



BUSY NIGHT FOR IATC

Three key members were re-elected by IATC at its annual meeting January 23, but another was lost when treasurer Dick Amidei stepped down from the board. George Potter, Doug Simpson and Steve Williams were re-elected to three-year terms.

Rachel Hopkins (see p. 12) was elected to fill the last year of Amidei's term, and Potter will take over the treasurer's duties in addition to his website tasks. Simpson remains vice-president.

The 2014 budget was approved with an increase from \$1500 to \$1750 for the club's scholarship fund. It was noted, though, that in recent years expenditures have exceeded income.

The board decided to seek increased revenue by requesting \$25 from the basic hiker, \$50 for the project supporter, \$75 for the IATC sponsor, retaining the "visionary" at \$100 and adding an "adventurer" category for \$250. The club has no required dues.



In 2013, the club sponsored 165 hikes for 1248 hikers, an average of 7.6 per hike, consistent with recent years. There were 32 hikes on Tiger Mountain, 28 on Cougar and 15 on Squak, for 75 of the total hikes.

The club voted to join the Friends of Lake Sammamish with a \$100 contribution. Discussion of logos led to a position to use the primary logo of the "three trees."

Since the club is discontinuing book publishing, its sizable inventory, valued over \$11,000, is a concern. A sale (see separate story on p. 12) was decided upon and the possibility of giving a book to contributions of \$50 or better was considered favorably.

The board approved two revisions to the bylaws recommended by legal advisor Jim Hilton. Both involve procedures needed to make revisions to bylaws.

President Dave Kappler gave updates on the added properties on Squak Mountain and the Park Pointe section of Tiger Mountain. The Squak acquisition is being cleared up preparatory to trail use, and Park Pointe access, further along, is being developed, aided by 40-50 students from Issaquah High School's Key Club.

PARK POINTE TRAILS READY

Two miles of trails—some new, some over old logging roads—are ready for hiker use now on Tiger Mountain's west side. In addition, a new kiosk has been erected by the City of Issaquah, illustrating the trails not only of Park Pointe, but the Tradition Plateau as well.

The upper trail is hiker only, whereas the lower stretches are open to bikers as well. The existing High School Trail is a focus point for all trails in the area.

The Washington Trails Association did much of trail work, Issaquah Open Space Steward Matt Mechler reports, and received some significant assistance from Issaquah High's Key Club and other volunteers.

Mechler expects the Key Club to extend its interest to ongoing maintenance with possible work from the school's wood shop for signs and a communications class for brochures.

This summer Mechler expects additional old roads in the area to be decommissioned to a natural state.



The Apparatus

CLUB FOUNDER

Harvey Manning

PRESIDENT

David Kappler • 392-3571 • DavidKappler@hotmail.com

VICE PRESIDENT

Doug Simpson • 823-0747 • dsimpson6191@gmail.com

TREASURER

George Potter • 557-6554 • george.q.potter@gmail.com

SECRETARY

Kathleen Petty • 885-4349 • pettykathleen95@gmail.com

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Allegra Atkinson • 425-606-6044 • atkinsonallegra.a@gmail.com

Rachel Hopkins • 206-715-5009 • rachellberinger-hopkins@gmail.com

Jackie Hughes • 641-3815 • jhughes62003@yahoo.com

Ken Konigsmark • 222-4839 • kenkonigsmark@yahoo.com

George Potter • 557-6554 • george.q.potter@gmail.com

Scott Prueter • scottp222@hotmail.com

Doug Simpson • 823-0747 • dsimpson6191@gmail.com

Ed Vervoort • 206-523-6461 • evervoort@comcast.net

Steve Williams • 453-8997 • SWilliams453@yahoo.com

LEGAL ADVISOR

Jim Hilton

HIKES COORDINATION

Jackie Hughes • 641-3815 • jhughes62003@yahoo.com

Jean Lanz • 206-322-0990 • lanzjb@earthlink.net

Joe Toynbee • 228-6118 • toynbee@blarg.net

BOOK SALES/DISTRIBUTION

Scott Prueter • scottp222@hotmail.com

WEBMASTER

George Potter • 557-6554 • george.q.potter@gmail.com

CHIEF CARTOGRAPHER

Harry Morgan • 432-3249 • hcmorgan@gmail.com

THE ALPINER

Doug Simpson • 823-0747 • dsimpson6191@gmail.com

ADVOCATES

Cougar Mountain: Steve Williams • 453-8997 • SWilliams453@yahoo.com

Issaquah: Connie Marsh • 392-4908 • auntgrumpy@comcast.net

Tiger Mountain: Ed Vervoort • 206-523-6461 • evervoort@comcast.net

Rattlesnake Mountain/Taylor Mountain: Ralph Owen • 270-3322

Squak Mountain: Cathy Brandt • 430-9877

VOLUNTEER TRAIL MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR

Open

MOUNTAINS TO SOUND GREENWAY

Ken Konigsmark • 222-4839 • kenkonigsmark@yahoo.com

Whenever possible, please use e-mail to contact any member listed below.

The Alpiner is published in January, April, July, and October.

Issaquah Alps Trails Club
PO Box 351, Issaquah, WA 98027
Website: www.issaquahalps.org

IATC subsists on member donations only. Please send your tax-deductible contributions to the address above to help sustain our efforts to preserve, protect, and promote the Issaquah Alps and local environment.

Articles are welcome, preferably via e-mail to: d.simpson6191@gmail.com
Send diskette or hard copy to post office box number above.

Issue deadlines: November 21 for January; February 21 for April; May 21 for July; August 21 for October.

(Note: All telephone numbers are area code 425 unless otherwise noted.)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By David Kappler

We lost two great friends of the Issaquah Alps since my last report. Margaret Macleod will be remembered by all of us involved with parks, open space and trails all along the Mountain to Sound Greenway. As an Issaquah-based planner and grant writer, Margaret was critical to the acquisition, restoration and facility development of just about any park, open space or trail in and around Issaquah.

When the Issaquah Alps Trails Club was first officially formed, our energy was concentrated on Cougar and Tiger mountains. Cougar was pretty beat up by loggers taking trees for both lumber and paper pulp. Cougar had some special places the loggers hadn't reached in many decades, including various viewpoints and great creeks and waterfalls. But Cougar was full of mystery, mine holes, evidence of railroad grades, concrete foundations, a creek with a wooden bottom and much other evidence of high human impact to the landscape.

Stories abounded about the logging and coal mining history of the area. Our best and most accurate source of Cougar Mountain history was Milt Swanson. Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park would never be the size or as interesting as it is today if its history had not been preserved and shared by Milt. Cougar Mountain was not just a close-in treasure for those looking for nature, but a treasure for those fascinated by local history and the long-gone industrial operations of digging, processing and shipping coal.

The acquisition of the 216 acres on southwest Squak Mountain continues to progress. Trust for Public Land and King County are working together really well. This treasure is not ready to unveil, but it is not going away as we await a final resolution.



EDITORIAL:

OBITUARIES WORTHY OF SPACE

A casual glance at this issue of The Alpiner might seem morbid to readers not in the know with pages devoted to the passing of Margaret Macleod and Milt Swanson, neither of whom was a member of the Issaquah Alps Trails Club. Both, though, are most deserving of whatever tribute we can provide.

Just read through the many comments about Macleod, the former interagency coordinator, and you will have no doubts about her role in the growth of green space and hiking opportunities in the Issaquah Alps. And Swanson's long life is part of Cougar Mountain's history and his efforts are integral to the Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park.

Although Margaret Macleod perhaps can never truly be replaced, it is hoped that a new coordinator can be hired soon, perhaps as early as July. Whoever is chosen will have big shoes to fill.

– Doug Simpson

Letter to the Editor:

Doug, I've just taken a moment to read through my issue of the Alpiner which I only had a chance to skim when it arrived. Again I am struck about how much interesting information you all pack into this newsletter. I appreciate the frequency being quarterly, and the format being simple—reflects the club's basic practical nature.

Thanks for writing it.

Cynthia Welti, Executive Director
Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust

ELECTRONIC REMINDER

The cost-saving effort to switch members from print to electronic Alpiners is catching on. If you don't need or want printed issues, contact the webmaster via email – george.q.potter@gmail.com -- or at 425-557-6554.

MARGARET MACLEOD (1952 - 2013)



(Photo courtesy of Anne McGill.)

The Issaquah Alps Trails club, as well as other area environmental groups, lost a true friend and strong supporter when Margaret Macleod passed away on December 26, a victim of lung cancer. Macleod had served for twenty years as Interagency Trails Coordinator for King County, the City of Issaquah and State DNR.

Macleod grew up in Santa Barbara and attended UC Santa Barbara, where she met her future husband Stephen. He and sons Scott and Rory Stanley survive her. She worked for the California Coastal Commission and Gaviota State Park before moving to Issaquah in 1993 and assuming her position here.

Battling her cancer, Macleod took a leave of absence last May, hoping to return before eventually retiring to the home she and Stephen had built in Canada. Donations can be made to lungevity.org.

Below are comments from some of the people who worked most closely with her.

ANNE MCGILL, good friend and Director Issaquah Parks and Recreation:

For the past two decades, Margaret Macleod's gentle, but persistent leadership style enabled her to coordinate federal, state and local agencies, and ultimately secure millions of dollars for land conservation and trail projects regionwide, including:

- Protecting McCarry Woods, the Tibbott Property (providing public access to the High Point trailhead), Squak Valley Park, Confluence Park, Issaquah Creeks Park (former Anne Johnson property), Berntsen Park, Sammamish Cove Park (previously known as Greenwood Point), Rainier Trail and the Issaquah Trails Center, among other properties.

- Building and maintaining trails within the Issaquah Alps, Mount Si, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Olallie State Park and Snoqualmie River Valley.
- Adding interpretive signage throughout Issaquah, in partnership with the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust.
- Improving fish passage and preserving multiple properties along Issaquah Creek.

Macleod's list of partners was massive—including local recreation and trail groups, King County, Washington State Parks, Washington State Department of Natural Resources and the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust, to name a few.

Macleod's service wasn't limited to her work at the City. The avid outdoorswoman also served on the advisory committees for the Mountains to Sound and Washington Trails Association.

KEN KONIGSMARK, IATC President, 1993-1997, 2001:

Margaret was an amazing person and incredible contributor to the wonders of the Issaquah Alps. Her cheerful, energetic, fun-loving attitude was infectious, like her laugh, and combined with her dedication to the conservation work she loved, she created lasting memories for many of us, and a conservation legacy for all that will last forever.

Margaret leaves a long list of successful, critical open space acquisitions, restoration efforts, and enhanced interagency

continued on page 5

MARGARET McLEOD *continued from page 4*

cooperation throughout the Issaquah Alps. Margaret singlehandedly secured tens of millions of dollars for open space acquisitions and trail maintenance efforts through her effective grant writing.

Hired as the “Interagency Trails Coordinator,” Margaret brought clarity, coordination and cooperation to the protection of natural lands in the Issaquah Alps and beyond and helped inspire lead and guide many agencies and other individuals in their efforts to protect and preserve natural lands for public use and enjoyment. These efforts over her 20 years in the Issaquah Parks Department benefited IATC and our goals in countless ways.

BARBARA JOHNSON, IATC President (1998-1999):

I remember meeting a tall, lovely blonde with an enthusiastic, take charge personality. Wow, I thought, this woman will be great for Issaquah, IATC, MTS, trails, etc. She never let me down! I always enjoyed her company no matter what the topic. She was one of the great ones.

STEVE DREW, IATC President (2000-2001, 2003):

Over the course of my tenure as IATC president and Squak/Issaquah advocate, every major success we achieved would likely not have occurred without the active involvement of Margaret Macleod. Of course, the very creation of the position she held, Interagency Coordinator, was an experiment to begin with. This experiment, funded in part by several sectors of state and local government, succeeded and grew to a become a state model as a direct result of Margaret’s steady hand and passion for the role she played.

The East Ridge Trail, and the lower Issaquah Connector Trail of Squak, the South Issaquah Creek Greenway project, preservation of the forested hillside about Issaquah High School, and name of the Ruth Keys Big Tree are just a few of these accomplishments. Over these years, Margaret accompanied Dave Kappler and me on many new trail scouting or route approval hikes, always stopping to mercilessly butcher every holly plant within her line of site. You learned to carry tools

and pitch in, when she spotted one of these non-native plants, to keep the expedition on track.

Today, when I visit Issaquah and cast my eyes upon the forested hills, I think of Harvey, Bill, Ken, Ralph and key city employees like Leon Kos and Margaret Macleod, without whom my vista would be vastly different.

DOUG SIMPSON, IATC President (2003-2007):

Margaret Macleod was a rare and special person who combined charm and warmth in personality with incredible efficiency at securing grants to significantly broaden open space in the Issaquah Alps. When I served as club president and Alpiner editor, she was always helpful, encouraging and forthright in many circumstances that helped me immensely. She was a wonderful lady.

STEVE WILLIAMS, Longtime Cougar Park Manager and IATC President 2008-2010:

I’ll always remember Margaret as the listener/mediator who was a genuinely nice person. However, she also had a secret talent for finding money and building alliances. In the early days she was the “den mother” for our multi-agency “SCAT” group (Squak, Cougar and Tiger mountains—the Issaquah Alps). At the time the three different mountains were managed by three different agencies, each with different agendas: King County Parks, out of a Renton office; Washington State Parks, trying to keep up with busy Lake Sammamish Park; and the DNR, the harvester of Tiger Mountain timber for public school funding.

Somehow this new “California Girl” humanized our group of overworked, competitive males, each defending his own turf. She got us thinking about cooperation and long-term goals. And she got us to realize that the public really didn’t care whose name was on the sign as long as the land was saved and made into a public park. We began sharing information at meetings and sometimes tools, supplies and even volunteers for projects.

It was great to have Margaret’s shoulder to cry on, and to realize that we all shared the perennial problems of vandalism, lawlessness and budget cuts. However,

continued on page 6

MILT SWANSON (1918 - 2014)



Ernest “Milt” Swanson, our local living history treasure, recently passed away at the age of 95. His house, at one time part of the Newcastle mining operation, sits across from Cougar Mountain’s Red Town Trailhead, and Milt had a key role in creating that park.

He was born in 1918 during the flourishing years of the huge coal-mining operation centered there on Coal Creek. His father and grandfather before him had worked in the mines. Milt himself worked as a mechanic and truck driver for the B & R Coal Company during the last 17 years of Newcastle operation, right up until 1963

Except for a few years in Alaska and a five-year stint with the Coast Guard, Swanson lived in the house on Lakemont Drive in Newcastle his entire life. A coal car resided in his front yard, and many will remember the tours Milt graciously gave of his mini-museum out back. He conserved the maps and artifacts that today document 100 years of hidden history.

Though not officially a member of the Issaquah Alps Trails Club, he was a friend of Harvey Manning and an ally in efforts to preserve the Cougar landscape and save it from eager developers. Harvey did the politicking, but Milt provided the knowledge and mine maps that helped save Coal Creek and a lot of Cougar Mountain from development. (Building freeways and shopping centers above hollow mineshafts is not a good idea!)

Swanson was Newcastle’s Citizen of the Year in 1997, and he was active for years with the Newcastle

Historical Society, for which he was a founder, president and active member. He was a consultant—and great resource—for IATC’s book “The Coals of Newcastle.” His legacy lives on in that book, two major parks and vital museum artifacts.

MARGARET McLEOD *continued from page 5*

she got us looking for connections to adjacent lands, and thinking about a common approach to a unified trail system, and about conservation as a style of land management.

Others will talk about her success in acquiring grant money to buy land or support volunteer projects. Or her role in expanding the Alps and making the Washington Trails Association and Mountains to Sound Greenway part of our network. But I think I will remember her most for being the supportive listener and true friend that she was. We will all miss her, but her example stays with us and bends our future in a very positive way.

AVA FRISINGER, Issaquah Mayor (1997-2013:

Margaret’s knowledge and her innate goodness, her great skill in getting people to work together, and her unquitting resolve have given Issaquah so much to be grateful for. When you enjoy the trails of the Issaquah Alps and the Greenway, when you see the salmon coming home, when you enjoy the parks in and around Issaquah, remember Margaret. She is part of them all.

MATT MECHLER, Issaquah Open Space Steward:

A few years ago, Margaret and I had been working on monitoring amphibians at Round Lake on the Lake Tradition Plateau. We started in January in a canoe and had planned to monitor amphibians and egg masses until June. Each month the lake level went down and the lake became smaller. Finally, on one of our last monthly outings the water level had dropped so low that using a canoe was not an option. We knew this day was coming so we were prepared with our hip and chest waders. Our goal was to finish counting the last of the native tree frog, salamander and red-legged frog eggs and hunt down a couple of the invasive bullfrogs we had seen on a previous outing.

continued on page 11

CHAPTER 3: IATC THE EARLY YEARS

By Doug Simpson

In the January 1980 *Alpiner*, IATC President Harvey Manning delineated the two purposes of the club:

- 1) *Seek the establishment of a public trail system on and around Cougar, Squak, Tiger and Taylor Mountains and Grand Ridge (the Issaquah Alps), and along and around the streams from them to Lakes Sammamish and Washington and the Snoqualmie River, including Coal Creek, May Creek, Tibbetts Creek, all forks and tributaries of Issaquah Creek, and the Raging River.*
- 2) *Publicize the Issaquah Alps as an in-city and close-to-city greenbelt/open space/recreation area of significance to the entire metropolitan region.*

Manning supported the Washington Environmental Council, Seattle Audubon Society and others in their suit against the Department of Natural Resources for its forestry practices on Tiger Mountain. The suit, Manning pointed out, is not against tree-farming, “only against the way DNR goes about it.”

Manning claimed IATC had the most to lose if DNR policies were allowed to continue. According to Manning, “Tiger Mountain will become—within the next several years—entirely one great big screaming frenzy of an ATV “park” with logging roads breaking up the trail system, putting noisy wheels on all our formerly peaceful paths.” He urged contributions to the Northwest Fund for the Environment.

Besides earlier established committees for *Alpiner*, Hikes and Membership, committees were now set for Bicycle Rides (**Rosemary Spence**), Horse Routes (**Bob Court**), Issaquah Alps Marathon (**Tim O’Brian**), Publicity (**Barbara Johnson**), and History (**Virginia Gallagher**), with others still in the works.

In his second President’s Report in February, Manning noted that of the past 40 scheduled hikes, “only 4 didn’t go on typhoon days of trees swaying and crashing, or arctic days of snow up to coyotes’

eyebrows.” Hike attendance had become “as high as 48 but mostly 9-20, fewer midweek.”

Meanwhile, membership had continued to grow (by 50%), with member families now exceeding 600 individuals. “By the end of our first full year, we’ll have introduced perhaps 1000 walkers to the Alps on club hikes.” And Manning noted that two projects were in the works, **Bill Longwell’s** map trail guide to Tiger Mountain and **Marvin Pistrang’s** (of the US Geological Society) map-guide to the geology of the Alps.

“The object of all sublime at IATC” was the club’s plan for a Cougar Mountain park and trail system to the Newcastle Citizens Committee and then to King County itself.

And with his ever-widening reach into the county, Manning was looking into the valley floor-floodplain, including studying farms, horse ranches and skyports . . . “We love our cliffs and waterfalls and forests and coyotes. But we also dote on our green pastures and our cows and pigs and sheep and goats and chickens.” In February and March of 1980, 32 hikes were scheduled; Saturday and Sunday were weekly outings, but all other days of the week were covered, with as many as five on Wednesdays. New hike leaders included LAURIE LEBER, MARK FOLLETT, PHILLIP and ANN BECKLEY, KENT DE COOTES, BARBARA SMITH, TRUDY ECOB, CRAIG and PAT TAYLOR, DICK and BARBARA ASHMAN and JOE and DINA CHYBINKSI.

In addition, four bicycle rides were scheduled on weekends, ranging from 18 to 25 miles in length in diverse locations around Cougar Mountain, the Sammamish River, Si View Park to Snoqualmie Falls and Duvall to Carnation.

Discussing club goals, Manning asserted that they are not very long range. His prescient statement: “Indeed, if they’re not attained in the next few years, they never will be. Predictions are that many tens of thousands more people will be living in and around the Alps by the year 2000. As these new neighborhoods of Puget Sound City are built, we seek to set aside certain

continued on page 10

MEET THE ISSAQUAH ALPS

By Ralph Owen

The Issaquah Alps is the name coined by Harvey Manning of a group of old weathered mountains stretching west-to-east along I-90 from the shore of Lake Washington to the western foothills of the Cascade Mountains. This “mountain range” includes Cougar Mountain, Squak Mountain, Grand Ridge, Tiger Mountain, Taylor Mountain and Rattlesnake Mountain. In general, the peaks increase in height from west-to-east beginning with Cougar at 1595’ and ending with Rattlesnake at 3517’. We will introduce you to the many peaks and sub-peaks of the Issaquah Alps in a series of articles.

The basic structure of this range, also called the “Old Mountains” by Harvey, is composed of volcanic rock laid down between 50 and 40 million years ago to form a flat coastal plain. Sedimentation from coastal rivers and marshes as well as lush vegetation built up layers of shales, siltstones, clays, coal and fresh water fossils (40-35 million years ago) which overlaid this volcanic base. As the sea level rose, layers of marine sedimentary rock, with marine fossils, were laid down (35-25 million years ago.)

The flat coastal plain was fractured and the Issaquah Alps were uplifted during the following 20 million years. These hills have been weathering and eroding for the last 5 million years. One of the biggest causes of this erosion came 14,000 years ago at the end of the Ice Age when the Puget ice lobe filled the valleys and covered all of the peaks of the Issaquah Alps except for the summit of Rattlesnake Mountain.

As the ice melted, it left thick beds of glacial till which blanketed these earlier formations. Continued erosion has removed the till and exposed underlying formations in many areas. (For a more complete but short, introduction to the geology of the Issaquah Alps read **BEDROCK AND BOOTSOLES** by Marvin Pistrang.)



TIGER MOUNTAIN

This series begins with Tiger Mountain, the second highest mountain in the Issaquah Alps. Tiger Mountain is the City of Issaquah’s immediate neighbor to the east and extends five miles to the east at its widest. Tiger stretches over seven miles from north to south. It is bounded by I-90 to the north, Highway 18 to the east and south and by the Issaquah-Hobart Road to the west. Most of it is contained within the Tiger Mountain State Forest, which is managed by the Washington State Department of Natural Resources. The southern portion of the State Forest is managed as a working forest in an urban environment and has a continuing series of timber harvests. Its northern portion is the West Tiger Mountain Natural Resource Conservation Area (NRCA), which is managed to retain wildlife habitat and for recreation. The NRCA is not to be logged. The City of Issaquah’s Tradition Plateau NRCA abuts the West Tiger NRCA to the northwest.

Tiger Mountain, like many of the great mountains of the world, consists of a massif containing one highest summit and number of secondary peaks attached to it. A look at the IATC Tiger Mountain Trails Map by Bill Longwell and the Green Trails Tiger Mountain/Taylor Mountain Map 240S will show at least thirteen high points. Most of them are marked with summit elevations on the maps. Not all of these have official names on the maps.

This article will provide a short description ranked from highest to lowest, of these thirteen “peaks,” including the official or unofficial name or names, the summit elevation and GPS coordinates for each. Most, but not all, have one or more trails or roads to the top, and many are reached on club hikes. It is hoped that this article will inspire hikers to attempt to bag all thirteen peaks. It is left to the reader to use the maps to determine their routes to the tops.

- 1) Tiger Mountain: 3004’ high, 47° 29.308’N; 121.815”W. This peak, the highest of the Tiger massif, is called East Tiger Mountain on the two maps mentioned above. It is also called Main Tiger. An 83’ high fire lookout tower was built by

continued on page 9

MEET THE ALPS *continued from page 8*

the Washington Division of Forestry/DNR atop this peak in 1945. The lookout of duty stood guard there over the forest of Tiger and Taylor mountains, as well as most of south King County, until the tower was destroyed in 1967. Radio towers erected by what Harvey Manning called the “over-communications industry,” now stand atop the summit. The view of Mt. Rainier, which was enjoyed by the lookout, still exists.

- 2) West Tiger 1: 2948’ high, 47° 30.223’N; 121° 58.543’W. The West Tiger group consists of three peaks which rise directly to the east of the City of Issaquah. The summit of West Tiger 1, the highest of the three, is topped by more communication towers which are enclosed within a fence with signs warning of hazardous levels of non-ionizing radiation. A bypass trail has been built around the summit to “protect” hikers from the danger. Great views can be enjoyed from near the Hiker’s Hut, which is just below the summit. Two other sets of towers are also to be found on the East Tiger 1 ridge.
- 3) Point 2786: 2786’ high, 47° 29.021’N; 121° 56.239’W. While this third highest of the Tiger peaks has no official name on the maps, it has three unofficial names that I know of. I first noticed this peak while hiking and leading hikes on the southern ridge of Taylor Mountain in the 1980s. This unidentified (to me) peak was just to the east of East Tiger and seemed to be defending it. I began to call it East Defender Peak, which I sometimes shortened to Defender Peak. I began to visit it and then to lead hikes to it shortly after Warren Jones showed my wife Peggy and me the unmarked Warren’s Way, which led across the slopes of this peak in the early 1990s. Pete Girard and his troop of trail workers adopted and improved my boot route over the peak after Pete was introduced to it on one of the hikes that I led over it. A third name has since sprung up with a sign calling it Sally’s Peak. The summit is wooded and has no views, but is tower-free. The trails to the top are not found on the maps. (See an article in the Jan-Mar, 2012 *Alpiner* for directions to Warren’s Way.)
- 4) West Tiger 2: 2757’ high, 47° 30.509’N; 121° 59.119’W. This is the second highest of the West Tiger Peaks. It was called Issaquah Mountain for many years as it is the high point of Tiger that can be seen from downtown Issaquah. More towers adorn the summit. Views to the west can be seen from the top.
- 5) Middle Tiger: 2607’ high, 47° 29.140’N; 121° 58.191’W. When I first hiked to the top of this peak in the 1980s, views of Mt. Rainier could be seen from an open picnic area near the top. Over the years, the trees have grown to the point that no views can now be seen. (About ten years ago a “renegade” tree and brush cutting crew attempted to open up a view. They only managed to provide a view of the Cedar Hills Landfill, which was adopted as the lowest of the Issaquah Alps. Trees and brush have now closed down even that view.)
- 6) West Tiger 3: 2522’ high, 47° 30.713’N; 121° 59.431’W. This peak, the lowest of the three West Tigers, is the most visited of the Tiger peaks, as it is nearest to I-90 and the popular High Point trailhead parking area. Territorial views can be seen from the summit, which is tower free.
- 7) Point 2393: 2932’ high, 47° 28.679’N; 121° 56.662’W. The unsigned Warren’s Way passes a few feet below this wooded peaklet. I have called it Pete’s Pimple in honor of the leader of the crew who did volunteer trail work on Warren’s Way. Probably views of much of the Tiger Mountain territory were enjoyed after one of the early clear cut loggings of this area. Now there are no views and the peak is tower free. (See #3 above for Warren’s Way.)
- 8) Beaver Hill: 2272’ high, 47° 78.634’N; 121° 55.606’W. This little peaklet, which was named before 1980 by the IATC’s long-time Chief Ranger Bill Longwell, rises above Beaver Valley. Now the beavers are long gone and their dams and ponds have essentially disappeared. I have not visited the peak for years and believe that recent logging has made it difficult to get to. No trails to this peak are shown on the maps. If anyone makes it to the top, please email the description of your hike to me. The peak is tower free.

continued on page 10

MEET THE ALPS *continued from page 9*

- 9) Point 2267: 2267' high, 47° 29.830'N; 121° 59.605'W. This wooded peak is a nondescript knob alongside the One View Trail. It has no name, no views and no towers.
- 10) Wright's Reach: 2030' high, 47° 28.607'N; 121° 58.605'W. This name shows on the IATC Tiger map, but not the Green Trails map. The name was given by Bill Longwell to honor Archie Wright, who participated in most of Bill's Tiger Mountain Trail (TMT) construction work parties. Bill used to lead us up a short boot path on a side trip starting from Karl's Gap on the TMT. He would stop at an old dug hole near the top of this peak with some old rusted tin cans near it. He imagined that this was an abandoned mine site and would read us a portion of Jack London's "All Gold Canyon." Much of this peaklet, which is tower free, was recently logged.
- 11) South Tiger: 2028' high, 47° 27.576'N; 121° 57.702'W. Two twin peaks rise side-by-side near the southern end of the Tiger Mountain range. The southern of the two is identified as south Tiger Mountain on the maps and the peak's elevation of 2028' is listed. It is also often called South Tiger 1. I hiked and flagged a cross country route to the top from the South Tiger Traverse Trail in the 1980s. This faint route has become a well-beaten boot path as more and more hikers follow it to the wooded, viewless summit. This route is not shown on the maps. The peak is tower free.
- 12) South Tiger 2: 2020+' high, 47° 27.705'N; 121° 57.687'W. South Tiger's twin rises directly to the north of it. No name or summit elevation is listed for this peak on the maps. The maps indicate that the high point lies at or above the 2020' contour line, but below 2040'. A recent GPS elevation reading was just over 2040'. For many years we reached this summit by hiking cross country from the top of South Tiger 1. Several years ago, this peak was logged and a road was built to near the top. Now the road, which starts along the north end of the South Tiger Traverse, and a short boot path can be followed to the top. As I heard Harvey Manning say, "The one good thing about a clear cut is that it opens up views." There are good views from this peak now, and it is tower free. The road and trail to the top are not shown on the maps.
- 13) Carol Papke Memorial: 1800+' high, 47° 27.932'N; 121° 57.899'W. This little logged-over knob lies directly to the north of the two south Tigers. A narrow signed trail, which was built by an equestrian group leads to the "Carol Hapke Memorial Picnic Spot" from the north end of the South Tiger Traverse. There were initially some views from the spot, but the small trees and blackberry brush have now destroyed the views and made it almost impossible to find the actual high point of this flat-topped knob. The highest point that can be easily reached is by a big stump near the picnic spot. The trail to the top is not on the maps.

CHAPTER 3 *continued from page 7*

parcels and certain corridors to provide trail recreation and green space for these new residents—and for all the rest of Puget Sound City."

Right on, Harvey!

Five hike classifications were adopted. Class 1: "short and easy—about 3 very leisurely hours."

Class 2: minor to moderate elevation gain at a slow pace. "Lots of stops to reflect on how beautiful the world is."

Class 3: a standard hike. . . that a person in fair to good condition will be glad to take. . . on a moderate pace from 9 or 10 till 4 or so to "enjoy the relaxed opportunity to talk and take pictures and study the flowers."

Class 4: more miles and elevation gain, maybe some brush or exploration. "For a person in good condition, a reasonable but steady pace kept up all day."

Class 5: "Longwell Special, covering perhaps 20 miles, up and down. Strictly for fanatics."

continued on page 11

CHAPTER 3 *continued from page 10*

Pleased with continued club growth, in his March Report, Manning exclaimed that the growth rate, “if maintained, by the year 2023 everybody in the world will belong.” Besides Issaquah Park and Rec, similar departments in Bellevue, Renton, Mercer Island and Seattle were co-sponsoring, supporting or publishing IATC outings. At this time, at least four hikes per week were offered, including flower and wildlife walks, the first overnight backpack outing, and young family specials.

Of great significance was the Public Officials Awareness Hike, scheduled for April 26. Invited were elected officials and administrators, councils, park departments, legislators, leaders of other organizations, and media from newspapers television and radio.

DNR continued to draw Manning’s ire, with a proposed Newcastle Timber Sale clearcut. IATC was told to sue if they didn’t like it, but King County took up the honors. DNR then rolled out in Many Creeks Valley the Stinger Timber Sale, 125 acres for clearcut and another 95 acres for roadway.

In retrospect years later, DNR seems much more cooperative with environmental groups and green advocates such as IATC and Greenway. Somewhere along the line the cut-it-down-if-it’s-there-mentality seems to have been bypassed for a more responsible timber-cutting policy.

With great pride and anticipation, Manning announced that soon to be published was Bill Longwell’s **GUIDE TO THE TRAILS OF TIGER MOUNTAIN**, which over the years has been the club’s most popular book, with its comprehensive coverage of all the trails on Tiger.

The April-June quarter offered six bike rides and a whopping 57 hikes. New hike leaders included **BETTY CULBERT, JERRY WHEELER, BOB ESCHRICH, JIM SANFORD, STEVE WILLIAMS, HARRY STEINHARDT, ROBERT WOOD, GINNY BLOCK, HAZEL BLAKE, JOE TOYNBEE** and **MIKE HYMAN**. Some interesting and prominent names there!

MARGARET McLEOD *continued from page 5*

By this time Round Lake was now only a series of small mud puddles around the perimeter with a larger puddle in the center. We worked our way around the shore until the water in of the puddles was a little deeper than the hip waders Margaret was wearing. She decided it would be better if I continued along this section of deeper water (since I was wearing chest waders) and she would go check out the puddle in the middle of the lake and find some of those dang bullfrogs!

As I worked my way round the deeper water I heard some not so nice words coming from Margaret. When I turned to look, I saw that she had become stuck in the mud almost in the center of the large mud puddle. After numerous attempts to pull her out, the water and icky mud was now inching closer to the top of her waders—and then it happened. . . the waders became flooded and Margaret was now on her read in the last bit of water remaining in Round Lake.

Since Margaret was now completely wet, it really didn’t matter what she did. We rescued the boots, slogged our way back to the truck and drove back to town with the small of stagnant water and Round Lake muck in the truck. Needless to say Margaret immediately jumped into her car after we got back to the office and drove home to shower.

DOUG MCCLELLAND, Washington Department of Natural Resources:

Margaret, from day one, has been a member of our DNR family--from stopping condos at High Point or saving the salamanders at Round Lake that everyone else overlooked. Margaret is the heart of Issaquah conservation for DNR. We called her Maggle Daggles, a name that made her laugh. Maggle spent everyday making the DNR forests we manage better for all. When she hiked to the top of Mailbox Peak, she got us money to build a parking lot so more could climb that tough trail. As our interagency coordinator for twenty years, Maggle was most of all our friend. She brought us together to share a laugh, a cup of tea and most of all make a difference every day. Maggle Daggles, you will keep us smiling. Thank you for everything from your buddies at DNR.

---Compiled by Doug Simpson

HOPKINS JOINS IATC BOARD



The leader of Snoqualmie's "Bad Ass Bettys" is now a board member for the Issaquah Alps Trails Club. Rachel Hopkins, a versatile woman with many interests in the environment and the activities it provides, was elected at the club's January 23 board meeting.

Originally from Cincinnati, Hopkins took a seasonal job years ago at Paradise Lodge in the Mt. Rainier National Park and fell in love with the mountains and Northwest region.

She, her husband Mark, and two daughters now live in Snoqualmie, where she organized the Bad Ass Bettys, a women's hiking group that she leads on weekly outings.

With family needs and involvement with various environmental groups, Hopkins was forced to give up her graduate school studies in environmental education. She is a DNR volunteer for the Forest Watch Program, is active in Conservation Northwest and in the past year has become attached to the IATC.

Hopkins met IATC President Dave Kappler and board member George Potter at a conference and has participated in the hike leadership program. She admits needing to learn much about the club and its westernmost trails (Squak and Cougar mountains), but expects to lead hikes of her own soon.

SPECIAL OFFER ON BOOKS

Due to competition from better-heeled, more experienced publishers, the club has backed off from publishing future editions of its existing books. When published, IATC's books offered information not available in other guides.

To reduce its book inventory, **IATC is making two offers:**

First, IATC will give a free book to those contributing membership dues at or above \$50. Available books are *Guide to Trails of Tiger Mountain*, *Squak Mountain: An Island in the Sky*, *The Coals of Newcastle*, *The Flowering of the Issaquah Alps*, and *55 Hikes Around Snoqualmie Pass*.

Due to lesser numbers, the Cougar Mountain guide is not available in this offer.

Second, for the remainder of 2014, the Tiger, Squak and Newcastle books will be available at the discounted rate of \$12, The Flowering of the Issaquah Alps and 55 Hikes Around Snoqualmie Pass books for \$7.50.

FONTERRA PURCHASES

Fonterra has purchased two properties near Snoqualmie Pass to add to its checkerboard ownership. US Fish and Wildlife will manage 640 acres near Easton, and Washington State Parks and Recreation will oversee 57 acres (the Martin parcel) along the John Wayne Pioneer Trail.

The parcels will help fill in gaps in the area to protect wildlife habitat and water quality and to enhance efficient forest practices. In addition, they are expected to facilitate the Department of Transportation's desire for improved wildlife corridors.

The Easton lands cost \$1.27 million, and those along the John Wayne cost \$145,000.

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, dogs only on designated dog hikes.



Degree of Difficulty

Very Easy: up to 4 miles and 600 feet of elevation gain – for beginners.

Easy: up to 6 miles and 1200 feet gain – not difficult for occasional hikers.

Moderate: up to 10 miles with 1200 to 2500 feet gain – usually not difficult for regular hikers.

Strenuous: up to 12 miles and 3500 feet gain – for experienced hikers in good condition.

Very Strenuous: over 12 miles and/or over 3500 feet gain – only for experienced hikers in very good physical and aerobic condition.

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 good time hiking where others seldom tread.

continued on page 14

WEBSITE HELP NEEDED

IATC wants to update its website and could use help. If you are knowledgeable and can help, please contact George Potter at 425-557-6554.

HIKING INFORMATION

continued from page 13

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

NOTE: Group hikes do not lend themselves to dogs unless on designated dog hikes.

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.

Trail work parties last at least four hours. Trail maintenance is vital to the Club's work and is

✓ 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!

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!



Issaquah Alps Trails Club Publications Order Form

Return this completed form along with your check to:

Issaquah Alps Trails Club Publications, P.O. Box 351, 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 with Map	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, 2010 revision	3.00		
Book: Squak Mountain: An Island in the Sky	15.00		
Book: 55 Hikes Around Snoqualmie Pass	10.00		
Map: Issaquah Alps Cougar Mountain, 2001 revision	2.00		
Map: Issaquah Alps Squak Mountain (2005)	6.00		
Green Trails Map: Tiger & Taylor Mountains, Map 204S	(List 12.00) 11.00		
Green Trails Map: Cougar & Squak Mountains, Map 203S	(List 12.00) 11.00		
Green Trails Map: Rattlesnake Mountain & Upper Snoqualmie Valley Map 205S	(List 12.00) 11.00		
Green Trails Map: Mount Si NRCA & Snoqualmie Corridor, Map 206S	(List 12.00) 11.00		
*All prices include shipping and handling.			

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

Total: _____

Issaquah Alps Trails Club Foundation and Membership Request Form



Name: _____

Address: _____

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.

Suggested donation levels:

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> The basic hiker.....\$25 | <input type="checkbox"/> The visionary.....\$100 and above |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The project supporter.....\$50 | <input type="checkbox"/> The adventurer.....\$250 and above |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The IATC sponsor.....\$75 | |

IMPORTANT: This form and your donation and/or membership request form should be mailed to:
IATC Foundation, P.O. Box 351, Issaquah, WA 98027

Issaquah Alps Trail Club
P.O. Box 351
Issaquah, WA 98027

Address Service Requested

Non Profit
U.S. Postage
PAID
Issaquah, WA
Permit #70

Issaquah Alps Trails Club Publications

See page 15 for the publications order form.

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

o ***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.

o ***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 (includes map).

o ***Guide to Trails of Tiger Mountain***—By Bill Longwell. 2003 revised edition. Updated trail information, two new trails and numerous photographs (includes map).

o ***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.

o ***Eastside Family Hikes***—By Peggy Barchi. 2001 revised and updated edition. Descriptions of family hikes (annotated for stroller use and picnicking) on the Eastside.

o ***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.

o ***Green Trails Tiger & Taylor Mountain***. Map 204S.

o ***Green Trails Cougar & Squak Mountains***. Map 203S.

o ***Green Trails Rattlesnake Mountain & Upper Snoqualmie Valley***. Map 205S.

o ***Green Trails Mount Si NRCA & Snoqualmie Corridor***. Map 206S.

o ***Green Trails Quality Squak Mountain Map***. By IATC member Harry Morgan.

o ***IATC Cougar Mountain map***. 2001 revised.

o ***55 Hikes Around Snoqualmie Pass*** By Harvey Manning.