



BOARD FOCUSES ON MEMBERSHIP

By Doug Simpson

In a respite from the torrid heat outside, the July 26 board meeting of the Issaquah Alps Trails Club was all about how the club should present itself, protect itself, and maintain a stronger hold on its membership.

Much discussion transpired when President Kirt Lenard gave his membership report. It costs money, especially, to send the *Alpiner* to one-time members in arrears in their annual dues payments if they have not contributed within the past 18 months. A message to those negligent persons appears in this issue to see if they wish to re-join the club or be dropped from the club membership and mailing lists.

Better outreach was suggested in several ways, from having a marching presence in the annual Salmon Days parade and by setting up tables at busy trailheads to reach potential members.

The club is considering protecting itself by revising the liability waiver sign-up issued on the hiking sign-up sheets. The critical importance of club insurance was stressed. Fortunately over the years IATC has had few serious accidents and no lawsuits. A lawsuit could be a very destructive factor in club survival.

IATC leaders are developing the club's Mission Statement, which may be finally approved and made public in the next few months after

board approval.

Guests at the meeting were scholarship winner Jacob Duhukey and potential board member Mary Jo Barlow, who is an experienced career accountant interested in getting active in the club.

Duhukey spoke of his two hikes with the club that inspired his winning essay. He will attend Western Washington University in the fall and expects to study business and economics.

Advocacy Vice-President David Kappler reported on development problems on Cougar Mountain, land purchases in the offing near High Point (exit 20 off I-90) and that improvements are planned for the Highway 18 exit at the Tiger Summit.

The Nominating Committee of Lenard, David Dunphy and Executive Director Suzanne Kagen is busy at work seeking potential board members and club officers. Board members were asked to submit names for possible leadership positions.

Cornelia Remy, who served diligently for years as club treasurer and has been active in many other ways, was nominated and voted in as a New Life Member in IATC.

Board members left the community center meeting site at 8:30 p.m. and into the still sweltering heat of the day.

SIGN DISPUTE WAGES ON

By Doug Simpson

A stop sign dispute is a major hindrance as King County and the City of Sammamish fight, delaying completion of the East Lake Sammamish Trail.

In a 1.3 mile segment, Sammamish wants those using the trail—hikers, bikers and equestrians—to stop for cars of local residents, whereas the county maintains that local traffic needs to yield to those using the trail.

Both sides say they are concerned about safety. Federal-district court Judge John Coughenor has ruled that the county has jurisdiction and authority as it had purchased the land in question from the railroad.

Sammamish is appealing the decision to the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

The 1.3 mile stretch, the trail's missing link, will finish the 44-mile route from Ballard to Issaquah, a route called the Locks to Lake Corridor.

County officials say they hope to award a construction contract for the final 3.6 mile segment in 2018, with work for the entire 44 miles to be completed sometime in 2020.

County engineers cite the relatively small number of homeowners who cross the trail intersections versus the number of people expected to use the trail.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Kirt Lenard

I hope you have had a great summer hiking and enjoying the outdoors. Despite the heat, dryness and sometimes smoke drifting in from our northerly neighbors and lately from our own fires, it has been a great summer! Now I, for one, am looking forward to seeing some awesome fall colors.

I am happy to report our board retreat was a success helping our club leadership to clarify and refocus on both the big picture and immediate priorities. Here are some items we are working on:

We are making progress getting new people involved in the leadership of the club. Expect to see a few new faces getting involved in different capacities, which will be a big help to the club stalwarts who have been toiling to keep the wheels on.

Preliminary work is underway on a major re-design of our club website. This is a pretty big job, but much needed to make it more useful to those looking for information on our club. We will need some experts to help, so we will also be looking at various sources to deal with the cost of making the change.

It's important to keep accurate records of members. In some form or another, this information is used for the club insurance program, for mailing to the membership and for distribution of the quarterly newsletter, the Alpiner. We are looking for a way to streamline our process and make it more accurate. This means making sure our information on current members is up to date and that former members who have moved away or who may no longer be interested in hearing from us are not bothered.

We continue to work with other organizations in the Issaquah Alps area such as the YMCA, YWCA and state and local land managers to introduce growing and increasingly diverse community to our beloved wildlands.

On a different note, we need more volunteer hike leaders. With several of our best and most experienced leaders having recently retired from leading hikes, we need help in keeping our program robust

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ADVOCACY REPORT: FALL 2017

By David Kappler, Vice-President for Advocacy

It is a busy time in and around the Issaquah Alps. Just like the region, growth pressures are pushing development onto lands with more critical areas and with more impact. Traffic is driving everybody a bit crazy, and our trailheads are more crowded than ever.

Issaquah is now in a development moratorium, but several projects are under construction and some got their "complete" applications in before the city council enacted the halt. Issaquah realized that what was promised to the community was not what was being approved due to problems with the plans, codes and processes in Issaquah. The city is working hard to develop new plans and codes that actually support the vision the city and the residents have endorsed.

For most of us the most shocking site in Issaquah is the Gateway apartment complex along I-90 at the western entrance to Issaquah. Right behind it is the Windward proposed plat on the Bergsma property that plans to wipe out most of the big trees along Newport Way from near the landscape business to near the Big Tree Ridge Trailhead.

We are working hard to preserve trail connections, creeks, wetlands and as much mature forest as possible, keeping losses at a minimum. But we recognize the highest and best use of this property is a park connection existing between existing city and county park lands.

King County and Metro's effort to serve our trailheads with a shuttle deserves much praise. One of the first publicity efforts the club did was to popularize the Alps with a "Wilderness on the Metro" event back in the 1970s!

One of the most encouraging happenings is the involvement of a number of people not even club members that are assuming leadership positions in the efforts to protect our Issaquah Alps. We still need more people to be involved, and we welcome your involvement. Our successes are many and are always a team effort.



MARTY HANSON PASSES

by Doug Simpson

Long-time supporter of the Issaquah Alps Trails Club, Marty Hanson passed away June 3 at Overlake Hospital in Bellevue. She had been suffering from a brain tumor. Hanson was 77.

She and husband Larry, who died some months ago, were residents of Tiger Mountain and went to great lengths to preserve and protect Tiger.

“Marty spent years working to acquire, restore and protect the Issaquah Alps,” according to IATC Vice-President and friend David Kappler. “She was involved in many efforts, but I especially remember her work with our book publishing.”

The trail guides to Issaquah Alps, especially Bill Longwell’s Tiger Mountain guide, “were critical to our success as they got hikers out all over the Alps and raised a legion of supporters for whole landscapes, not just a couple of trails on each mountain,” Kappler added.

Marty’s husband Larry, for all practical purposes, was the “official” photographer for IATC, especially Longwell’s *Guide to the Trails of Tiger Mountain*. Marty worked closely with Larry and Bill on the Tiger book.

In recent years, Marty was an active member of the Washington Butterfly Association, which recorded details of the various butterflies in the state.

“Along with many Issaquah Alps members,” long-time IATC member Betty Culbert stated, “I will miss

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‘LITTLE ENGINE’ COULD —AND DID!

by Doug Simpson

“The little engine that could”—and has done so for 14 years—has decided to take a step back and become more of a caboose.

“I thought it was time,” Richard Mann, now 87, said. “I’m just too slow going uphill.” Fourteen years ago, as a recent émigré from California, Mann was also too slow, to the consternation of hike leaders like me, who led his first hike, up the Rattlesnake Lake Trail back in 2003.

But in the intervening 14 years, the wiry Mann’s engine propelled him not only on more hikes than anyone else in the Issaquah Alps Trails Club, but also to lead more hikes than anyone else—by far.

Mann seldom let a weekend pass without going on at least one hike, and his commitment to the club was such that he also served six years as a member of the IATC board.

On several occasions, Richard was willing to do my hikes when I was ill or had a conflict. He was always there when I needed him.

“I came from the Bay Area,” Richard said; and the trails there are mostly flat, unlike those in the Issaquah Alps.” So it was a transition for him and a matter of conditioning for him to become a hiker unrivaled in his ongoing energy.

Mann led his last hike September 30th to Stan’s Overlook. “It was time to bow out and let someone younger do it.” Lead, that is. But Richard plans to continue hiking with the club as long as he is able.

Mann lives in Sammamish near his son Michael, a recruiter for IT (Internet Technology). Michael has one son, Zachary, now 21 and a student at Evergreen College. Both were sometimes hiking companions with Richard, who has another son in Seattle and a daughter in San Mateo, California.

“I worked for the Emporium as a furniture salesman for over 15 years. Then Macy’s took over, discontinued furniture sales and assigned me to sell shirts,” without his previous commission income. He chose to retire at 65.

Richard has found plenty of time for charity. In years past, he assisted numerous shut-ins, whatever their needs, but when asked to travel all over the county to help, he stopped that project. Still he continues volunteering regularly for Sound Generations, helping seniors with their legal problems. He sets up

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TIGER MOUNTAIN LOOKOUT: (1945-1967)

By Bill Longwell (*This article is reprinted from a 1998 Alpinist.*)

My first visit to Tiger Mountain came on February 22, 1967, on a climb to Main Tiger. The attraction that day was the 22-year old lookout on the 3004-foot summit. Six of us had walked up from Preston via the then only accepted route—the Carpenter Road, a route now completely abandoned and grown over. We exited via the then newly constructed access road, built to the Main Tiger summit from Tiger Pass on Highway 18.

I remember climbing up the lookout's six levels of steep stairs, only to be turned back by a locked trap door that led to a catwalk around a wooden live-in tower, 83 feet above Main Tiger's summit and eight miles west of North Bend. That hike provided my only visit to that lookout.

Lookouts have always intrigued and lured me to their summits. I aim to reach as many as I can; each summer I visit several old lookout sites.

I've often wondered about the 23 people who manned Tiger's lookout during the summers of its existence and wondered what time of the year they arrived and when they left. Did they ever discover any fires?

These fire-watchers had it relatively easy. They obtained water from a spring only a half mile below the summit on the service road. They certainly were not as remote from civilization as others who manned lookout towers on faraway summits in the Cascades and Olympics. They could see nearby houses and roads. They could see Seattle. Tiger had road access. They could drive in an hour to any of the several small towns that ringed the mountain.

The Washington Division of Forestry (DNR since 1955) built this lookout in 1945 and maintained it until DNR destroyed it in 1967. Ironically, almost all lookouts were burned down.

Airplane spotters rendered summit lookouts obsolete, and few lookouts still stand.

If you climb today to Main Tiger, look on the summit's high point for the lookout's old concrete supports, all that remains from a brief, but romantic human activity on Tiger.

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legal appointments with pro bono attorneys, helping seniors with wills and other legal issues.

Mann loves to read non-fiction books of all kinds, so he spends a lot of time in King County's public libraries, which he finds to be excellent.

Richard feels fortunate to have so many hikes in the area with so much variety in trails. His favorite trails are on Squak Mountain. "It's a beautiful mountain, and has so many approaches to trails." He especially enjoys Debbie's View on Squak's south end.

In recent years he's become very fond of trails on Taylor Mountain after joining Dave Kappler on hikes. "It has some spectacular views of Rainier and Mt. Baker."

"I enjoyed all of it," Richard enthuses. "I plan to keep hiking, but it was a good time to bow out as a leader." But the engine still can.



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my dear friend and her natural cheerfulness. She was so generous and always willing to help in any way. The club needed her from the very beginning. She gave of her time freely. She and Larry together made our 'hard-core' camping trips something special. As a couple they were a strong foundation for our hiking community," Culbert added.

Marty Hanson was born September 10, 1939 in Cleveland, Ohio. After public school in Cleveland Heights, she attended Albion College in Michigan where she got a Bachelor's Degree. After meeting and marrying Larry, the Hansons came to Washington State.

Marty was employed for years as a medical technologist at Overland Hospital and later volunteered as a school nurse while her kids were growing up.

According to son Eric, Marty "loved adventuring, exploring and discovery of the world around us, especially the many forests, lakes and mountains of the Pacific Northwest." She loved wildlife and nature's beauty, and "filled many journals with her expressive writing."

She was a loving mother to sons Eric and Kirt and her grandchildren.

A memorial was held for Marty Hanson at Tibbett's Creek Mannor on July 12. Remembrances may be made to the Pediatric Brain Tumor Research Fund or the Nature Conservancy.

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and interesting. If you think you might want to help out, please call George Potter or drop us a note.

Last, before you know it, we will be hosting our annual membership meeting in January, so keep an eye out later this year for more information and details. See you on the trails. . .

'BANG FOR YOUR BUCK' HELPS IATC BUDGET

By Ken Konigsmark

Microsoft and Boeing offer more “bang for your buck” that can benefit the Issaquah Alps Trails Club.

Did you know that if you are employed or retired from Boeing, Microsoft and possibly other local employers you can utilize these companies’ “gift match” programs to significantly increase your gift of money or volunteer time donated to IATC?

As a 501©3 non-profit organization, IATC is eligible to receive such gift-match benefits. Further, you may also deduct your personal monetary donation on your next tax return as a “charitable donation.”

Microsoft and Boeing both offer gift-matching for any monetary donation made to IATC as well as a cash-match provided to IATC for any hours you spend volunteering for IATC activities. Other companies may offer similar benefits as well.

Please check with your company to determine procedures to use if such an option exists and be sure, if eligible, to use these programs to increase the “bang for your buck” that comes to IATC.

CLUB ADOPTS PRIVACY POLICY

The following privacy policy was adopted by the Issaquah Alps Trails Club at its July 26 board of directors meeting:

The Issaquah Alps Trails Club respects the privacy of its members, contributors volunteers and participants in its sponsored activities. It is the policy of the Club not to sell, lease or disclose to third parties the contents of its database or other compilations of members, contributors, volunteers or participants in its sponsored activities, except (a) for use on behalf of the Club for its own purposes or (b) as may be approved by vote of at least two-thirds of the Directors of the club then in office.

LOCAL TRAILS GET SHUTTLES

The vision of park and trail planners has come true, as weekend shuttle busses are now actively transporting hikers to three trailheads in Issaquah—Margaret’s Way on SR-900, Poo Poo Point on the Issaquah-Hobart Road, and East Sunset Way at the base of Tiger Mountain. Bus departures are from the Issaquah Transit Center and the Issaquah Highlands Park and Ride.

Trailhead Direct, as the program is called, will start at 7:05 a.m. and run every half hour, with the last shuttle ending at 6:50 p.m. The program will last through late fall, to be renewed next spring.

King County Metro has budgeted \$56,000 to run the program. “We have vehicles and facilities sitting idle on the weekend,” Cathy Snow of King County Metro stated. “Why not press these resources into play.”

Rich Dotson, a program manager for King County Parks, hopes the program will reduce trailhead congestion and provide access to the outdoors for people who don’t have cars.

“We’re just seeing a significant increase in demand for folks who want to get outdoors and utilize our trailheads,” Dotson said. “We can only build the parking lots so large and there are only so many parking spaces.”

It is hoped that next year the shuttle program can be expanded to hiking trails in the North Bend area. “Mailbox Peak is one trailhead in particular that we’re looking at,” Dotson said.

The shuttle busses in use have 19 seats available, on busses used for weekday commuting programs in Snoqualmie and Mercer Island, Snow reported.

Nearly 50 years ago, IATC founder Harvey Manning envisioned Seattle hikers coming on the Metro 410 to sites in the Issaquah Alps. Visionary though he was, Manning may not have foreseen using shuttles to minimize trailhead overflow. The concept of bringing aspiring hikers to trails in the Issaquah Alps, however, is certainly pertinent with the Trailhead Direct program.

PENDING TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS

(Courtesy of Greenway News)

SQUAK MOUNTAIN EQUESTRIAN LOOP: Reroute of a popular equestrian trail at Squak Mountain State Park, including 1.2 miles of new trail and a 60-foot trail bridge. This section of the Equestrian Loop Trail has been temporarily closed for several years after a trail washout. The reroute will restore access for both equestrians and hikers and expands the park's interconnected trail network. (Work done by DNR, State Parks and Greenway Trust.) Estimated completion: Summer 2017.

LITTLE SI – MT. SI – MT. TENERIFFE: Over 1.5 miles of new trail will be built to connect Little Si, Mount Si, and Mt. Teneriffe, with access to the new Teneriffe trailhead. Part of the route reclaims abandoned logging roads. This linked trail system will tie together some of the Greenway's most popular trails and is part of a major effort by DNR to improve recreational access in the region. (Work by DNR and Greenway Trust.) Estimated completion: Summer 2017.

GRANITE CREEK: Construction for the new Granite Creek trailhead and parking area is underway, which will provide day-use access to the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River, and trail access to Granite and Thomson Lakes in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness. The Greenway Trust is also building a 1.4 mile hiking trail to connect the new trailhead to the existing Granite Creek trail. (Work by DNR, King County and Greenway Trust.) Estimated completion: Summer 2017.

MT. TENERIFFE: As one of the Greenway's most popular hiking areas, the Mount Si complex struggles with overcrowded parking lots. In addition to exploring transit options, DNR is now constructing a new trailhead at the base of Mt. Teneriffe, which will create over 100 parking spaces, improve road safety, and enhance hiking opportunities in the Middle Fork Snoqualmie Valley. (Work by DNR.) Estimated completion: Summer 2017.

MIDDLE FORK SNOQUALMIE TRAIL: Repair of a half-mile washout—damaged in storms in the mid-2000s—that had made this route impassable to

mountain bikers, hikers, and equestrians. We rallied both private and public partners, including REI Co-op, WTA, and National Forest Foundation, to raise funds and volunteers. Additional turnpikes and puncheon will also be installed this summer. (Work by USFS, WTA and Greenway Trust.) Estimated completion: Summer 2017.

GARFIELD LEDGES: New family-friendly trail on Mount Garfield, offering incredible views of the Middle Fork Snoqualmie Valley, looking down over the confluence of the Taylor and Middle Fork rivers. This 1-mile trail will help meet the demand for short easy access to alpine views worthy of inspiring those new to the outdoors and those with decades of experience. (Work done by USFS and Greenway Trust.) Estimated completion: Spring 2018.

GREENWAY ON ISSAQUAH CREEK

(Reprinted from Greenway News)

A new tactic for salmon recovery: Known for our tree-planting work, the Greenway Trust is now undertaking another type of restoration: improving the habitat in the river itself.

Since 2005, we have worked with Washington State Parks to restore more than 40 acres along Issaquah Creek in Lake Sammamish State Park. Efforts have focused on replacing invasive plants with tens of thousands of native plants to increase shade and lower stream temperatures for threatened salmon populations. Now it's time to focus on the stream bed.

The lower mile of Issaquah Creek, which runs through the state park before entering Lake Sammamish, needs help. Issaquah Creek has deeply incised banks in many locations, creating steep drop-offs and disconnecting the creek from the surrounding historic floodplain, creating an inhospitable environment for the many species of salmon and other fish that use the creek.

Large woody debris—normally present in a healthy creek—is almost entirely absent from this stretch. The debris creates pools and other in-water features and provides spawning, rearing, resting, food production, and refuge habitat for salmon.

The Greenway Trust is working with State Parks, Northwest Hydraulic Consultants, and the Watershed Company to create a plan to add wood and plantings to

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CHAPTER 17: 1996

REALITY: WILDERNESS ON THE 210

By Doug Simpson

January to March: Manning Firing Broad-sides

Club Chairman Harvey Manning sent a blistering letter to the King County Council after it had reduced a promised donation of 1408 acres of Grand Ridge open space to 1,242 acres, the balance being set aside for development rights.

In a piece called “Genesis,” recounting the birth of the “Issaquah Alps” identity, Manning told of contacts from active environmentalist leaders Ruth Ittner, Buz Moore, Tim O’Brien, Ruth Kees and Dave Kappler, all anxious to preserve the Issaquah Alps green belt outlined by the Alps.

President Ken Konigsmark praised Tiger Mountain’s pending new trailheads at High Point and the Tiger Summit (off Highway 18). He also announced that three club stalwarts would be stepping down from IATC’s board: Bill Longwell, Fred Weinmann and Ralph Owen.

In his regular “Report,” Manning took issue with County Councilwoman Jane Hogue for her support of the Backcountry Bicycle Trails Club with her position that county parks should be open equally to hikers and cyclists unless signed otherwise. Manning pointed out the shortsightedness of her position.

“Where Did That Name Come From?” was Bill Longwell’s clarification of how sections of the Tiger Mountain Trail got their names—Wright’s Reach for chainsaw expert Archie Wright; Phil’s Reach for Phil Hall, who built the first section of the TMT from High Point; Charlie’s Reach, for Charlie Land, who advised routing and construction of the Middle Tiger section of the TMT; Manning’s Reach, for you-know-who at the TMT’s highest point of 2600 feet; Custer’s Bridge, for Charles Custer, who helped construct the trail from Fifteen Mile Creek and Middle Tiger; and Joe’s Hollow, for the seemingly omnipresent Joe Toynbee.

April – June: Tiger Mountain News

At the January 22 annual meeting, three new board members were seated: Bill McFerrin, Brenda Running and Chauncey Wanner. When long-time

Alpiner editor Sarah Young stepped down, club veteran Barbara Johnson stepped up to take over. The board voted a needed dues increase, from \$12 to \$15 per year.

Chairman Manning’s essay focused on the Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park. He pronounced the park “nearly at its ultimate maximum size.” Remaining at issue were the China Summit (alas the Newcastle Golf Course happened), the Wildside Trail and the Coal Creek Valley.

DNR environmental education specialist Deborah Martinson Gurney discussed Tiger Mountain’s educational opportunities, focusing on the Round the Lake Trail and the Big Tree Trail. An estimated 70 school groups each year were using the conservation area as an outdoors classroom.

Interagency Coordinator Margaret Macleod discussed positive developments in the area. West Tiger’s NRCA acquired 80 acres between Poo Poo Point and the Issaquah-Hobart Road. Among other announcements was the completion of a trail extension from Bush Street south to Second Avenue, a 12-foot wide concrete corridor providing access from the soon-to-be-available Station Master’s House (which would become home base for IATC) to Tiger Mountain access at the High School Trail.

Chief Ranger Bill Longwell announced that 24 trail work volunteers had put in 940 hours in 152 days in 1995. Regulars working with Bill were Joe Toynbee, Ralph Owen, Debbie Anschell and Ken Hopping.

July—September: Wilderness on the Metro 210

President Konigsmark urged support and passage of a \$215 million initiative for parks, recreation and open space funding. Possibly affected in the Issaquah Alps were the Sunset Quarry on Squak Mountain’s west side, edge properties on Cougar Mountain, and a connector from Grand Ridge to Mitchell Hill, as well as the City of Issaquah riparian greenways of Issaquah and Tibbetts creeks.

Manning expostulated his concerns over the pending

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Newcastle golf course (for “Microsoft toy boys”) and areas above the Wildside Trail for its presumed millionaire mansions, which would spoil the land on the northwestern edge of Cougar Mountain.

Longwell wrote an informative article about water passage from the Seattle Watershed’s man-made from a dam Chester Morris Lake down to create Rattlesnake and occasionally smaller lakes and streams. Did you know that beneath Rattlesnake Lake are remnants of the one-time town of Moncton?

Longwell’s interesting article “The Tiger Mountain Lookout: 1945-1967” discusses the one-time lookout at Tiger’s 3004-foot summit. (See reprint of this article on p. .)

Perhaps you’ve heard or read references to “Wilderness on the Metro 210.” The Manning concept of hikers bussing to the Issaquah Alps became reality on November 13, 1977. A massive off busses crowd filled the Safeway parking lot at Front and Sunset streets. The store manager, concerned about the crowd of scruffy-looking outdoorsmen, called the police. Manning and Buz Moore led the dozens of hikers on to the Tradition Plateau and up to West Tiger 3. So Manning was right: busses could indeed bring hikers to trails in the Issaquah Alps.

Information of nature walks in the Mercer Slough and Lake Hills Greenbelt was presented, detailing hikes within the Bellevue Parks Department auspices.

October—December: Station Master’s House Opens to Club

In a lengthy essay, President Konigsmark analyzed King County’s proposal for a County Trails Committee. He carefully outlined the nature of hiking trails and who is and isn’t served by them. Then he made suggestions about who should be represented on such a committee. And he wondered about the purpose of the committee and what power or influence it was to have.

With the completion of the Station Master’s House remodel, IATC, anxious for its new meeting place, scheduled an open house party on October 18 to introduce and explain the houses use to interested persons in IATC or the community in general.

Konigsmark submitted a letter to the mayor and council of the City of Newcastle about the conversion of the China Creek property on the west edge of Cougar Mountain into a golf course and for a housing development. The IATC leader insisted that there must be a buffer of at least a quarter mile between these and the Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park.

In order to make sure 640 acres of Section 12 of Tiger Mountain be maintained as open space, IATC supported the exchange of this acreage for 160 acres near Webster Lake off the Issaquah-Hobart Road.

New hike leaders for 1996 were *Eva Black, Barb Halverson, Susan Krabbe, Marilyn Moon, Jamie McKenzie, Alexandra Pye, Janis Strewing and Fred Zeitler.*

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increase hydraulic and geomorphic complexity and available cover for salmon, with an emphasis on improving rearing habitat for juvenile Chinook.

The woody debris added to the stream will provide immediate benefits for salmon, while the young trees planted along the banks of Issaquah Creek will provide long-term wood supply as they grow and eventually fall into the creek.

With a project this big, partners are key. We are proud to be working with Washington State Parks, King County, local tribes, the City of Issaquah, and others, with funding from the King county Flood Control District and the Boeing Company.

This project builds on twelve years of past successes of restoration within Lake Sammamish State Park and will improve in-stream salmon habitat conditions. This is a multi-phase project, and will take two to three years to complete. This year, current conditions were analyzed and now conceptual design alternatives are being studied and evaluated. The next step will be developing a preliminary design, with project construction still a few years away.



HIKES REPORT

In the April to June quarter, IATC held 24 hikes with 179 participants, an average of 7.46 hikers, George Potter reported. Thirteen different hike leaders led 91 IATC members, and 88 non-members. The average is up slightly from previous recent records. For various reasons, seven scheduled events were cancelled.

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.

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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!



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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.

Don't forget to renew your membership!

☐ \$20 Membership Renewal (PDF Newsletter)

☐ \$25 Membership Renewal (Print Newsletter)

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