



# PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Chelsea Sweetin

**This will be my last President's corner, and I just want to say that I am excited for the new incoming board and to see some new faces step up for leadership roles!** We had a much larger turn out for the elections this year than any I've seen. I love that people are motivated to get involved in the club and I think that the new board will be a great move forward.

I know there have been many ups and downs over the last year, I've felt them acutely as president, and while I know that I am far from perfect, I hope that I was able to adequately and fairly represent the club. I will say it was not an easy year to be president and I didn't have all the right answers, but I did my best to do what I thought was right, and help make the club better.

The elections this year also brought about some stress regarding membership and voting, but know that myself and the board in no way ever try to discourage participation or the desire to be a part of the club. This year, as I've said, has been a challenging one (two really) - and we are all feeling the stress of it. I hope that we were able to come to a resolution that both upholds the club constitution while also showing understanding towards those who wanted to get involved and felt pushed away.

I am excited to see things starting back up, like the Backcountry Class and the Basic Climbing Class - if you haven't seen the survey's go out and want to get involved please reach out to the co-chairs and see how you can help. It will be no small effort to get these programs back up and running after a two year hiatus.

The one parting thing I will say, is that I hope this club continues to grow and become an even better version of what it already is. I hope that people can show compassion and understanding towards eachother as we work to come out of the pandemic and grow as a club. Everyone is part of this club for a reason, and whatever reason that is, it's good enough. We are all volunteers and contribute what time and energy we can and that may ebb and flow over the years, but everyone no matter what should always feel welcome and accepted when participating in anything WAC related.

I will be seeing you all around,

Thanks!

Chelsea

## WAC ANNUAL MEETING

For the second year running we are going to be holding the Annual Meeting virtually. Due to continuing pandemic circumstances as well as the good turnout from last year we will hold the meeting via Zoom on October 17th @ 7:00pm - feel free to join a little early to socialize, the Zoom will open at 6:30pm.

We will announce the new board for the 2021 / 2022 term as well as give a recap of the club events and activities over the past 12 months.

To register just follow the link below:

<https://events.stream.club/e/2021AnnualMeeting>

Reach out if you have any questions regarding the meeting or issues with the Zoom link.

Hope to see you all there!

# CABIN REPORT



Mike Mahanay

**Summer has come and gone- but it was a good one.** Now the rainy season is here (along with the much shorter days) We are still getting out every weekend to Mount Rainier, the Cascades and the Olympics.

I know many of us still feel overwhelmed at the endless selfishness, hate, bad news, lack of leadership, but I sense a renewed hope and optimism for the future. Especially at Guye Cabin, people are thoughtful, kind, and helpful. Many people are just unable to adjust to the pandemic. I am very appreciative and thankful for everyone who has been to Guye Cabin this year following the proper guidelines. We managed to evolve and improve and grow our community during the pandemic!

We are exceedingly fortunate to have been gifted a Club and Guye Cabin from our WAC forbearers and WAC elders. Guye Cabin allows us to easily get away to enjoy some brief periods of normalcy and peace. Lets reach out and take extra care of our WAC elders who truly built the Club for us to use today.

I have been getting up to Guye Cabin and Snoqualmie Pass at least twice each week to volunteer at Guye Cabin. Finishing updates and refreshes to Guye Cabin, as well as Trail work. The WAC Trails are coming back to life with brushing, water diversions, turnpikes, and new signage. A significant amount of this work is from BSA Troop 312 (boy troop) and BSA Troop 319 (girl troop) - both from Edmonds Washington. Also, Kera Colony's Eagle Scout Project is WAC Trail System Improvement.

## **Cabin Work Parties**

Thanks again to the over 25 people who volunteered this summer over more than 30 work days! We'll continue to work on Tuesday and Thursdays through October (weather permitting) to work on the trails, and gather firewood for winter.

## **Air B&B Cabin Stays continue in the Fall "Guye Cabin misses people"**

For most of the last 18 months we have been allowing Air B&B Cabin stays for families and groups by reservation. There has been a huge demand and every available date has been taken. Most weekends are booked into November.

There are tons of mid-week dates still available in October and November. These are Sun/Mon/Tues/Wed/Thurs nights. Please check the WAC calendar to see what is available, and then contact Mike Mahanay to confirm.

This is a rare opportunity to enjoy Guye Cabin to yourself and enjoy fall in the mountains. Everyone has been very appreciative and really enjoyed their time at our refuge and sanctuary. These private stays will continue through the fall. We are now working to see how we will manage the winter season.

## **Winter Season?**

I had this same question last year! Please reach out to me if you use the Cabin in the winter. I would like to hear your thoughts on what we should do with overnight use, day use.

Again this winter we will not have the Cabin open as in the past. I am thinking Air B&B Sunday thru Thurs and open on Fri/Sat with a 20 person (subject to change) limit. Vaccination required. Air B&B stays would include a Utility charge exactly like we did last year plus the normal member/guest nightly fee. It costs a lot to operate the Cabin in the winter. You would need to enjoy the adventure of open/close, getting from the parking lot etc.

Enjoy the fall colors and please contact me if there is anything I can help you with.

Mike Mahanay - Director, Cabin Chair



## Last of the PCT Hikers 2021

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We were able to host PCT (Pacific Crest Trail) hikers again this year. We limited the number, closed during peak, maintained social distancing, and followed best practices. Over 2 months we hosted about 200 hikers generating \$6K and new memberships for the Club. Thanks to the 35 volunteers who hosted and all the hikers who provided the enthusiasm and entertainment.

We kept going especially for the late comers battling the fall weather, cold, and rain. The last days we only had 1-3 a night. They were grateful for the clean place to stay, warmth, companionship, and good food. Blueberry was the last hiker we hosted this year.

A note from Ribbitman-

“WAC Lodge was one of the absolute best places I stayed on the trail. Mike was a legendary kind host, as were the other three hosts I had while staying at Guye Cabin for five nights. The rec room is a national treasure, decorated with all manner of mountaineering artifacts and beautiful paintings from WAC members. Settlers of Catan, mushroom books, great company, and a steady intake of tea in front of the fireplace- truly a highlight of the PCT. I hope the WAC continues to offer its services to thru hikers. Just a lovely cabin run by lovely people. I plan to return come winter!”





# BSA Troops Volunteer WAC Trail Project

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By Cristi Colony

“Many hands make light work” which is what my Grandmother always said! In the case of Labor Day at the Washington Alpine Club, that was very true!

7 Scouts and 4 Adult leaders spent a full day working on Scout trail and Beaver Trail over the past Labor Day Weekend (Sept 3-5, 2021). Scouts were from BSA Troop 312 (boy troop) and BSA Troop 319 (girl troop) - both from Edmonds Washington.

We wanted to find a great conservation project that would allow us to learn about water diversion techniques and get hands-on experience improving the trail system by the Guye Cabin! We built a new bridge to allow a trail to pass a large culvert on Scout Trail, and 3 new water drainage runoff sections on Beaver Trail. We had a huge BBQ for lunch and enjoyed the cabin very much.

Thanks WAC for the opportunity!

Participants (Scouts):

- Wyatt Adams
- Kera Colony
- Mary Kiehn
- Patrick Kotwis
- Zackary Kowtis
- Logan Woogard
- Andrew Young

Participants (Leaders):

- Cristi Colony
- Jessica Adams
- Brice Colony
- David Young





## Club Photos

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A HUGE thank you to long time member Charles Muzio for donating all his climbing gear to the classes!



## ..... Beach Cleanup October 23rd .....

Once again we'll visit Hoh Beach at the Olympic Peninsula. We have done this for many years at our adopted beach. Bring gloves, drinks, snacks and cutting tools. Bags will be provided. Afterwards we'll find a lunch spot. This is just a day trip and we'll go rain or shine!



**Contact Mike Mahanay if you would like to join this year!**

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..... **PROPERTY & MEMBERSHIP** .....

**Cabin Chair:** Mike Mahanay

**Work Parties:** Mike Mahanay

..... **Board Meetings** .....

The WAC Board of Directors meets on the first Thursday of each month (excluding summer July / August). All members are welcome to join the meetings, but if unable to attend you can read the minutes of each meeting on the website [HERE](#)

During the pandemic we are meeting via ZOOM - Email the board for the link to join!



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