



President's Corner by Elden Altizer

It's almost six months since I became President of the WAC, and I can't believe what fun it's been! The club is fortunate to have not only a great, committed board to steer our club, but a large group of dedicated volunteers leading classes and hosting/maintaining the Cabin. They make it easy for me and they form the foundation of what our club is all about as an all-volunteer organization.



We've wrapped up our membership renewal (but it's never too late!) with a membership of 493 as I write this. This is almost the same level as last year, and we always have a handful join through the rest of the year. There is always attrition due to job changes, moving away from the area, babies being born and "Life Happening". I've asked every departing member if they're willing to share why they did not renew, and a recurring theme was they loved the club but had life events. Hard to participate when you live in a remote Alaska town!

I'm excited that at least 25% of you have returned the membership survey. Many non-profits are happy to get a 10% return, so this blows me away! We've extended the completion date due to a minor mailing list error, so it's not too late to have your voice heard if you have not yet replied. We'll use your feedback to help guide the club's future in education classes, activities, and social events.

Spring is officially here, and skiing is winding down at the Pass. The days are longer for those after-work conditioning hikes, the Basic Class is in full swing with a great day at SPIRE 1. The Olympic Beach Clean-up event (I'm in!) is the weekend of April 20-21, the same weekend the Basic Class will be enjoying climbing at Vantage. For the beach clean-up, email Mike at mikemahanay@gmail.com. The

lottery for Enchantments permits ended, so I hope members were able to get their preferred permits there and other locations for this summer.

I also am reading trip reports on the Facebook and photos on Instagram of past years climbing class students using their skills on climbs of Mt. Hood, Mt. St. Helens and other climbs. That's what our classes are all about. Hopefully everyone is looking at their calendar and penciling in climbs and outings for the summer. Please consider posting trips on the forum tab on the website – it's a great way to find new partners and make new friendships. Look for my trip posting – I'd love to spend time with you in the hills. Off Belay....

Cabin Report by Mike Mahanay

What a great winter season we had! We had an excellent ski season with plenty of world class snow. There is still good spring skiing (Alpental & Central are still open) and skiing out at Paradise up on the Muir Snowfield can't be beat! Other people are switching to climbing, cycling, trail running, and other spring activities.



There is still 5-6 feet of snow at Guye Cabin. 73% of normal snowpack. We'll see when it melts ... any guesses?

This was a very good winter at Guye Cabin! The Cabin hosted the Snow Dinner, Avalanche Classes, Winter Backcountry Travel Class, Climbing Class Instructors Training, Emotional First Responder Class, several Scout and School groups, birthday parties! A huge thanks is in order to all of those people who kept the Cabin in order over the winter. Especially Ralph Preston, Archie Brenden, Mark Hume & Dennis Saunders.



Mark Hume and Archie installed the 2 new LED outside lights. They look great!

Mike and Archie moved the Guye Cabin sign from underneath the deck so it is more prominent. This is only the third time the sign has been moved. You see it in all the very old Cabin pictures.

Thanks guys!

With the warm Spring weather we'll begin our work parties at Guye Cabin. This year we will have work parties every month through August. Come on up for the day to help out, to play, or to hike the trails. We will stock up on firewood for next winter, install a new shower, create new back stairs, and do foundation repair. If you have used the Cabin this past winter, you'll want to show up in the off season too and give some back! This is a great way to meet some new people in the WAC and invest in the Club's future. Check the website and Facebook for the dates. Please email [Mike Mahanay](#) and let me know you are coming.

Don't forget to keep the Cabin in mind if you are looking for an outing, retreat, class, reunion, or other event. It is easy to check the [WAC Calendar](#) to see what is happening.

We are working on our gear library- kids Nordic skis and boot, snowshoes, kids snowpants and jackets, gloves. Also, we need coffee mugs, yoga mats and props. And tools for the shop. Please make sure anything donated is serviceable.

Cheers! See you this summer!

Cabin Report by Mike Mahanay

Our Club is one of longest participants in the annual Olympic Coast Beach Cleanup! We have been doing the cleanup at Hoh Beach since 2002.

It is always amazing to see how the Beach changes from year to year.



One of the biggest challenges each year is getting the debris back from Jefferson Cove at low tide.

Once the low tide is over Diamond Head is impassable.

We carry everything out to the Trailhead, about 2 miles.

Weather is typical for April- Some years we even swim, and others we enjoy the costal storms.

If you have never been to the Washington Wilderness Coast this is a great opportunity. As always, we are responsible for 2 miles of Beach including the Hoh River Beach and Jefferson Cove to the North.



Hoh River Beach is where the Hoh River empties into the Pacific Ocean from its beginnings high on Mount Olympus. If you have been out to our Olympic Coast, you know what a beautiful, wonderful, and wild area it is. Like last year, we'll camp Saturday night on the Beach.

Please contact me if you would like to participate in this event, or have questions about it. [Mike Mahanay](#)



Here is the link (note that I have already registered us as a group)
<http://www.coastsavers.org/index.php/washington-coast-cleanup/oil-city/>

Up Coming Events

April 20-21: Beach clean-up. Please join the fun while doing something good for Washington's beautiful beaches. Contact Mike Mahanay for details: Mike Mahanay mikemahanay@gmail.com

See the calendar of events at <https://washingtonalpineclub.org/> for more listings

Basic Climbing Class Update

The Basic Class is rolling forward. At the time of this writing three fieldtrips are in the bag, Mount Si, Spire I and Spire II. Mount Erie is coming up next followed by Vantage. After Erie and Vantage the class will transition to snow and ice adventures.

Questions? Email the [Co-Chairs](#) or visit the Basic Climbing class [website!](#)
<http://basicclass.washingtonalpineclub.org/>

Welcome new members to the WAC!

We traditionally welcomed new members with an announcement in the bulletin – and we're way behind! There are a lot of new members since last Fall (118), so please welcome the newest WAC members that joined since September.

2019 New Members (January-March)

Suz Ball	Zoe Evans-Agnew	Gary Johnson	Felicia Penton
Charlotte Blanc	Marissa Good	Romain Jouhannet	Jackson Sage
Susan Bolton	Mike Graham-Squire	Yuliya Kamatkova	Sidanth Shetty
Wes Boone	Aditya Gupta	Scott Kuyper	Katie Sieverman
Ricky Cabilao	Ben Hackett	Sage Lagron	Kailey Sparks
Kaitlin Carson	Evan Hanneman	Alexis Lair	Chris Szynal
Adam Cox	Jeff HansPetersen	Mike Lewis	Alexandra Taber
Rob Crawford	Kevin Hilman	Matthew Martens	Brogan Thomsen
			Roderick Van der Linden
Fiona Crumrine	Anthony Hooks	Adam Maurer	Bethany Vick
Michael Dietsch	Michael Howard	Will McLaren	Kristen Vogel
Lane Dyer	Regan Huff	Molly Muller	Mark Young
Louis Eugene	Cameron Hylton	Brian Nolan	Fan Zhang

2018 New Members - December

Katie Atrops	Jesse Dodge	Emily Hirsch	Nathan Sackett
Andrea Baumgarten	Brian Fagin	Michelle Hwang	Melissa Sackett
Philippe Bouttefroy	Ian Glass	Yufeifei Jiang	Greta Schettler
Daniel Chastain	Emily Guadamuz	Pauli Payne	Franziska Seeger
Michael Chen	Chatara Hajje	Molly Quinn-Shea	Jenny Sung
Damon Clark	Ryan Harlow	Daniel Quinn-Shea	Teddy Thorson
Owen Coutts	Liana Haugaard	Geoffrey Reed	Chaitanya Vangoori
			Philip White

2018 New Members – November

Kat Anesini	James Doyle	Michael King	John Patton
Anthony Borgioli	Alexander Drotar	Alice Lemieux	John Settles
Tia Borgioli	Gillian Murphy	Tim Lux	Stephanie Tyler
Stephanie Brereton	Steven Ehrlich	Davis Moon	Annika Ushio
Matthew Campbell	Deliana Escobari	Maria Mysliwski	Michelle Wen
Renee Clayton	Stefan Horbanczuk	Catherine Nelson	Tom Zhou

2018 New Members – September/October

Angileen Bates	Lisa Heringlake	Dana Korch	Mike Rapplepe
Laura Anderson	Khrum Kashan	Jim Overton	Christopher Turvey
Alicia Bidwell	Jamilee Kempton	Lin Pang	Luka Ukrainczyk
Xander Grzywinski	Katherine King	Scott Ragan	Daniel Volz

Board of Directors meetings

The WAC Board of Directors meets on the first Thursday of each month (excluding summer). All members are welcome to read the minutes of each meeting. To access the minutes on the website you need to log-in to the WAC website with your user name and password. The minutes are posted on the WAC website at this location: <https://washingtonalpineclub.org/board-meeting-minutes>

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