

The Everett Mountaineers

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A Message and Survey on Our Budget by Larry Ingalls, Everett Branch Chair

This last May the Club Board of Trustees in a seven to six vote approved a new Club Five Year Financial Plan. Two very significant parts of that plan directly impact you as a Branch member. The first was to reduce by 20% the amount of your dues that is allocated to the Branch for supporting Branch operations. The second part is to increase member dues by \$3 per year for the next five years or a \$15 increase resulting in normal dues of about \$60 per year by the end of the five-year period.

An analysis has been done to show where your dues go. The largest portion, by far, goes to supporting the Club Conservation Program, \$170,000 this year and planned to increase over the next five years. Of your current \$45 dues, \$10 goes to the Conservation Program. No other category is more than \$5. While other areas could likely be cut a minor amount, the result would not be that great. However, cutting the Conservation Program could have a major impact. In representing the Branch it is important for me to know how you view the Club Broad plan to raise dues and, in particular, your view of having such a large Conservation Program. Therefore, please answer the following questions to allow me to find out just what you feel about what is happening in your Club.

1. Do you favor having a strong Conservation Program in the Club? Yes ____ No ____
2. Are you willing to have your Club dues increased \$3 per year for the next 5 years to support the current Club Conservation Program and the planned increases? Yes ____ No ____
3. The current Club Conservation Program is supported with three full time staff positions. Should the program revert to all volunteer supported? Yes ____ No ____
4. Would one full time staff person be enough with volunteers doing the rest of the work? Yes ___ No ___

Please write any comments you have about any of the above that I have discussed; your input is very much needed.

You may also call Doug Donaldson, your Board Trustee, or me to express your thoughts. Calls to the Club President, Bill Maxwell, and/or the Club Executive Director, Steve Costie, would also help communicate your support or disagreement with the Club Board action.

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1999 Everett Branch Ballot

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Write-in Candidate, Voter 1

Write-in Candidate, Voter 2

Write-in Candidate, Voter 2

Write-in Candidate, Voter 2

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Forrest Clark

Don Heck

Write-in Candidate, Voter 1

Write-in Candidate, Voter 1

Write-in Candidate, Voter 2

Write-in Candidate, Voter 2

TREASURER

Mailed ballots must be received by 5:00 P.M. on September 1, 1999. Ballots may also be brought to the Annual Meeting on September 1, 1999.

The ballot was designed for two voters per ballot as only one newsletter may be sent to a household. If there are more than two voters per ballot, feel free to improvise.

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