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## Annual Meeting Sunday October 19



Don't miss this event at Guye Cabin! Bring your family and friends and enjoy the pass, open house, plant trees, have lunch, and attend the Annual Meeting. This is a good opportunity to introduce your friends to the Cabin and meet the diverse group of folks that make up our Club!

### Annual Meeting Schedule

Open House 10 am – 12 pm  
Potluck Lunch 12 pm  
Tour the Parking Area 1 pm  
Group Photo 1:45 pm  
Annual Meeting 2 pm

### Can you help the WAC?

Are you interested in developing your leadership skills? Are you ready to be a part of the leadership team that will lead the Washington Alpine Club into the 21st Century? We have several positions available now.

We need two Director positions

Please contact any Board member for more information.

If you have the time, energy, and drive to assist with any of these things please contact your President—Mike Mahanay at [mikemahanay@gmail.com](mailto:mikemahanay@gmail.com)

# WAC Information

## Calendar

OCTOBER	
October 10	Roosevelt High School
October 14	CPR Class (tentative)
October 18	Open House/Stay Over/Cabin Work Party
October 19	Annual Members Meeting
October 25-26	Wilderness Remote First Aid Class (tentative)
NOVEMBER	
November 14-16	Wilderness Remote First Aid Class
DECEMBER	
December 20	New Snow Dinner

## Is Your Contact Info Current?

You can check these things on the Washington Alpine Club website: [www.wacweb.org](http://www.wacweb.org). If your mailing address or email address changes please let us know!

### Moving?

Send change of address forms to:  
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PO Box 352  
Seattle, WA 98111  
Or email Dave Mitchell at:  
[dtmitch@mindspring.com](mailto:dtmitch@mindspring.com)

### New Email Address?

To update your email address log on to  
[www.wacweb.org](http://www.wacweb.org)  
If you don't have an account, you can use the  
shared name and password:  
User name: climbing / Password: climbon

## Join the WACList on Yahoo

If you want to get mail on the WAC email list, join the yahoo group at:  
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/waclist/>

**Post message:** [waclist@yahoogroups.com](mailto:waclist@yahoogroups.com)    **Subscribe:** [waclist-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:waclist-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

**Important:** You must be a current member! We have to approve you before you can join, so please put your name in the comment section.

## Washington Alpine Club

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### Member Of

Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs,  
Washington Association, Washington  
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Coalition, and MidFORC Coalition

The primary purpose of this club is to encourage  
the healthful enjoyment of the great outdoors, to  
preserve its natural beauty and to promote good  
fellowship among all lovers of nature.

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# President's Corner

**October 2014** by Mike Mahanay

This September has to go down as one of the best ever! There was little rain, warm temperatures and sunny skies almost every day. Ideal weather for being on the Mountains! Fall certainly came on suddenly! I am ready to get a fire going in the fireplace! The days are shorter and the mornings are much cooler. Now is the time to take that trip to the high country to see the larches in their stunning yellows. The huckleberries are turning red, the bears and marmots are finally getting very sleepy, and the rhubarb at the Guye Cabin garden is done for another year. Pumpkins are ripe and orange and will soon be turning into jack-o-lanterns at Snoqualmie Pass. Looking up from Guye Cabin the alpine meadows are alive with yellows, reds, and orange colors.

October is the time to renew your membership. Take a minute to check the website and see if you are up for renewal. Help the WAC by renewing for multiple years online via the website. You'll save money and time. We are wrapping up 2014 with a very healthy 527 members. Our Club continues to improve and grow. More people each year are signing up for multi-year memberships! The renewal process gets smoother each year.

The WAC forecasters are predicting a bit drier and warmer for the fall, but we do know the snows will start to come this month and the ski areas will open soon after. Don't forget to pick up your annual ski pass this month. The price will go up at the end of October. It only takes 7 days to pay for the pass. If you or the kids ski, or are enrolled in lessons, then the pass might work for you.

The Intermediate Climbing Class wrapped up last weekend. They enjoyed perfect weather for the entire class. Thanks to Pat Beurskens

and April McCoy for organizing and heading up the class! We couldn't have better co-chairs! Thanks to everyone who organized the weekends and everyone who volunteered to help out with this class.

Guye Cabin is ready for the winter! At the work party last weekend we had over 30 people bucking and splitting wood, and stacking it inside. We also did lots of trail work, as well as cleaning inside and out. Thanks to Dale Ott, Archie, Curt, Diane, Jan Steve, Dave Mitchell, Elden, Chris and Phil, Jiri and Magdalena, Mark Hume, Jeff Wright, Ralph and Virginia, Dennis and Axel, Cynthia, Roger, Luke, and Mark- as well as assorted guests and friends!

Thanks to the more the 100 people who participated in the work parties over the summer! This translates to over 1000 hours of volunteer work done at Guye Cabin! Thank you all! Your support is very much appreciated!

The WAC is fortunate that we are a 100% volunteer organization. Folks participate because they are motivated to teach others, help out, and do the right thing. Motivation is having the encouragement to do something. It comes from deep inside. We are lucky to be involved with this wonderful group of like minded people that love the outdoors.

Sunday October 19 is our Annual Meeting at Guye Cabin. As always we will have an array of great food, (specialty potluck) and fun. We'll have an Open House beginning at 10, Potluck at 12, Group Photo at 1:45, Meeting at 2:00. If you can't come, be sure to email or snail mail your proxy vote to anyone on the Board.

The New Snow Dinner will be December 20. We are looking for someone, or a team, to



organize the entrée. It can be anything you want, so please give me an email or call soon if you would like to lead this Dinner. (There have been several wishes for pulled pork!)

Outdoor activities tend to foster independence, self-reliance and critical thinking. In this wonderful time between summer and winter please visit the highlands, come out and meet your old friends, and make some new friends, at one of the many WAC events.

## Annual Meeting (Continue from page 1)

### WASHINGTON ALPINE CLUB 2014 ANNUAL MEETING PROXY FORM

The Annual Meeting arrives on schedule on October 19, 2014 - always the 3rd Sunday In October.

The event is held at the Guye Cabin.

At the general meeting all WAC members will have a chance to vote on the agenda issues, including voting in the 2015 Board of Directors.

Can't attend? Well, you can still vote by proxy. Please use this form. Fill it out and give it to someone you know will be there. Have that person take this form to the meeting. Your proxy form must be physically present at the meeting. There's no line item provision, so you entrust your vote to any and all issues your proxy will be voting on.

Don't know someone who will be there? You can have the secretary act as your proxy. Email or Mail your proxy form so that it arrives no later than Thursday, October 16th.

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2014 Proxy Form

I \_\_\_\_\_ allow (please print your name) by proxy at the 2014 Washington Alpine Club General Meeting.

Please sign \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Email to any Board member



## Liberty Bell Climb by Magda Balise



Michael took me up for my first climb up Liberty Bell. I have climbed Early Winter Spire before and found Liberty Bell less exposed. I think it was because of the gully.

It was cold in the shaded gully below the first pitch, and my fingers were too cold to feel the holds, but I made a bee-line for the sun where it was warmer.

Then came the chimney that took all my might for my arms and legs are a little shorter than Michael's.



The view of the Cascades was so beautiful.

On the descent Michael went first to find the second rappel anchor because we only had 100ft of rope and the descent was 160. He

couldn't find one so we made our own using a sling on a rock. We did see a jammed rope to the east, so maybe it's good we did shorter rappels!

On the second rappel I went first and wasn't sure where the bottom was. But I saw it soon enough and was happy to be on the ground. All in all it was a fun climb!



## Mailbox Peak by Rob Miller

I hiked the new Mailbox Peak trail that I believe officially opens this week. I made the attached map with my GPS track. The dark blue line on the map is the new trail. The new trail joins the old trail at 4000' altitude. The new trail is a much easier (family friendly) hike as compared to the old trail that is steep and

rough. I also created the elevation profile showing both the old trail and new trails.



OR has invited WAC members (along with members of other clubs) to have first dibs on items in their next sale.

The "First Dibs" portion of the sale will be Wednesday, May 14 from 5-8 p.m.

Here is some info on our next First Dibs sale for the WAC and other non-profits. May 14, 5-8PM

First Dibs in our Loading Dock on the Sale that starts the next day, May 15th and runs through May 18th

<http://www.outdoorresearch.com/en/contact-us/retail-store>

Join the conversation at:

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## Proposal to Increase Membership Fees, 2/4/14

**Proposal: Increase Membership Fees and implement consistent multi-year discount scheme.**

Regular Membership--> Increase from \$30/yr to \$40/yr.

Senior Membership--> Increase from \$15/yr to \$20/yr (1/2 of Regular Membership Fee)

Out of State Membership--> Identical to Senior Membership schedule

Adopt a straight-line discounting schedule for multi-year memberships

Consider eliminating 4 and 5 year payments, as wide adoption of these would create cash flow problem for the club.

I haven't contemplated changes to the cabin fees here.

## Proposal to Increase Membership Fees, 2/4/14

Proposed Fee Schedule	Discount	Regular Members (18-64yrs)	Senior/Out of State Dues
1 YEAR: Through Dec 2015	0.0%	\$40.00	\$20.00
2 YEARS: Through Dec 2016	2.5%	\$78.00	\$39.00
3 YEARS: Through Dec 2017	5.0%	\$114.00	\$57.00
4 YEARS: Through Dec 2018	7.5%	\$148.00	\$74.00
5 YEARS: Through Dec 2019	10%	\$180.00	\$90.00

For Comparison	Regular Members (18-64yrs)	Senior Dues	Out of State Dues
1 YEAR: Through Dec 2015	\$30.00	\$15.00	\$20.00
2 YEARS: Through Dec 2016	\$60.00	\$25.00	\$35.00
3 YEARS: Through Dec 2017	\$85.00	\$35.00	\$50.00
4 YEARS: Through Dec 2018	\$115.00	\$45.00	\$65.00
5 YEARS: Through Dec 2019	\$135.00	\$55.00	\$80.00

### The Washington Alpine Club is on Facebook!

Facebook is yet another way to keep up with the Washington Alpine Club. Once you've joined Facebook, go to the WAC page and join the group. And invite your friends to join the group. You can connect with other WAC members, get information on upcoming events and post messages for other members.



[www.facebook.com/groups/6180692402](http://www.facebook.com/groups/6180692402)

Expected 2014 Mbr. Makeup	Regular Members (18-64yrs)	Senior Dues	Out of State Dues	Revenue Impacts 5-yr Schedule	Current Proposed 5-yr Schedule
1 YEAR: Through Dec 2015	332	14	5	\$10,270.00	\$13,660.00
2 YEARS: Through Dec 2016	88	5	3	\$5,510.00	\$7,176.00
3 YEARS: Through Dec 2017	22	5	1	\$2,095.00	\$2,850.00
4 YEARS: Through Dec 2018	15	4	---	\$1,905.00	\$2,516.00
5 YEARS: Through Dec 2019	4	2	---	\$650.00	\$900.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>461</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>20,430.00</b>	<b>27,102.00</b>
Annualized Revenue per Member				\$28.66	\$38.01

### Comments...

1. The new fee schedule increases regular and senior membership by 1/3, with no change to Out-of-State membership.
2. The proposed discount schedule is consistent, whereas the discounts in the current schedule are not.
3. The proposed discount schedule, while consistent, does yield overall discounts very close to those in the current fee schedule.
4. Because the proposed discount schedule is consistent it will be easier to implement into an online payment solution.



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