about founder Harvey Manning's well-deserved recognition, and about the passing of Jack Hornung, one of the club's most important leaders in the late 80's and early 90's. More significant for the club at this time, however, is the crisis in the hiking program now and in the future. Fred Zeitler, Hikes Coordinator for IATC for the past eight years, is stepping down. Fred has done a marvelous job in organizing and leading the hikes program all these years and providing it with a level of stability and reliability that can't be overstated. Although Fred will be sorely missed in this capacity, fortunately he plans to continue leading hikes and working with the Weedwhackers on trail maintenance.

Unfortunately, at this writing, no one has expressed an interest in succeeding Fred. Hike leaders have all been notified and informed of the situation, but Fred's shoes remain unfilled. Some sort of job-sharing is being explored at least on an interim basis to keep the hikes program functioning. Perhaps two people (or more) can each step into a shoe, whereas plunging in with both feet may seem a daunting commitment.

(Note: August meetings resulted in a resolution to the problem. Three individuals have stepped up to share the position. Board members Melinda Livingstone and Jackie Hughes will take on the scheduling task (the most time-consuming part of the job), and veteran Joe Toynbee will handle sending out the hike leader sheets and getting them back and tabulating the results for club records. Immense gratitude to those three leaders.)

Commitment, though, or lack of same, is a serious problem in the IATC. The committed members who have made the club what it is have given, given some more, and given yet again. They are getting tired. . . and old. Harvey Manning is fully

retired. Ken Konigsmark and Steve Drew have both put it many years as president of the club and continue as vice-presidents to oversee advocacy issues pertinent to IATC. And Drew has announced that he will be moving to Olympia by next summer. You can't know or appreciate how many meetings and conferences they have attended and how diligently they have stood as watchdogs over land use and open space issues. They are busy men with multiple commitments in their lives and careers. Other leaders have left the area: former treasurer/hike leader Frank Gilliland to Arizona, former secretary and women's walk leader Kitty Gross to Port Angeles, and former president and vice-president Barbara Johnson to Sedro-Woolley (soon). Where are their replacements? Still others, such as Chief Ranger Bill Longwell and Zeitler, have given so much to the club over the years.

When I agreed to stand as president of the club in January of 2004, there may have been serious reservations about my qualifications (from me at least), but there was no opposition for the position. Soon my second year will be completed, and there is no successor in sight that I am aware of. While I have been successful in getting women better represented on the board of directors (we have four now, including secretary and treasurer), I have failed in finding young blood to provide the energy boost that the club needs to maintain it and propel it in the future. We geriatrics have only so much to give and so long to give it! If you are under 50—hell, under 60!—we need you to take a turn in giving of yourself to the club to help sustain it. Please think it over—and get in touch with us.

Unsung Hero #2

My second unsung hero (Dave Kappler was the first last issue) is RON HOWATSON. Ron is a

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lifelong area resident (the High Point/Preston area) and Issaquah High School graduate. Vigorous hikers know Ron best as the leader of the club's annual 16-mile trek the length of the Tiger Mountain Trail. Those of us who have done the hike with Ron treasure the little "TMT" wood blocks he gives out to acknowledge our completing the hike.

Ron hikes with IATC, but also with the Snoqualmie Valley Trails Club, the Mid-week Mountaineers, and the Hard-core Camping Group. Perhaps his greatest contribution for area hikers, though, is his tremendous dedication to trailwork projects. Chief Ranger Bill Longwell calls him the "go to guy" when skillful work is needed. He is reputed to be a master when it comes to chainsaw work. His efforts in cutting and clearing trees after the winter storm of 2004 are legendary.

Howatson has worked on over 120 IATC trailwork parties in the past eight years alone. He has also worked on parties clearing and improving the areas around the Upper Pratt River, Nordrum Lake, the Middle Fork of the Snoqualmie River, the Chelan Lakeshore Trail, Snoqualmie Lake, the Klaus, Boyle and Bridges lakes, Fuller Mountain and even the Pacific Crest Trail.

Ron, a former feller for a forestry company, is known for his good humor, his positive attitude, his dependability and his clear thinking. He served a stint with the Navy Seabees. He has been a tremendous asset to the IATC, and is most deserving of "Unsung Hero" recognition. We all owe him a tremendous debt of gratitude.

IATC Founder Manning Honored

Harvey Manning, the legendary founder of the Issaquah Alps Trails Club, has received more recognition for his immense contributions to hiking and recreation in Washington State. On May 19, 2005, Manning was presented with the Cascade Land

Conservancy's Frank Pritchard Lifetime Achievement Award, for "a lifetime commitment to our environment and community."

Gene Duvernoy, president of CLC, issued the following statement: "In May 2005, Harvey Manning received The Cascade Land Conservancy's most prestigious award—the Frank Pritchard Lifetime Achievement Award. Harvey has been immensely important to the conservation of this region's landscape. His work on the Issaquah Alps was of particular note in the granting of this award.

"Harvey worked to create the Issaquah Alps' wild nature preserve and recreation area, including Cougar Mountain Park. The Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park is King County's largest park with more than 3,000 acres of forestland and more than 35 miles of trails. Public support from conservation-minded citizens prompted King County to formally initiate efforts to create the park in June 1983. During the subsequent 22 years, a steady series of land acquisitions by the County, coupled with significant land contributions by the Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR), expanded the wild nature preserve to its present size, thereby saving it from development. Often called the largest urban wildland area in the nation, the Issaquah Alps provide invaluable habitat for wildlife and a ready opportunity to explore nature for urban residents.

"Harvey educated the public and state and local elected leaders about the value of the Issaquah Alps as a wild nature preserve near and easily accessible to a large urban population. By his writings about the Alps and through his relentless commitment to their preservation, he pushed the Issaquah Alps to the top of the 1980's conservation agenda."

About his acceptance of the award, Manning stated: "I appreciate that {honor} personally, because the Conservancy is engaged in doing on a regional scale what we of the Issaquah Alps Trails Club have been doing on an Alpine scale."

Also receiving the award on the same day was Randy Revelle, the former King County Executive, who steered the Cougar Mountain Park into creation while spurning anxious developers in the process.

Looking For The South

by Bill Longwell

Since 1965 I have walked and climbed Tiger Mountain almost a thousand times and traversed there perhaps ten thousand miles. I have walked all Tiger trails dozens of times, but one trail has eluded me. Or, I should say, connecting the ends of this trail has eluded me, even though I have tried enough times to find the connection.

That elusive trail is the North Side Railroad Grade. Scores of times I have driven or walked along the Main Tiger Road as it descends toward Fifteen Mile Creek and passed by the obvious grade that leaves the road and enters deep woods about one half mile east of what is now called the Paw Print junction.. This grade leaves the Main Tiger Road and heads west on the north side of the low ridge that marks the gradual beginnings of Fifteen Mile Creek on the south and the steep Tiger north slopes that drop toward I-90 and feed the beginnings of the East Fork of Issaquah Creek.

Several times I have followed this grade, hoping to follow it to its connection with the grade that obviously intersects the Preston Trail about a half mile below the Preston Junction.

I have also walked numerous times from the Preston Trail out east along this grade, also hoping to make the connections with its easterly grade.

This grade has remained obscure over the years. Only a few times has someone ever maintained this North Side Railroad Grade. Someone mysteriously maintained it in the 1960s and 70s. Will Thompson worked it from the Preston Trail in the early 1980s, and built in 1985 the Bootleg Trails that intersected the North Side Grade. I made signs for Will's connections.

But not until 2004 did someone come along to saw out all the logs and make attempts to repair treads. Last year Ken Hopping adopted the North Side Railroad Grade and sawed out numerous logs as part of his Tiger "Project," where in six months

he sawed out by hand a total of 545 Tiger logs with a crosscut saw.

So, as I walked Tiger Mountain in the 1980s, always in the back of my mind lay that unwalked connection somewhere in sections six and seven on the Tiger Map.

Tiger Mountain was young then, or rather, I was young.

In February, 1980, Harvey Manning and I made two forays into this area determined to find connections. We walked the large basin that forms the beginning of Fifteen Mile Creek and crossed that low ridge that separates North and South Tiger. On these two trips we did solve some of Tiger's mysteries. Exploring Tiger was an adventure to Harvey and me.

We found how railroad loggers connected the main railroad route up from Hobart to the Fifteen Mile Railroad Grade. We discovered and walked the route of the now famous "curved trestle" that connects both grades. Few people ever visit this place today. To see a picture of this trestle, look on page 91 of Ken Schmelzer's book *Wood Iverson, Loggers of Tiger Mountain*.

In those days the trees were so small that we could look down the railroad cut all the way down to Hobart, site of the famous Wood Iverson Mill (the millpond is still there).

At lunch on both hikes we discussed what Tiger had taught us. Those hikes were like attending a seminar.

We crossed that low ridge and explored the swamps that the north side traversed. We poked around trying to find the route east.

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We discovered also that someone had been working this grade, and also had cleared the Preston Trail.

And, we met him.

Suddenly, an older man, riding a small motorbike, noisily dropped over a low rise in the trail and approached us. This was Dick Heinz. He told us he maintained the Preston Trail, the North Side Railroad Grade, and the 1976 Weyerhaeuser logging road that dropped into Fifteen Mile Pass. (This logging road is now the Paw Print Trail).

He carried simple tools, seemingly ineffective by today's tool standards. He also carried a rifle, so he could "shoot coyotes that bothered the deer that feed on the young trees in that basin."

Trudy Ecob, a virtual charter member of the IATC, often told me that she met Dick Heinz on dancing outings. Both were avid dancers and Dick would tell her of his adventures on Tiger Mountain. We later named part of this trail the "Dick Heinz Trail."

So armed with a desire to find that elusive connection, one winter January Saturday, I walked along up the Preston Trail, crossed along Will's connection along the North Side Grade and worked to where Harvey and I had poked around. I carried or pushed a bicycle wheel to measure the grade. This is a mistake I have made at other times, trying to measure or "wheel" a rugged route before a trail existed. Every time I've tried this, the wheeling failed. I have found it much better to measure a finished trail.

I crossed innumerable logs, plowed through Devil's Club and Salmonberry, all the while trying to plot my route east by map, compass and altimeter, not easy while pushing the wheel.

I kept the low ridge just off my right shoulder as I plodded east. That low ridge kept me aware of my general position.

However, mid-afternoon came and I began to realize that I probably would not find that connection before it got dark. The gathering darkness now began to bother me.

So, I gave up. My greater concern now was to find myself plowing through forests and swamps in the dark; I knew I had to reach the Main Tiger Road before dark. I could walk trails in the dark, but I couldn't stumble through trail less brush and swamp in the dark.

I climbed to the top of the low ridge and decided to follow the sun, which lay low in the sky to the south. I also decided that if I could find the beginnings of Fifteen Mile Creek, I could follow it to the Tiger Road. To the south lay the Tiger Road. Instead of walking east, I was now looking for the south.

In the waning daylight, I plotted my course and listened for the beginnings of the creek. Once on the creek, I began to feel a little more comfortable about my position. After about forty minutes, I finally saw the dark line of the Tiger Road just ahead of me.

My route to Preston lay on the now Paw Print Trail and the Preston Trail. I knew I had about two hours of dark trail walking to reach my car in Preston. After trail less conditions, the trails under my feet felt awfully comfortable.

I never went back to look for that connection. It remains there for someone else to find.

Hikers' Corner

Greetings fellow hikers,

As many of you know, I resigned as the IATC Hikes Coordinator effective June 6, 2005. As I write this article we have not yet found a replacement, so if you are interested please let me know. This quarter's hikes schedule is the last one for which I will provide support.

As I look back on the last eight years during which I managed the hikes program I can recall many changes. I would like to highlight some of the major ones.

* We dramatically increased the number of scheduled hikes and the number of participating hikers. We went from 118 hikes in 1998 to 160 scheduled hikes in each of the last three years. The number of hikers has grown from 969 in 1998 to about 1500 in each of the last two years.

* We offered a great variety of hikes, from easy to strenuous, family hikes, Women Walk hikes, dog walk hikes, flower walks, bird identification outings and different plant, shrubs and tree identification hikes.

* During the last two years we have offered hikes outside the traditional Issaquah Alps. Specifically, we have expanded our hikes to extend to the east along I 90, the "Mountains to Sound" corridor.

* We currently have over 30 hike leaders. Of these, 14 lead hikes on a quarterly basis. During the last eight years we recruited 16 new hike leaders, provided training on a bi-annual basis and supported them as needed.

* IATC changed from a "membership" club to a "donations" club that published hike schedules on the web. As a result we saw many new and first



time hikers. Our hike leaders coped with educating these newcomers (35% of our total) and making them aware of our trails and hiker responsibilities.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the hike leaders for their dedication and support. All of you have provided great joy to the hundreds of hikers who participated on your hikes. You showed them the trails, you got them back safely and even had fun while stomping through the woods.

See you on the trails.

Fred Zeitler

IATC Needs Donations

Since membership in the Issaquah Alps Trails Club no longer requires a payment of dues, it is critical that supporters of the club make at least annual donations.

Ongoing income is necessary to the club publish the quarterly *Alpiner* and its books and maps. Additional expenses are incurred for trail building and maintenance tools, and for activities such as Salmon Days.

The next few months are an ideal time to make a contribution, as any donations to the club are tax free. If you are among the numerous members who haven't given in over a year, please consider the importance of well-maintained trails, experienced hike leaders and quality publications to assist you with your hiking. The club needs and deeply appreciates the support of its members.

October

Saturday, October 1
Salmon Days

Sunday, October 2
Salmon Days

Wednesday, October 5, 9:30 AM
PooPoo Point

Steep Climb to hang-glider fields
with beautiful views.

2C, 5 miles, 1700 ft. gain
Melinda Livingstone 425-392-7455

Saturday, October 8, 9:00 AM
Lake Sammamish Park Loop
See the salmon coming up Issaquah
Creek from this loop hike on the
Pickering Trail, East Lake Sammamish
Trail and state park trails.
2A, 4-5 miles, 0 ft. gain
Dave Kappler 425-392-3571

Saturday, October 8, Call leader
Red Pass/Commonwealth Basin
Group size limit is 12. Call leader
for reservation and start time.
4D, 9 miles, 3000 ft. gain
Richard Mann 425-391-0410

Sunday, October 9, 9:00 AM
Tiger Mountain
Northside loop via 6 - 7 trails
2C, 6 miles, 1500 ft. gain
Tom Palm 206-783-6005

Saturday, October 15, 9:00 AM
W.Tiger 2
TMT trail with K3 shortcut to
W.Tiger 2. Return via W.Tiger 3.
3C, 8 miles, 2500 ft. gain
Scott Prueter 425-369-6016

Saturday, October 15, 10:00 AM
Cougar Mountain
Marshall's Hill and DeLeo Wall with
possible Mt. Rainier views.
2B, 4 miles, 600 ft. gain
Bert Drui 425-746-0709

Sunday, October 16, 8:30 AM
Bandera Mountain
Hike new trail up to Mason Lake
ridge then right to Bandera.
3D, 7 miles, 2800 ft. gain
Richard Mann 425-391-0410

Sunday, October 16, 10:00 AM
Dirty Harry's Balcony
Rough trail to nice viewpoint
2C, 4-5 miles, 1300 ft. gain
Bob Gross 425-427-8449

Saturday, October 22, 9:00 AM
W. Rattlesnake Ridge
Hike good trail to two
scenic viewpoints.
2C, 6 miles, 1300 ft. gain
Joe Toynbee 206-723-6716

Sunday, October 23, 8:00 AM
Taylor Mountain SW Ridge
Follow a combination of little know
foot paths, old roads and trails
overlooking South King County and
Rainier with glimpses to the north.
4C, 10 miles, 2400 ft. gain
Ralph Owen 425-746-1070

Sunday, October 23, 9:30 AM
Rattlesnake Ledges (3)
Popular hike to great views
2C, 5 miles, 1400 ft. gain
Mary Nolan 425-837-1535

Thursday, October 27, 7:00 PM
IATC Board Meeting
Issaquah Trail Center, 1st and Bush

Saturday, October 29, 9:30 AM
PooPoo Point
One way hike up the Chirico trail and
down the PooPoo Point trail to high school.
3C, 7 miles, 1900 ft. gain
Denis Harney 206-545-2829

Sunday, October 30, 9:00 AM
West Tiger, Six Views hike
One way up W.Tiger 3, down Chirico
linking by TMT to catch all major
west side views.
3C, 8 miles, 2250 ft. gain
Scott Semans 425-369-1725

November

Wednesday, November 2, 10:00 AM
Squak Mountain
Hike up through woods to view spot
for lunch.
2B, 4 miles, 1200 ft. gain
Melinda Livingstone 425-392-7455

Saturday, November 5, 9:00 AM
Cougar-Squak Traverse
One way journey over the summits
of these mighty peaks
3C, 9 miles, 2300 ft. gain
Joe Toynbee 206-723-6716

Sunday, November 6, 8:30 AM
Mount Si
Up the old trail to good views
3D, 7 miles, 3500 ft. gain
Richard Mann 425-391-0410

Sunday, November 6, 9:00 AM
Cedar Butte
Moderate hike to great views.
2B, 5 miles, 1000 ft. gain
Jackie Hughes 425-641-3815

Saturday, November 12, 9:00 AM
Cougar Mountain
Double loop around Wilderness Peak
3C, 7 miles, 1900 ft. gain
Scott Prueter 425-369-6016

Sunday, November 13, 9:00 AM
Tiger Mountain
North Side via 6-7 trails
2C, 6 miles, 1500 ft. gain
Tom Palm 206-783-6005

Saturday, November 19, 8:30 AM
Annette Lake
Wooded hike to nice Alpine Lake
3C, 7 miles, 1900 ft. gain
Richard Mann 425-391-0410

Saturday, November 19, 10:00 AM
Cougar Mountain
Learn about cold war artifacts.
Nike Launch site and AA Peak
2A, 3 miles, 300 ft. gain
Bert Drui 425-746-0709

Sunday, November 20, 9:00 AM
S. Tiger
TMT to Otter Lake, then up to lunch
spot with views. Return via Traverse.
3C, 7 miles, 1500 ft. gain
Doug Simpson 425-397-6660

Sunday, November 20, Noon
Tradition Lake Plateau
We will start at Trail Center and
make a big loop around the Plateau
through a variety of eco systems.
Learn about trails that take off
for the higher reaches of Tiger Mtn.
2B, 5-6 miles, 700 ft. gain
David Kappler 425-392-3571

Tuesday, November 22, 7:00 PM
Hike Leaders' Meeting
Issaquah Trail Center, 1st and Bush

Saturday, November 26, 8:30 AM
Lower West Rattlesnake Loop
starting at Snoqualmie Point, we'll
walk an old railroad grade and
visit Echo Lake, then climb up an old
boot path to the Powerline Prospect
with views to Tiger Mountain.
We'll loop back to Stan's Overlook,
then Rattlesnake Mountain Trail
back to our cars.
3C, 7 miles, 1500 ft. gain
Ralph Owen 425-746-1070

South East Cougar

One way downhill from Newcastle
to Licorice Fern via DeLeo wall
2A, 4 miles, 500 ft. gain
Scott Semans 425-369-1725

December

Saturday, December 3, 8:30 AM
Cougar Ring
Catch the flavor of the Cougar Mt.
Regional Wildland Park as we circle
near the park boundary via a
combination of well known and
little traveled trails.
4C, 10-12 miles, 2400 ft. gain
Ralph Owen 425-746-1070

Sunday, December 4, 9:00 AM
Cougar Mountain
Ridge and Creek trails past
Fantastic Erratic and Flatrock
Crossing of Tibbets Creek
2B, 3 miles, 800 ft. gain
Scott Semans 425-369-1725

Saturday, December 10, 9:00 AM
Loop hike over Central Peak and West
Peak with Rainier view for lunch.
3C, 7 miles, 2000 ft. gain
Scott Prueter 425-369-6016

Sunday, December 11, 8:30 AM
Middle Tiger
TMT from the south with
option for Artifacts trail.
4D, 11 miles, 2600 ft. gain
Richard Mann 425-391-0410

Saturday, December 17, 9:00 AM
Cougar Mountain
Up to Wilderness Peak, then on to
Longview Peak via Shy Bear Pass.
3C, 6.5 miles, 1900 ft. gain
Doug Simpson 425-397-6660

Saturday, December 17, 10:00 AM
Cougar Mountain
Beautiful Lewis Gorge and return
via Lakemont Urban trail
2A, 3 miles, 500 ft. gain
Bert Drui 425-746-0709

Sunday, December 18, 9:30 AM
W. Rattlesnake Ridge
Hike from old winery to two scenic
viewpoints. Lunch at Stan's Overlook
2C, 5-6 miles, 1300 ft. gain
Mary Nolan 425-837-1535

Sunday, December 18, Noon

Checklist:

- Food
- Water
- Daypack
- Raingear
- Warm clothes
- Hiking Shoes

Each item is required in order to participate in an
Issaquah Alps Trails Club hike!

Don't leave the trailhead without them!

Tradition Lake Plateau
Loop hike from Trail Center to Plateau
through a variety of eco systems.
Learn about shrubs and trees.
2B, 5 miles, 600 ft. gain
Dave Kappler 425-392-3571

Tuesday, December 27, 9:00 AM
Cougar Mountain
Ridge and Creek trails past
Fantastic Erratic and Flatrock
Crossing of Tibbets Creek.
2B, 3 miles, 800 ft. gain
Scott Semans 425-369-1725

Saturday, December 31, 8:30 AM
Squak Mountain
Hike from Sunrise to Sunset over
Central Peak and May Valley loop.
4D, 10-12 miles, 3000 ft. gain
Richard Mann 425-391-0410

IATC Legend Jack Hornung (1932-2005)

Jack Hornung's tenure with the Issaquah Alps Trails Club was only a few years, but he has left a giant legacy. Jack came to the Seattle area from Philadelphia in 1986, and soon turned east to the Issaquah Alps, where he took up where Bill Longwell left off some years before and adopted Squak Mountain as his project. He loved Squak and spent countless days exploring, building trails, and repairing old neglected ones.

Part of his legacy was the Mountains to Sound Greenway. A case can be made for him as its founder, as he planned and organized the first Grand Traverse in 1988, a hike from Lake Washington to Preston. Then in 1990, he organized and led 85 people on a true Greenway trek, from the Snoqualmie summit to the Seattle waterfront. It was a monumental project, and required great efforts from many, but it was Jack Hornung who saw it through. As Ted Thomsen, formerly with IATC and founding secretary of the Mountains to Sound Trust, stated: "Without Jack Hornung, there would be no Mountains to Sound Greenway."

Hornung served on the IATC board for just two years, 1989-1990, but like his friend and fellow club leader Gus Nelson, he found himself—admittedly headstrong—in conflict with others in the club hierarchy. Disappointed and disillusioned, he withdrew from the club in 1990.

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Hikers' Corner

Greetings fellow hikers,

As many of you know, I resigned as the IATC Hikes Coordinator effective June 6, 2005. As I write this article we have not yet found a replacement, so if you are interested please let me know. This quarter's hikes schedule is the last one for which I will provide support.

As I look back on the last eight years during which I managed the hikes program I can recall many changes. I would like to highlight some of the major ones.

- * We dramatically increased the number of scheduled hikes and the number of participating hikers. We went from 118 hikes in 1998 to 160 scheduled hikes in each of the last three years. The number of hikers has grown from 969 in 1998 to about 1500 in each of the last two years.

- * We offered a great variety of hikes, from easy to strenuous, family hikes, Women Walk hikes, dog walk hikes, flower walks, bird identification outings and different plant, shrubs and tree identification hikes.

- * During the last two years we have offered hikes outside the traditional Issaquah Alps. Specifically, we have expanded our hikes to extend to the east along I 90, the "Mountains to Sound" corridor.

- * We currently have over 30 hike leaders. Of these, 14 lead hikes on a quarterly basis. During the last eight years we recruited 16 new hike leaders, provided training on a bi-annual basis and supported them as needed.

- * IATC changed from a "membership" club to a "donations" club that published hike schedules on the web. As a result we saw many new and first



time hikers. Our hike leaders coped with educating these newcomers (35% of our total) and making them aware of our trails and hiker responsibilities.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the hike leaders for their dedication and support. All of you have provided great joy to the hundreds of hikers who participated on your hikes. You showed them the trails, you got them back safely and even had fun while stomping through the woods.

See you on the trails.

Fred Zeitler

IATC Needs Donations

Since membership in the Issaquah Alps Trails Club no longer requires a payment of dues, it is critical that supporters of the club make at least annual donations.

Ongoing income is necessary to the club publish the quarterly *Alpiner* and its books and maps. Additional expenses are incurred for trail building and maintenance tools, and for activities such as Salmon Days.

The next few months are an ideal time to make a contribution, as any donations to the club are tax free. If you are among the numerous members who haven't given in over a year, please consider the importance of well-maintained trails, experienced hike leaders and quality publications to assist you with your hiking. The club needs and deeply appreciates the support of its members.

IATC Legend Jack Hornung (1932-2005)

Jack Hornung's tenure with the Issaquah Alps Trails Club was only a few years, but he has left a giant legacy. Jack came to the Seattle area from Philadelphia in 1986, and soon turned east to the Issaquah Alps, where he took up where Bill Longwell left off some years before and adopted Squak Mountain as his project. He loved Squak and spent countless days exploring, building trails, and repairing old neglected ones.

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Ruth Kees moved to her Tiger property with her husband Dan in the late 1960's. Her goal of keeping the land from developers has been successfully achieved. "The Cougars need a place to live, and ecosystem needs protecting," she said. The property is also habitat for black bears, deer and other animals.

The land is bisected by Kees Creek, a tributary of Issaquah Creek's West Fork, which was named in her honor by the Issaquah City Council in 2003 for her work as an environmental advocate and amateur hydrologist. Kees will remain on five acres, vowing to eventually sell only to "a pretty special person who want to abide by land conservancy rules." She has lifelong rights of tenancy.

Club Books More Easily Available

It has always been possible for club members or website users to purchase the books and maps published by the Issaquah Alps Trails Club. However, they have been very difficult to find elsewhere. Now that has changed.

With the acquisition of ISBN numbers and bar codes from the R.R. Bowker Company, IATC is now able to broaden its circulation. Check in area bookstores such as Barnes and Noble and sporting outlets to find and look over club books on Tiger, Cougar and Squak mountains, and the "Coals to Newcastle" history book.

"We are very pleased to finally have more outlets for our books," said IATC President Doug Simpson. "Not only will we benefit from additional book sales, but hopefully we can bring new hikers into the IATC fold."

Hiker Safety Stressed

The importance of safety can't be over-emphasized for hikers in the Issaquah Alps and beyond. The Issaquah Alps Trails Club, in the aftermath of several hiker accidents, is now putting an increased emphasis on safety.

Every issue of the *Alpiner* includes a checklist of items that hikers are required to take on club hikes: food, water, a daypack, raingear, warm clothes, and hiking boots/shoes. Even on sunny days, the weather sometimes changes, and warm clothes and raingear can be not only helpful, but essential for comfort and safety.

Henceforth, all IATC hike leaders will be required to carry a cell phone and a first aid kit, though most have already been doing so routinely. And they will be checking hiker footwear more closely, prepared to send away those wearing footwear not up to standard.

Squak Map Available

The new Squak Mountain Trails Map, a long-time IATC project, is fresh off the press. You can purchase it at the club's booth at Salmon Days or through this issue's order form. The cost is \$5 for the map, \$18 in combination with the Squak Mountain guide, which sells for \$15.

Patrolling The Back Roads

A King County grant to provide county sheriff patrols on the backroads of eastern King County has proved to be very successful. Over a nine-month period from May 2004 to February 2005, 190 patrolling hours by 15 off-duty officers produced 84 significant contacts for the \$10,000 provided by the grant.

The principal objective of the program, according to the report supplied by Wade Holden and Charles Bosley of Friends of the Trail, was to "discover and warn illegal shooters, or legal shooters who were leaving litter, ask for clean-up of the area, and to ticket them as appropriate." Seventeen of the 84 contacts recorded supported this objective.

Other incidents cited were for camp litter (18), aid to citizens with problems (14), abandoned or stolen vehicles (11), and various illegal activities, such as drinking or cutting trees (9), and "other" (15). The \$10,000 funded 84 significant incidents, or 8.4 incidents per \$1000 spent.

"This pilot study confirms that it is feasible to fund and hire off-duty officers to patrol back country roads on weekends to try to suppress illegal activity." The report thus recommends that the King County Sheriff's Office routinely assign officers to patrol these areas on weekends as part of their regular schedules.

Articles Wanted!

Due to circumstances, this issue of the *Alpiner* goes to press somewhat short on copy.

This is an invitation for interested readers to submit letters or articles about their hiking experiences or observations for consideration for publication. No writing experience is necessary, we welcome new views from some additional writers.

Send all submissions to dgsimpson@aol.com or call 425-392-6660 if you have questions or need further information.



Hiking Information

Hike Leaders

Hike leaders are volunteers who donate their time to lead people who want to hike and explore the trails in the Issaquah Alps and other nearby foothills (Cascades) in King County. Hikes are scheduled and led year-round unless severe conditions pose a safety hazard. Minimum attendance is three, including the leader.

Trails in the Issaquah Alps may be good or bad, easy or hard, muddy or dusty, brushy or clear, steep or flat—or all the above. Some are not much more than animal trails. As volunteers, neither hike leaders, the Issaquah Alps Trails Club (IATC), or Club directors are in any way responsible or liable for a hiker's comfort, transportation, property, safety, or general well-being while traveling to and from the trailhead or hiking or working on any trail.

The Club's sole purpose is to show hikers where the trails are and to lead the way. The public, other clubs, youth groups, church groups, and others are welcome and wholeheartedly invited to join hike leaders and others who want to hike these trails. Children under 18 should be accompanied by an adult. Please, no dogs on hikes.

Hike Classifications

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

Hiking Time

Class 1: 2 hours Class 3: 6 hours
Class 2: 4 hours Class 4: 8 hours

These are approximate hiking times. They do not include travel time to and from the trailhead (20 to 40 minutes depending on the location of the hike) or meal times (lunch will add another 20 to 40 minutes depending on the mood of the group).

Times are based on an assumption of a two-mile-per-hour pace with one-half hour added for each 1000 feet of elevation gain. Trail conditions, weather, and unexpected hazards could extend the hiking time.

Degree of Difficulty

- A: Little or no elevation gain, up to 500 feet, no difficulties for average walker.
- B: Some climbing, up to 1200 feet, or some other difficulty.
- C: More climbing, up to 2500 feet, or some other difficulty.
- D: Much climbing, over 2500 feet of elevation gain.

Hike Description Modifiers

Leader's choice: The leader had not decided where to hike before publication of the hikes schedule.

Trail party: Trail maintenance work party.

Exploratory: The leader goes cross country off the main trail system to explore animal trails, canyons, old logging roads, or old railroad grades. Expect to go through brush, over logs, tiptoe through wildflowers, and/or mud while having a

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good time hiking where others seldom tread.

Family hike: For parents and children. Easy pace. Call leader for hike particulars.

NOTE: Group hikes do not lend themselves to dogs. Please leave your dogs at home when going on a Trails Club hike.

Meeting Place

Trails Club hikes meet in the parking lot at the corner of First and Bush streets next to the IATC clubhouse (the little yellow stationmaster's house). To get there, take exit 17 (Issaquah Front Street) from Interstate 90 and turn south into downtown Issaquah. Go about one mile through town on Front Street, then go two blocks past the light at Sunset Way, and then turn left on Bush Street. Go two blocks to Rainier and turn into the lot on the left.

Clothing

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

Trail Maintenance

Volunteers periodically organize and schedule trail maintenance parties as listed in the hikes schedule. Work parties meet at the same place as hikes (see above). The Club is well supplied with heavy trail maintenance tools, but workers may also bring their own loppers, weed whackers, and other tools.

Checklist:

- Food
- Water
- Daypack
- Raingear
- Warm clothes
- Hiking Shoes

Each item is required in order to participate in an Issaquah Alps Trails Club hike!

Don't leave the trailhead without them!

Trail work parties last at least four hours. Trail maintenance is vital to the Club's work and is an integral part of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) management plan for Tiger Mountain.

Work parties must limit their activity to trails listed by the DNR as scheduled for maintenance. Construction of new trails is not allowed. Work parties are a great way to meet people! Individuals and groups are encouraged to adopt a trail—or section of trail—and take the responsibility of maintaining it.

Issaquah Alps Trails Club Publications Order Form

Return this completed form along with your check to:

Issaquah Alps Trails Club Publications, P.O. Box 466, Issaquah, WA 98027

Name: _____ Address: _____

ITEM	PRICE*	QTY.	TOTAL
Book: The Flowering of the Issaquah Alps--Revised!	\$ 9.00		
Book: The Authoritative Guide to the Trails of Cougar Mountain Wildland Park and Surrounds	15.00**		
Book: Guide to Trails of Tiger Mountain	15.00***		
Book: The Coals of Newcastle: A Hundred Years of Hidden History	15.00		
Book: Eastside Family Hikes	3.00		
Book: Squak Mountain: An Island in the Sky	15.00		
Map: Issaquah Alps Tiger Mountain, 1998 revision	2.00		
Map: Issaquah Alps Cougar Mountain, 2001 revision	5.00		
Map: Issaquah Alps Squak Mountain (2005)	2.00		
Green Trails Map: Tiger & Taylor Mountains, Map 204S	7.00		
Green Trails Map: Cougar & Squak Mountains, Map 203S	7.00		
Green Trails Map: Rattlesnake Mountain & Upper Snoqualmie Valley Map 205S	7.00		
Green Trails Map: Mount Si NRCA & Snoqualmie Corridor, Map 206S	7.00		

*All prices include shipping and handling.

Total: _____

**One (1) IATC Cougar Mountain Map included.

***One (1) IATC Tiger Mountain Map included.

Issaquah Alps Trails Club Foundation and Membership Request Form

Name: _____

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Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____



All donations are tax deductible. Your donations fund The Alpiner publication costs and the club's minimal operating costs first, with 100% of remaining funds being directed where they can best address the trail design, construction, maintenance and advocacy needs throughout the Issaquah Alps. **Note:** Membership does not require a donation; however, donations help us preserve and enhance your Issaquah Alps.

Annual donation levels:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> The IATC sponsor.....\$50 | <input type="checkbox"/> The visionary.....\$100 and above |

IMPORTANT: This form and your donation and/or membership request form should be mailed to:
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See page 15 for the publications order form.

Note: All of the following prices include shipping & handling.

- ☐ ***Flowering of the Issaquah Alps***—Revised! By Fred and Ann Weinmann and Harvey Manning. 1996 updated edition. This new edition lists trees, shrubs, ferns, and flowers found in the Issaquah Alps. Flowers are listed by color, season when flowering, and where many of the plants can be found. \$9.
- ☐ ***Guide to the Trails of Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park and Surrounds***—By Charles McCrone. 2000 edition. Completely updated version gives historical background and descriptions for every park trail, plus 30 other trails in the surrounding area including Bellevue, Newcastle, Renton, and the Precipice. \$15 (includes map listed in next column).
- ☐ ***Guide to Trails of Tiger Mountain***—By Bill Longwell. 2003 revised edition. Updated trail information, two new trails and numerous photographs. \$15 (includes map listed in next column).
- ☐ ***The Coals of Newcastle: A Hundred Years of Hidden History*** By Richard K. McDonald and Lucille McDonald. A complete history

of the once-thriving coal mining area of Cougar Mountain now hidden from all but hikers. 100+ photographs, 4 maps, and Tim O'Brian's account of the incredible Seattle and Walla Walla Railroad. \$15.

- ☐ ***Eastside Family Hikes***—By Peggy Barchi. 2001 revised and updated edition. Descriptions of family hikes (annotated for stroller use and picnicking) on the Eastside. \$3.
- ☐ ***Squak Mountain: An Island in the Sky*** By Doug Simpson with trail descriptions by David Langrock. Provides a history of Squak Mountain and its gestation as a park. Includes 4 loop hikes covering most of the mountain trails. Includes many earlier writings by Bill Longwell and vignettes by others. \$15.
- ☐ ***Green Trails Tiger & Taylor Mountain***. Map 204S. \$7.
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- ☐ ***IATC Tiger Mountain map***. 1998 revised. \$2.
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