



July ♦ August ♦ September 2014

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

## CELEBRATION ON SQUAK

A great group of supporters turned out to celebrate the acquisition of 220 acres on southwest Squak Mountain on May 10. A standing-room only crowd in the old camping club lodge heard a few short speeches and a longer one by IATC President Dave Kappler, thanking the many groups and individuals that were so important to making the acquisition actually happen.



*(Photo by Larry Hanson)*

After festivities in the lodge, hike leaders provided three different hiking opportunities. Jean Lanz led one group around the lower grounds of the property, with lots of appreciative comments on the potential for the site given the trailhead features, great trees and great woods near the lodge. Ingrid Lundin, King County's project manager on this effort, worked with George Potter on the hike up to the cliffs and through some forested areas. Kappler led the third group to the cliffs and then on to the viewpoint on private land—hopefully to be acquired by the county in the future.

At the cliff trail the groups merged. Several hikers wanted to explore more beyond the cliffs and joined the group to the viewpoint. Mark Fredley, the man who built the trail system over nearly 20 years, joined the groups and led a few folks even further into the site than was planned.

The logistics of having three different hikes and then having most people wanting to see and do more than they originally planned made

for an organizational problem, but highlighted the draw this site will have with the public when it is formally opened up for hiking early in 2015.

In the meantime, please watch the IATC website for work party opportunities to do trail work and restoration work on the site.

## IATC SOCIAL SET FOR JULY 27

IATC members are invited to a club event to be held on Sunday, July 27 from 4-7 p.m to learn more about club activities and efforts, and to meet and share food and beverages in the sun with your fellow members. IATC held such events annually in past years and this year's event is an effort to restore that tradition. We encourage all members and their families to come.

The gathering will be held outside at Ken Konigsmark's house on top of the hill on the opposite side of I-90 from the Tiger Mountain trailhead at I-90 exit 20 (High Point). Please bring a dish to share with other attendees and your favorite beverage. The address is 5713 285th Ave. SE, Issaquah. (However, some GPS systems may not accurately locate this address. If yours guides you anyplace other than Exit 20 disregard your GPS.)

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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By David Kappler

I was asked to speak at the May 10 celebration of King County's acquisition of 226 acres on southwest Squak Mountain. The land was under immediate threat of over 90% clearcutting, followed in a few years by residential development. I was asked to address **why** the property was important to be included in the Issaquah Alps part of the Mountains to Sound Greenway and **how** the club and the Save Squak group managed to help have this property acquired in a very short period of time.

The **why** part was easy, and given the rave reviews by those that joined in the walks and hikes that followed the celebration, our thoughts were validated. Importance: headwaters of May Creek, great trees and habitat, cliffs, views, trailhead parking, trails now and in the future, location, location and location.

The **how** part was not easy and involved a number of players all of whom were key to our success. At the May 10 event, I tried to get in as many "thank yous" as possible. My hope was that those in attendance would have a better understanding of how great and broad the team effort was. We started and continued with excellent Issaquah Alps support from our officers, board and members. My wife was super supportive of this "special project," putting up with my phone calls, messages and all the time it took me to assist with this.

Early on, Deputy County Executive Fred Jarrett took an active role, working with County Executive Dow Constantine and county staff. Parks Director Kevin Brown was fully engaged, and Ingrid Lundin managed the project beautifully. David Tiemann did great work with the Citizen Oversight Committee that was chaired by Terry Lavendar. Terry was also a leader of the citizen effort to renew the park levy and get it passed by voters. Sean Broderick's school project supporting the acquisition helped us all realize this acquisition was so important to future generations. A major park acquisition will not go far if the council member serving the district is not fully supportive

and involved. Councilman Reagan Dunn was a great force, and his legislative assistant, Lisa LaBrache, kept us informed and helped with the process. Councilman Larry Phillips also had his hand in this matter, as he has had for decades in every park and open space acquisition in the county.

Money was also an issue. This land was expensive, and it needed to be bought quickly. The county could not immediately come up with all the money at once. It stepped the Trust for Public Land, which became the all cash buyer until the county could buy it from them. Roger Hoesterey of TPL is in charge of their activities west of the Rockies, and he was very supportive of this effort. He spoke at the celebration, highlighting the importance of our efforts. Ann Welz was the project manager for TPL and faced a very challenging task of getting a deal put together that would work for the logger/owner, TPL, King County and the citizen advocates who would only be satisfied by a full meal deal!

A key partner in educating us about logging practices, permitting, salmon and habitat needs was the Washington Forest Law Center. Staff lawyer Wyatt Golding did a great job with our comment and appeal letters on the clearcutting permits, Dr. Kara Whitaker provided scientific analysis, and Director Peter Goldman provided legal support and advice along with the full support of his Center's staff and consultants.

Mark Fredley, a member of the property camping club, over the last 20 years or so has built an amazing trail system on the property. When I first discovered his trail below the rock cliffs, I knew there was no way clearcutting the property was going to happen—period!

Linda Ball of the *Issaquah Reporter* took a special interest in this property, and her story about the May 10 celebration is online at: <http://www.issaquahreporter1.com/news/259109501.html>.



**EDITORIAL:****COUGAR MOUNTAIN  
AND HARVEY**

On September 26 last year, King County officially renamed two of the trails in the Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park in a ceremony presided over by King County Executive Dow Constantine. The two trails, the Wilderness Creek and the Wilderness Cliffs, were renamed as the Whittaker Wilderness Peak Trail and the Gombu Wilderness Cliffs Trail. This renaming was done to honor the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Whittaker-Gombu ascent of Mount Everest. It was completely fitting for King County to honor Whittaker as the first American to climb Everest and also to honor Jim's life-long contribution to the region's outdoor recreation as well as his long-time environmental activism.

What is not fitting is the fact that Whittaker is honored in a King County park which he had no part in forming and probably had never visited before last September, while Harvey Manning has not been remembered in the park which would not have ever come into being except for Harvey's foresight and hard work. Harvey developed the proposal for a large, forested and wildland park on Cougar Mountain early in 1979, the first year of existence of the Issaquah Alps Trails Club. He and Barbara Johnson, the founding president and vice-president of the IATC, spent a large part of the next two years presenting the proposal to King County council members and other organizations. They presented the proposal to King County's citizen-based Newcastle Community Plan Committee in January 1980. The committee passed his park recommendation on to the King County Council, which then included it as a lands use policy in the Newcastle Community Ordinance, which was passed and signed in 1983. This ordinance set in motion King County's acquisition of the land that now make up King County's 3300-plus acre Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park.

While the City of Issaquah has honored Harvey by naming a children's play park in the Talus community

for him and, in conjunction with IATC, by placing a statue of Harvey next to the Issaquah Trails Center, King County has to date provided no honor for him in the park that he invented and pushed into existence. It is now time for them to honor him by naming something in the park for him. It would not be out of place to name the whole park for him as the Harvey Manning Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park. If that is too much for the county to swallow, then renaming the popular viewpoint as the Harvey Manning Million Dollar View would be a fitting memorial to Harvey.

— Ralph Owen

**EDITORIAL:****GIVING BACK TO THE  
COMMUNITY**

Leaders in the Issaquah Alps Trails Club are a self-less lot. No one draws a salary for whatever countless hours are put in. It is simply a practice of love and pleasure in what they can do for area residents, whether it is leading hikes, maintaining trails, or doing critical advocacy work.

If that isn't enough, for the past five years we have provided scholarship monies for area high school students. The grants aren't large but they are appreciated, and it feels good to assist kids who care about area trails and green space and represent future support for our mission. And to help students whose GPA's are 4.0, 3.9 and 3.8 (this year's winners) means we're helping good kids whose values match ours and who well may become future leaders.

— Doug Simpson





**CHAPTER 4:****FIGHTING FOR A COUGAR PARK**

By Doug Simpson

Harvey Manning's policy of reaching out brought out a remarkable climax on April 26, 1980 "when 200-odd members and friends of IATC and other clubs, together with public officials and representatives of newspapers, magazines, TV, stage, screen and radio, set out from downtown Issaquah and ascended to the Watershed, the Big Trees, Lake Tradition, Many Creek Valley, Poo Poo Point, West Tiger Railroad Grade and West Tiger 3."

It's difficult to imagine the logistics of herding 200 people to all those Tiger Mountain locations. There's some climbing there too. Certainly not all 200 completed the Manning marathon.

Manning announced plans for the initial club booth at Salmon Days in October during which forays to some of the above Tiger sites were planned. Meanwhile, Harvey was working with issues on East Lake Sammamish, Tahoma-Raven Heights and Newcastle. The Citizen's Committee of the latter had endorsed plans for the Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park.

A major undertaking was to influence the future use of the Tiger Mountain Watershed. "We need to pin down places," Manning wrote, "where scenic and ecological values overshadow economic values." Referring to sightings and tracks of numerous creatures in the area, Manning wisely stated: "Don't see these in Woodland Park, except in the zoo."

Realistically, Manning also addressed the need for urban tree farming to maintain a balance considering ownership and public use and access of Tiger's vast acreage.

Manning was also concerned about roads and motorized use of Tiger. He spoke to the increasingly negative effects of motorcycles on the mountain. "There must be limits on where machines can go. And how fast. And how noisily. And how much forest

soil they can be permitted to erode. How many plant communities devastate." Sounds familiar, doesn't it?

Publicity chairman (and Manning's Girl Friday) Barbara Johnson was overwhelmed by the demanding plans for the Salmon Days outings and sought help in planning, typing, and implementing a speaker's bureau.

The club scheduled an incredible hike slate for the July through September with 68 hikes (27.7 per month!) offered by 39 different hike leaders. New leaders were JIM and GEORGIA KLOTZ, ANN FLETCHER, ROGER JOHNSON, RUSS WILLIAMS, BARBARA JOHNSON, LEONARD and URSULA EISENBERG, MARV PISTRANG, MARY WILLSON, SHIRLEY LINDAHL, PHILLIP and ANN BENTLEY, TOM REYNOLDS and BILL DALY.

In his fall report, Harvey stated that the club now had 50 basic walking routes, with variations making some 70 distinct outings. "Truly we are blessed by infinite riches in little room." Still, he cited worries over incursions by loggers and developers. The club leader expressed the hope that area home-building, though inevitable, would not create a sacrifice of prime scenic and recreational areas.

**COUGAR PARK VOTE**

Manning and the club were looking forward to a positive vote in the next year on the establishment of the Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park. In support was Seattle Mayor Charles Royer, who said, "We need Cougar Mountain."

"The Disaster on West Tiger" brought great consternation to Bill Longwell and Manning, as a bulldozer gorged a 12-15 foot passage south from West Tiger 2 across to Tiger 3 and down to the Tradition Plateau to bury cable. Boeing, Weyerhaeuser, DNR and King County were expected to explain the devastating destruction to the Issaquah City Council in September.

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The October-December hike schedule was certainly not diminished after the busy summer quarter. A full 44 hikes (more incorporating multiple outings during Salmon Days) were offered. New hike leaders were PAT KAALD and "JUST PLAIN" REYNOLDS.

In his sixth report at year end, Manning stated his goals for IATC. Besides urging a positive vote for the Cougar Mountain Park, he cited the need "to convince the government of Issaquah that the Issaquah Watershed must be preserved, not made into a New City of the Plateau. Harvey sought delineation of a system of hiker, horse and bicycle trails in the Issaquah Regional Park District. And he vowed to work with King County agencies "to define the new concept of urban tree farm" for Tiger Mountain and other areas. Prior to the annual meeting on January 15, 1982, President Manning sought the reelection of incumbent board members TOM MECHLER, BARBARA JOHNSON, MARIANNE RICHARDS and himself. The nominating committee proposed bringing board membership to nine by adding CONNIE DOW, RALPH OWEN, SUSAN LOHRMAN, MIKE HYMAN and BETTY CULBERT.

A series of history seminars were held jointly with the Newcastle Historical Society. FRED ROUNDS, who had experience logging and mining in the Alps, sketched the history of area logging in November, from earlier bull-team and horse-logging days through "lokie" logging, truck-logging, and cat-logging to the present time. Then in December he gave a similar history of coal mining.

Also, five more bike rides were scheduled, departing from the Issaquah Park & Ride to locations such as Marymoor Park, an Issaquah loop, Fall City, Renton-Boeing and Maple Valley. New hike leaders for the first quarter of 1982 were PAULA CLARK, LARRY VINTNER and PAUL KRUG.

At Salmon Days the previous October, the club led more than 300 people on Tiger outings and signed up about 50 new members.

In his seventh report in March, Manning differentiated functions of the club. One club member at the previous

board meeting said, "I thought this was a hiking club, not some sort of political movement."

Harvey explained, "Though from the beginning we had a political agenda, we naively supposed we could get at it mainly with our feet. . . Well, let's make one thing perfectly clear: Political activity is not required of IATC members, or, rather, walking the trails of the Alps is in itself a political statement of the greatest importance, and so is riding bicycles and horses." Harvey then proceeded to delineate activist needs.

A "Happening of the Year" was announced for May 30. Called "A Wilderness Walk in the Woods," it was sponsored by Recreation Equipment Exchange Incorporated (REI) and Group Health Cooperative "with a little help from their friends, including the Issaquah Alps Trails Club."

Bike outings were expanded from April through June, with nine rides (one daily for a week by LARRY LOHRMAN) and another a "touring vacation" from Seattle to Salem with a return by train. JOHN BRANSCHWIG led three of the outings.

RALPH OWEN, embarking on a marvelous career as a club leader, led his first hike on April 5, a lengthy loop through Cougar Mountain trails. Other new leaders were BERYL BALL, STAN UNGER AND FLORENCE BOYCE (with YVONNE MECHLER). PEGGY OWEN led her first hike on August 18.

## CRITICAL OPEN SPACE

Noting that the Central Newcastle Property Owners Association was recommending four community clusters on Cougar Mountain with two "regional" parks, one a golf course, the other a soccer field complex, Manning expostulated: With this plan, "there would be no 'green and quiet place' on Cougar more than a 3-5 minute walk from freeway, arterial, shopping center, or apartment house."

"Open space is like radioactive metals," Manning suggested. "It doesn't do anything big until enough is put together for a critical mass. . . Only when 2300 acres are massed together is there a regional park."

In discussing proposed boundaries of the Cougar park, Manning defended IATC, exclaiming that it "did not

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## ANOTHER BUSY NIGHT FOR IATC BOARD

IATC's Board of Directors had another busy meeting April 24 at the Trail Center, taking care of business old and new. Key topics were a by-laws revision, the May 10 celebration of the 200 acres added to the Squak Mountain park and provisions to more efficiently sell the club's inventory of books.

Guided by legal advisor Jim Hilton and board members Jackie Hughes and Doug Simpson, significant changes were recommended to the by-laws. Most important was a new Section X, which sets parameters for meeting locations, defines the club's fiscal year, and provides means to remove board members who have moved or become inactive.

In its efforts to reduce the club's inventory of books, Scott Prueter has allied with Edith Russo to actively list the books on Amazon.com and to do a block sale of *Coals to Newcastle* to the Newcastle Historical Society. The other books with a high inventory are *The Flowering of the Issaquah Alps*, the *Guide to the Trails of Tiger Mountain*, and the 2001 map of Cougar Mountain Trails.

Kirt Lenard (see story p. 12) was selected to fill a board vacancy caused by the resignation of Allegra Atkinson, who has moved to the East.

The often discussed club social, a non-event for many years, has been planned for July 27 at Ken Konigsmark's property (see story p. 1). It will be a potluck open to all members of IATC and their families or significant others.

### **SOCIAL** *continued from page 1*

**DIRECTIONS:** Take I-90 exit 20 (High Point) and go one mile east on High Point Way to 280<sup>th</sup> Dr. SE. Turn left and go uphill for two miles to the very top, bearing left at every junction along the way. The road becomes private after a half mile, but keep going past signs that say "Private Road, No Trespassing." At the top of the hill the road turns to gravel for a short stretch. Upon reaching the gravel go forward about 100 yards to a junction and go left to the last house on the left (blue with white deck railings). Park on the grass in the yard. Call Ken at 425-445-8656 if you need any further directions.

## IATC GIFTS THREE SENIORS

Three bright and talented area seniors are the recipients of \$1750 in scholarship money in this year's essay competition, IATC's fifth year of the program.

Winning first prize and \$1000 is Skyline High School's Sydney Smith. Her essay is printed in its entirety on page 8.

The \$500 second prize goes to Joey Nakoa, another Skyline student, and Liberty High produced the \$250 third prize winner, Max Greenwald. Excerpts from their essays and those of the five other contestants are also printed in this issue, starting on page 9.

Smith maintains a 3.9 GPA at Skyline, where she has been active in tennis, cross country, DECA (a business club) and JSA (debate). Sydney is bound for Claremont-McKenna College in California, where she plans to major in economics.

Nakoa has a 3.8 GPA. He has excelled in cross country and track at SHS and participates in the Issaquah School District's Evergreen Philharmonic Orchestra. In his spare time he teaches piano and cello to area children. Joey will continue his running next year at Seattle University, where he will major in mechanical engineering prior to med school and a career as a pediatrician.

Greenwald maintains a perfect 4.0 GPA at Liberty, where he was on the swim team and served as editor of the school newspaper. Max, who is an active hiker throughout area trails, is bound for Middlebury College in Vermont to study biochemistry prior to a career as a doctor.



**1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE ESSAY:****SKYLINE  
SENIOR  
LOVES  
THE ALPS**

By Sydney Smith

My feet fit the ground in rhythm, but my mind has wandered beyond this physical dimension. The beauty of the earth stuns me. Tall trees reach up to the sky and green moss covers the rocks. Running through the trails of the Issaquah Alps has become something therapeutic to me. On days where the sunlight shines through the breaks in the forest, there is no more beautiful place. And on the days when the rain soaks through my clothes, there is no place I would rather be.

I have run hundreds of miles on these trails, and they have served all purposes for me. They have been my therapist, my entertainer, my escape, my gym, a place to grow friendships, and a place of incomparable self-reflection. The hours I have spent with my friends running the High School, the Bus, the Swamp, the Big-Tree and the Power Line ("Suicide") trails are priceless. I know that without such serene trails in my backyard, I never would have fallen in love with running, and I would have missed out on life-long friendships with my fellow runners.

I am sincerely grateful to the Issaquah Alps Trails Club for their work in preserving Cougar, Squak, Tiger and Taylor mountains, and Rattlesnake Ridge and Grand Ridge. The IATC was founded out of a love of the trails and beautiful mountains that reach up from the City of Issaquah. Before 1976, there was no unifying force between these trails and mountains. Tiger Mountain was being disgraced as a dumping ground and Cougar Mountain, beyond its radar and missile sites, was being aggressively sought by developers.

Luckily, a man with a passion and a plan came along. That man, Harvey Manning, first proposed the collective name for the mountains as the Issaquah Alps. He founded the Issaquah Alps Trails Club in

1979 after years of advocating for official status. Then he challenged King County to save Cougar Mountain from developers. In the years since, Manning and the IATC worked tirelessly to promote the trails in this area and to preserve them for future generations to enjoy. In 1990, the club was assisted in the formation of the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust, whose territory stretched from Snoqualmie Pass to Elliott Bay. IATC had a major role in the first Greenway hikes and its volunteers were key players in building the organization.

I envision a future for the Issaquah Alps trails which reflects their beauty and value. I feel so lucky to have such an incredible natural resource in my backyard, and I hope that generations to come can appreciate this same natural resource. Theodore Roosevelt said it best when he said: "Here is your country. Cherish these natural wonders, cherish the natural resources, cherish the history and romance as a sacred heritage, for your children and your children's children. Do not let selfish men or greedy interests skin your country of its beauty, its riches or its romance."

The first thing we must do for the future of the Issaquah Alps is to continue to preserve it. Preservation is key because if we destroy the natural resources that we have, there is no chance to improve them. If we destroy our trails, we are not only doing a disservice to ourselves but also to future generations. Once we have established a foundation of preservation, the next step is enhancement.

Enhancement is the betterment of these trails and these mountains; for example, work by the principle: leave it better than how you found it. And the final element I see for the future of these trails is a principle of enjoyment. Just as much as these mountains should be preserved, they should be enjoyed.

I believe that this attitude really gets at the heart and the purpose of the Issaquah Alps Trails Club and what Harvey Manning set out to do. He was motivated not primarily because of ideas but because of a love and a passion for the mountains he called home. I and many others share this love for the Issaquah Alps, so above all else I want the Issaquah Alps to live on so more people can share in this passion.

Please see page 9 for more student essays.



**2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE ESSAY:****JOEY NAKAO, Skyline**

For several years, the Issaquah Alps have provided me with a whole other world that has become a part of who I am. They have given me the opportunities to escape from the stresses of life and enjoy what nature has to offer. For years, I never knew that there was such a vast network of trails so close to home. . . The Alps have practically become a second home, since I run on them up to four times a week. I don't go just for a run, but also to take advantage of every mile, taking in the unmatched beauty that the Alps offer. It truly is another world. I love that the trails, despite being man-made, still retain their natural integrity; I always feel I am running on the mountains, rather than on a paved path in the woods. I appreciate the fact that the Issaquah Alps' numerous trails not only provide a place for recreational activities, but also a window into the purity of the Pacific Northwest that we do not often see.

**3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE ESSAY:****MAX GREENWALD, Liberty**

What I like most about the Issaquah Alps trail system is the sheer number, variety, and superior quality of the different routes, which ensure both that the trails are accessible to anyone and that die-hard hikers such as myself will never get bored. . . Trying to hike every inch of the alps is made much easier because the trails are maintained so well that there are none too overgrown to explore. The way the different trails appear, connect, and lengthen other hikes means that I am constantly creating countless permutations of routes for my friends and me to hike.

**GABRIELLE GEVERS, Issaquah**

Running trails is an essential part to my sanity in the stressful life that is high school. Even now that track has started and we are not allowed to run long distance, I find myself just walking on the trails and breathing in the fresh air and being comforted by the strength of the trees. It is so nice to have a break from technology, a break from school, a break from stress, a break from the constant whooshing of cars, and I find that respite on the trails around Tradition Lake.

**CONNOR BIEHL, Liberty**

I believe the trails winding through the Issaquah Alps will flourish in the future. And not just flourish, but thrive on the beauty and power of nature and what it can provide. I see this destiny because of the way I know my generation. Being the newest addition to the adult world and the leaders of tomorrow, my generation will be a guiding hand of which course of action will be taken in the world in the years to come. . . Some of my favorite memories with my favorite people have been experienced on the Issaquah Alps, and I will always associate my time in Washington with these mountains and their trails.

**BRENDON LONG, Skyline**

Tiger Mountain. . . is my place of simplicity and contentedness. Every trail provides a new challenge and a new adventure. The fresh air, combined with the adrenaline that accompanies it, has taught me many things about myself. . . I've gained an appreciation for the natural world that I never would have discovered playing basketball in a gym. The natural world is incredibly undervalued in our society. I am privileged to live in such a diverse area with world-class trails systems, mountains, beaches, lakes, cities, and parks all teeming with life.

**KATHERINE CHUN, Issaquah**

I like to run the trails for exercise, as well as for escape. I have a loop that's the perfect distance for a break between homework. It is best when the sun is just beginning to fade and the forest is cooling off, and I can enjoy the shade from the trees. The familiar trails are now more relaxing than exciting. It is almost like the forest matured with me.

**JONATHAN YEE, Skyline**

To have Harvey Manning and Bill Longwell invest their hearts and soul to this amazing organization (IATC) is so admirable, and I appreciate their work and the work that continues to today to give everyone the opportunity to enjoy the trails as I do. . . I would love to at one point in my life do research on the trails systems. . . I want to be able to educate hikers, bikers and all Sammamish and Issaquah residents about our environment.

## HIKERS CORNER

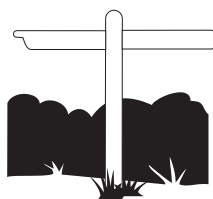
By Joe Toynbee

### HEY LEADER, ARE WE LOST?



I'm fond of the phrase "where the rubber meets the road." In the case of the IATC, where the rubber meets the road is the interaction between the hike leader and the hike participants. To the hiker, the leader is the club, and a good deal can be learned by observing how the leader handles the various duties of a leader, such as setting the pace, choosing the route, dealing with bad weather, and, on rare occasions, coping with an injured hiker.

On your next hike, therefore, see what you can learn from the leader. You may decide that you yourself would like to be a leader. Or, you may decide you want nothing to do with it. Not everyone is cut out to be a leader.



## ROAD, TRAIL CLOSURES

Extensive trail and road closures are affecting several popular routes up the Greenway this summer. The Middle Fork closure started May 5 and will extend throughout the summer, with the road closed weekdays from milepost 2.7 to 17.4 from noon Monday till noon Friday. Even on weekends expect delays on the road. Full closure is in effect from the CCC Trailhead to the Middle Fork campground. The entire Middle Fork area will have total closure from July 28 until September 26.

The Mailbox Peak will be closed most of the summer as two new bridges are placed on the trail. The parking area will be closed until July. And the Granite Creek Trail will be closed until work is completed sometime in July.

## GREENWAY AIDS SQUAK CLEANUP

*(Reprinted from the Greenway's spring "Connections.")*

The Squak Mountain State Parks was formed in 1972 by a land grant of 590 acres from the Bullitt family. Despite growing development pressures, state, county and city agencies have worked to acquire additional parcels on and around Squak, increasing the park to 1,545 acres.

The Greenway Trust actively works to maintain and improve the trails on Squak, which are part of the 1,600-mile trail network in the Greenway landscape. A Squak trailhead recently reopened after being closed due to dangers posed by an outbreak of laminated root rot, a fungal disease that eventually kills infected trees. Much of the twelve acres near the south Squak trailhead were affected, creating a need for restoration of the trailhead.

Greenway crews have worked to clear downed trees, reroute water from the trails, and improve the tread, but much work remains to be done.

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draw the boundaries of its park proposal: Nature did (and History). All the Trails Club did was listen carefully to the message of the land. The proposed park covers the steepest, highest, hollowest (mined out), remotest and wettest parts of Cougar Mountain." He added that Cougar would still have plenty of land for home development.

Meanwhile, 13 bike rides were scheduled from June 12 to September 12, as well as a bike repair seminar led by John Brunschwig and an "effective cycling" class. New hike leaders in recent months were DEWITT RIGGS, DOUG HARO, CONNIE DOW, LAURENE MCLANE, MARY CADIGAN, SUE WILLIAMS, FALK KRUEGER GINNY BLACK and ANN KAPPLER.

By the end of 1982, the club had grown to 820 memberships.

## TIGER MOUNTAIN BRIDGES



By Ed Vervoort

Much bridge-building has been taking place on Tiger Mountain starting last fall and continuing through the winter and spring.

Starting in November, WTA replaced a small puncheon bridge on the TMT below Fred's Corner. They also replaced a second small puncheon bridge with a longer one in order to reduce the chances of the sills being undercut during future storms. It is above Fred's Corner where the TMT coincides with the West Tiger RR Grade, but before the existing dimensional lumber puncheon bridge.

The lumber for the decking had to be carried over two miles with an elevation gain of 1400 feet from the High Point trailhead to the work site. In January, WTA continued working on the West Tiger RR Grade, but closer to the Poo Poo Point end. They were able to drive close to Poo Poo; the hike in was only 1.5 miles with an elevation gain of only 200 feet. Three puncheon bridges were constructed. Two were new, the third a replacement for an existing bridge.

DNR has also been working on the bridges that were damaged or washed away a number of years ago. Because the state was declared a disaster area, DNR was able to secure funding to cover the costs. The first bridge replaced was completed several years ago on the TMT between miles 7 and 8. The work was

carried out by DNR staff and WCC. A helicopter was involved in flying in two 35-foot steel I-beams. The second bridge on the barrier-free trail that starts out of the upper Tiger Summit parking lot was completed last winter. The bridge was built by a contractor, but the approaches were built by WTA. The two new bridges on the West Tiger RR Grade mentioned above were also funded by FEMA.

In order to deal with the washout of the TMT where it coincides with the West Tiger RR Grade, DNR and WCC built a reroute that goes way above the slide area and reconnects with TMT near the intersection with the top of the K-3 Trail. When the reroute was finished, a helicopter was used to move the bridge from its old location to the new one.

A new bridge was necessary for the 15-Mile RR Grade Trail to cross the chasm that creek tributary runs through. The work on this bridge was by DNR staff and WCC. The bridge was custom-constructed of synthetic materials and delivered by the manufacturer in pieces to the PAW Print Rest Area on the Main Tiger Road.

The last bridge being built is also on the TMT, not too far north of the intersection with the High Point Trail. This is the cockeyed lam-bridge that was washed off its footing and was only saved from being washed down High Point Creek by a very large cedar stump. Originally DNR was going to replace the lam-bridge with a 200-foot suspension bridge located farther upstream. However, a three-span fixed bridge design was decided upon instead. The design is currently in process, but work probably won't begin before next year.





## LENARD FILLS OPEN SEAT



Kirt Lenard was chosen by IATC's board to replace Allegra Atkinson, who moved out of the area. Lenard, a retired Safeco Insurance agent, moved to the area in 2001 from Chicago and Indianapolis.

Lenard discovered IATC through an internet search, though he also has ties with Mountaineers, for whom he still leads hikes, and the Washington Trails Association.

Two of Lenard's interests, photography and insurance, have made him useful to the website and coordinating with George Potter about appropriate insurance coverage for IATC.

Lenard has taken his lab retriever on several of the club's dog hikes, and he has benefited from Dave Kappler's informational hikes on Tiger Mountain.

"Working with WTA on trails has been very rewarding," Lenard stated, "and I've also worked quite a bit with the club's Ed Vervoort on Tiger Mountain trails."

Lenard claims to be "feeling my way" with the club. He expresses a willingness to learn and a desire to become involved in advocacy issues.

## COUNTY GETS TALL CHIEF LAND

King County recently acquired 191 acres near Carnation, the old Tall Chief golf property, in order that it be available for agricultural use rather than home sites. It cost \$4.54 million.

## TRAVESTY AT TALUS

By Ken Konigsmark

The "master developer" of the Talus development on Cougar Mountain, JR Hayes & Sons, has formally applied to the City of Issaquah for annexation of 49.2 additional acres so that they can build up to 350 additional homes on this currently rural-zoned, steep, heavily forested land off the north-easterly upper slope of Cougar.

IATC will fight to stop this. Talus was promised to be a self-contained independent urban village that would not sprawl outward onto any adjoining lands. Many trade-offs were made in reaching the final development agreement for Talus, including the retention of 76% of the land in its natural state, while accommodating 1800 homes and 800,000 square feet of office space on the remaining 24% of land. It was promised that no further expansion would be needed or sought.

The request for annexation violates the agreements made 15 years ago. To sprawl an additional 350 homes onto densely forested, steeply sloped, rural-zoned lands on Cougar would be a travesty. It would not only be environmentally unsound; it would also impact existing trails used by IATC members.

Be assured that IATC will oppose this, and we encourage all members and area hikers to push the Issaquah City council to deny this annexation request.



## HERITAGE DESIGNATION

In its quest for the Greenway to be granted National Heritage status, the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust sought and has now received over 1000 petition signatures and 125 letters of support. Efforts are ongoing in Congress to be so named.



# 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.

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## 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

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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		
<b>*All prices include shipping and handling.</b>			

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

**Total:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Issaquah Alps Trails Club Foundation and Membership Request Form



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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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.

Suggested donation levels:

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|---|---|
| <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

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**Issaquah, WA 98027**

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## **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.