

## Everett Mountaineers

# *Ken Nelson Climbing Award*

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

Arthur joined the Club in 1980 and took the Basic Climbing Course, graduating in 1981. He then went on to take the Intermediate Climbing Course. Arthur has consistently instructed at Basic Climbing Course and Intermediate Climbing Course field trips for the past 15 years. Although in recent years this has been at the rate of two or three per year, in the past it was more frequent. He is a patient instructor with insights that only

an engineer could provide, and has assisted with several instructor review field trips and leader orientation seminars. One of the purposes of The Mountaineers is "to explore and study the mountains;" Arthur has done this extensively over the years. Many of us have enjoyed and benefited from the leadership and fellowship that he provides on climbing trips. Arthur has many times impressed us with his willingness to help Basic students get their last qualifying climb by going out in nasty late-fall weather.

Like Ken Nelson, he is a "humanitarian," enriching the lives of those that he climbs with, but perhaps Arthur's greatest contribution has been through his long service on the Climbing Committee. For over a decade, he has served on the Basic Climbing Course subcommittee, then on

the Intermediate Climbing Course subcommittee and for the past several years he has been Records Coordinator, an essential but often thankless task. Arthur's length of service enables him to share his experience with newer committee members. He often takes the role of devil's advocate to provoke thought about an issue. As an "old timer" on the committee, his counsel is recognized for the wisdom it reflects when the committee considers policy changes. Arthur, thank you for your many years of dedicated and unselfish service and boundless energy! We look forward to your continued leadership and participation in our climbing program.

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