

# Ken Nelson Memorial Climbing Award

The Everett Mountaineers Ken Nelson Memorial Climbing Award is given each year in memory of Ken Nelson, an Everett climber and Branch member who died tragically in a climbing accident on Mt. Robson. The award is given to recognize exemplary service and dedication to the Branch Climbing program. This year the Branch is very proud to present the award to Andy Boos.

Andy joined the Club in 1988 and immediately took the Alpine Scrambling course. The following year he graduated from the Basic Climbing course. He went on to complete the Intermediate Climbing course and graduated in 1994. As a result of reaching more than 200 summits, he earned all three Everett Peak pins, the Five Major Peaks pin, the Classic Eight Peaks pin and the Snoqualmie First Ten Peaks pin. In addition, he graduated from the Telemark Ski course, and enjoys snowshoeing and nordic skiing.

Andy has demonstrated his service and dedication to the Branch by contributing thousands of hours to many Branch programs, climbing in particular. He has been a member of the Climbing Committee for the past several years and has made significant contributions especially in our leadership seminars and climb leader mentoring program. He also helped produce the video and text for teaching ice axe arrest currently used by the Basic Climbing and Alpine Scrambling courses.

Andy attends many course field trips each year and shares his wealth of knowledge with our students. Andy is a role model for many members; he is a patient leader with excellent judgement and a great sense of humor, and one who encourages growth in others.

The Mountaineers is an important part of Andy's life, and he dedicates an important part of his life to the Mountaineers.

—L. Turner, M. Royer, and D. Heck

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