

Everett Mountaineers – LEADERSHIP VOTE 2012

Thank you for taking the time to vote for the 2012 leadership of the Everett Branch of The Mountaineers.

Below are descriptions of the candidate(s) for each of the following positions: Branch Chair, Branch Vice-Chair, Branch Secretary, Branch Treasurer, and Branch Director. You will have an opportunity to vote for each position.

Branch Chair

Louie Coglis	Yes	No
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Branch Vice Chair

John Laggart	Yes	
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Forrest Clark	Yes	
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Branch Trustee

Dave Brunner	Yes	No
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Branch Director

Evelyn Dudey	Yes	No
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Branch Secretary

Deborah Kemp	Yes	No
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Vote for Everett Branch Chair

Candidate: Louie Coglas, Everett Branch Member Since 1986



Inspired by the wisdom, experiences, enthusiasm and volunteerism of Mountaineers members of the past 100 years, I would be honored to be your Chair and help promote The Everett Mountaineers into its next 100 years. My first activities in the Everett Branch were as a volunteer at Stevens Pass Lodge painting and doing repair work. In 1990, I became involved in the restoration of Mt. Pilchuck Lookout where I saw passionate Everett Mountaineers volunteers come together and dedicate themselves to the success of an important project. While spending time with folks working on Pilchuck I learned about climbing courses and signed up for the Basic climbing course the following year. During Basic, I started meeting and making friends and became impressed by the leaders and instructors running the course. With the support and kindness of my climb leader, I reached the summit of El Dorado in mid-September and graduated the Basic course.

During my early years with the Branch I got in a lot of hiking and climbing. At the time, hiking was the mainstay of The Mountaineers and the way many new members were introduced to the Everett Mountaineers. In early 1992, an ankle sprain limited my hiking and climbing, so went to the water. I took the sea kayaking course in Seattle, where I had my first introduction to the organization at large. I enjoyed sea kayaking and led many trips.

My first impression of the Everett Mountaineers was at a general meeting in April 1988. I arrived early. Thankfully, some members welcomed me and introduced me to committee chairs of activities that interested me. The meeting was efficiently led and engaged members in attendance. I always enjoyed general meetings and never imagined that I would be a part of future leadership.

The Pilchuck Lookout restoration was a big part of my mountaineering and led me to joining and running committees. I joined the newly formed Lookout and Trail Maintenance Committee and learned about 3 Fingers Lookout. It was a big love affair thereafter for many years combining many interests including construction, climbing, and camping. With the added benefit of a restoration project located in a far off place with folks that were far out, I gained friendships that could not have been made in any other way. I served on the Lookout and Trail Maintenance Committee for many years, leading work parties on lookouts and fixing trails.

I was asked to chair the Conservation Committee and ran monthly meetings bringing issues to the Branch to vote on and granting money to groups and organizations that we felt aligned with the Mountaineers' mission. As a member of the Executive Conservation Committee in Seattle I learned a lot about legal aspects of fighting for open space and issues that were in conflict with others in the State and across the nation. Conservation issues are very draining on volunteers – so much that it is nice to have a conservation staff member available for support.

In addition to the activities already listed, I have participated in Outdoor Leadership Courses and MoFA many times even as an assistant instructor, graduated the Intermediate climbing course, helped out with The Mountaineers outreach program, led many basic and Intermediate climbs, taken the telemark ski course, sat on the ad hoc feasibility study for an Everett Branch club house, helped to start a biking and sea kayaking committee, sat on the climbing committee for many years as an instructor and lecturer, and received the Ken Nelson Memorial award.

Safety will be my first concern as your Chair and I will promote safe travels practices to all leaders and members. As an outdoor leadership advocate I will seek to develop Branch-wide opportunities for members to participate and learn leadership skills. Finally, I will work hard to ensure that members have a lot of fun in their outdoor adventures.

Vote for Everett Branch Co-Chair

Candidate: John Laggart, Everett Branch Member Since 2000



John Laggart is currently the Vice-Chair of the Executive Committee and is seeking re-election. John has served as Committee Chairman of the Alpine Scrambling Committee for several years and presently serves as Treasurer. He is an active trip leader for the Snowshoe and Hiking programs.

He has also served as an instructor for the Scrambling, Snowshoe, and Navigation courses. John, his wife Norene, and their son Matthew have lived in Marysville, for over ten years. John was transferred from St. Louis to Fort Lawton while serving in the U.S. Army Reserve where he retired in 2002.

Candidate: Forrest Clark, Everett Branch Member Since 1986

Forrest was born in Seattle and raised in Alderwood Manor, attended Lynnwood High School, class of '74. He was heavily involved in the Pilchuck Lookout restoration in 1988-1990 and was logistics coordinator for the project. He also was the lead person and construction boss for the Heybrook Lookout restoration. He presently continues to direct all restoration and maintenance work up at Heybrook Lookout.

Forrest is the current Chair of the Lookout and Trail Maintenance (LOTM) committee. He first became chair from 1996 to 2000, and then became chair again in 2003 to present. Forrest has served on many committees while active with the Mountaineers. They include the Conservation Committee; The Alpine Scramble committee (7 years as lecture coordinator); and a sub-committee for sales of t-shirts, hats and coffee mugs. Forrest served as Branch Vice Chair.

Among the courses offered by the Everett Branch, Forrest has taken and graduated from the Basic Climbing course; the Nordic Ski course and more. He was a climb leader for several years.

Forrest received the Branch Service Award in the mid-1990's. He received the Cox Conservation Heros award in 2010 for his endless and tireless contributions to lookouts and trails.

Forrest is a Union Glazier of 31 years and proud member of Local 188 in Seattle.

Vote for Everett Branch Treasurer

Candidate: David Brunner, Everett Branch Member Since 1996



Dave has served as Everett Branch Treasurer since April 2011. Dave is a graduate of the Basic Climbing course and has assisted as an instructor in the Scrambling course. Dave is currently a Scramble leader. Dave has worked in the banking industry for over 30 years and has served on various nonprofit boards in the capacity of treasurer.

"My time in the Everett Mountaineers has given me so many extraordinary experiences. Serving as treasurer is a chance to pay back."

Vote for Everett Branch Director

Evelyn Dudey, Everett Branch Member Since 1986



Evy has been serving as the Everett Director since April 2011.

Evy originally joined The Mountaineers in order to take the Sailing Course. Over the years she has been an active member of the Everett Branch, and has instructed Leading on Rock, Basic Climbing, Sport Climbing, MOFA, Nordic Skiing, Snowshoeing and Scrambling courses. She has been serving on some combination of the Everett Branch's Climbing Committee, Basic Climbing Committee, Intermediate Climbing Committee and Leading on Rock/Intermediate Rock Subcommittee since 2004.

With a BS degree in Electrical Engineering from Michigan Technological University, Evy is a Product Standardization Manager in the telecommunications industry. She's a member of the Everett Sail and Power Squadron, Everett Mountain Rescue Unit, and the Upper Edmonds Book and Cake Society. Her passions include spending time with her husband and dog, skiing the Hoeg Loppett and pumpkin carving.

"I hope that my own enjoyment of the outdoors, my appreciation for the volunteers that have helped me, and the family of friends to which I belong all give me the right background to assist the organization provide fun, teach safety and build community for the membership."

Vote for Everett Branch Secretary

Candidate: Deborah Kemp, Everett Branch Member Since 2011



Deborah serves as Treasurer of the LOTM Committee. She enjoys backpacking, hiking and trail maintenance activities. She is a recent, but very active member.