
MOUNTAIN WEST OUTDOOR CLUB NEWSLETTER

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HOPE FOR SNOW!!

CLUB EVENTS SINCE LAST NEWSLETTER

Thanks to everyone for sending current photos. There's a LOT that goes on between newsletters.

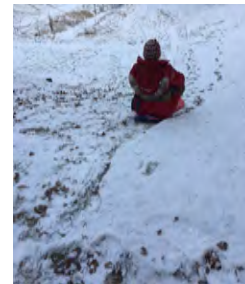
KEEP THOSE PHOTOS COMING!

Please submit photos and corresponding captions to Tom Weingartner at t.weingartner@yahoo.com or cell 907-388-0414.



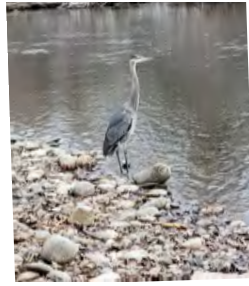
A fun game day was held on Sunday December 17 at John and Anne Olden's house. Thank you for hosting Anne and John!

Besides Quirkle, Rummikube, and Dominoes, we heard of some very high-stakes Texas hold 'em and 5-card stud games held in the back rooms!



The Tuesday (Dec. 12) hike

was cold and snowy with some "hikers" opting for a faster way home!



The Wednesday (Dec. 13) hike

was back on the pavement due to soggy trails. The hike included an avian member (non-dues paying), and bad behavior meant that Terry had to stay in his box.

UPCOMING PLANNED EVENTS



Hello winter enthusiasts! It's time again to enjoy McCall in winter. Our trip will be January 23-25 this year. When you make your reservations for lodging, you will be staying the nights of the 23rd and 24th, checking out on the 25th. This event is open to Alpine and Nordic skiers as well as snowshoers. We usually ski or snowshoe together in groups then meet somewhere for dinner. It's always nice to stay at the Ponderosa cabins but it appears that those are reserved now. Some people are on a waiting list with Reserve America. There are several nice motels in town and probably some B&B's too.

Please let me know your intention to attend and your lodging status. Future emails will only go out to those who have notified me of their lodging status.

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{Photo courtesy of Dinu Mistry, sunrise over Payette Lake, Dec'2023}



EMPIRE STATE TRAIL BIKE TOUR, JUNE 2-7, 2024

"We'll start our tour at Battery Park in Manhattan and finish in Albany NY. We'll bike 200 miles of the trail, covering 28-47 miles each day. Along the route, we'll see all manner of scenery! The trail is a mix of paved bike path, rail trails, and quiet roads. At Albany we'll turn in our bikes and return to the City by train.

[Discovery Bicycle Tours](#) is putting together our tour. The package includes 5 nights lodging and most meals, a guided bike tour of Manhattan, detailed maps and itineraries. We'll have full van support – **PLUS** the use of a bike and a helmet. To learn more information about the tour, go to: [Empire State Trail](#).

COST. The cost of the tour is \$2895 (more for single occupancy). Airfare is not included. A \$500 deposit is required to reserve a spot. The deposit is refundable up to 60 days before the tour begins (which is the same day the final payment is due). We'll have a private tour *if* 10 people sign up *and* we will receive a 10% discount that will be refunded at the end of the tour.

Planning. We are planning to stay in Manhattan the night before the tour. A list of hotels in the Battery Park area will be available when we have the list of participants. Of course, you can spend time before or after the tour in the City on your own."

Come cycle with us!

1. Call Jane at (802) 457-3553 today to register. Tell her you are with Mountain West Empire State Tour with Peggy and Judy as contacts.

2. Then **text** Peggy Killen, (208) 484-7946, or **email** Judy Farnsworth, jfarnsw@me.com, to tell us you've signed-on!!

RECURRING CLUB EVENTS

Tuesday hikers visit many trails including Upper Hulls Gulch Trail, Corrals/HardGuy Trail, Peggy's Trail, and the Greenbelt. Inclement weather means a lot of pavement hikes this winter.





Wednesday hikers visit Cartwright Ranch, Polecat Trail, Camel's Back Trails, and Eagle Island State Park. Eagle Island hikers got to witness snowmaking for the sledding hill (photo below).

Thursday hikers visit Veterans Memorial Park, Bob's Trail, Polecat Trail (on Thanksgiving), and the Greenbelt. The latter hike included a stop at Boise Pie Company (Yum!)



Kayakers are off-season. It finally got too cold even for them!



Friday bikers will continue assuming conditions will not be too icy. Watch your e-mail for weekly plans



Thursday Afternoon Nordic Ski/Snowshoe group will resume on Thursdays in January and February. Warm temperatures and poor snow conditions means that Bogus Basin Nordic skiing has been open intermittently only.

PARTING SHOTS

What do you call a hiking group that never argues? A trail-mendous team!

“Trails are like that: you’re floating along in a Shakespearean Arden paradise and expect to see nymphs and flute boys, then suddenly you’re struggling in a hot broiling sun of hell in dust and nettles and poison oak...just like life.” – Jack Kerouac

May the New Year bring you peace, joy, and happiness!



The world reveals
itself to those who
travel on foot.

Werner Herzog

General Announcements

EMAILS Local mid-week activities (hikes, paddles, bike-rides, etc.) are announced through Wild Apricot emails. If you have questions about sending or receiving e-mails, please contact Tom Weingartner

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