

hikers were in the Banff/Jasper area of Canada, where Mount Athabaska, Mount Temple, Castle Mountain and Crowfoot were climbed. In Europe smaller groups hiked and climbed in Norway, Austria's Dachstein Alps, the Swiss Alps (with climbs of the Matterhorn, Breithorn, Jungfrau and Mönch), and a group of six skiers found lots of snow at Chamonix and Les Menuires, France, in March.

The Trail Trips Committee scheduled 306 diverse events, including Tuesday evening street rambles, A, B and C hikes each weekend, Wednesday hikes, snowshoe hikes and clinics, backpacks, snow bivouacs, car camps and work trips. A total of 3646 participated. The Trail Tending program was initiated to train new work-trip leaders and interface with government agencies in a long established practice of maintaining trails.

The Conservation Committee keeps the club alert on policies of the U.S. Forest Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, and our National Parks. Developing federal interest in sustained forest yield, soil conservation and other new policies has been heartening, though slow to be implemented. Development of the management plan for the Columbia Gorge National Scenic Area has been another area of key interest. The club made a modest donation to the Public Forest Foundation, whose professional foresters have assumed leadership roles in educating federal land managers in less destructive forestry practices. We have also continued to work with the Friends of Mount Hood in expressing disapproval of the development of a destination resort proposed by Mount Hood Meadows on U.S.F.S. land.

JACK GRAUER, *Past President*

Memphis Mountaineers. Despite the lack of local climbing resources, the Memphis Mountaineers enjoyed a productive year. The 1991 membership of 51 included 33 regular members residing in the Memphis, Tennessee, area, six honorary members and 12 associate members scattered throughout the United States.

In addition to numerous rock-climbing trips to the local crags of the Mid-South, individual members were active afield in areas ranging from France (Mont Blanc) to South America (Roraima, Pico Bolívar, San Tigo) to Canada (Mount Athabasca) and Colorado. The climbing year ended with several members teaching mountain-rescue techniques to park rangers in Venezuela.

Most of the administrative activities included basic rock-climbing instruction, but primarily dealt with petitioning the state of Mississippi to re-open access to Tishomingo State Park to climbing. We worked closely with the Access Fund to develop a permit system for use at Tishomingo which the park is currently reviewing. As a result of this work, the club was invited to select a delegate to serve on the National Advisory Council of the Access Fund.

The Memphis Mountaineers meet on the second Sunday of the month at seven P.M. in the Highland Branch of the Memphis Public Library. Members are informed of club activities through the monthly newsletter, the *Memphis Moun-*

tain News. Club officers for 1991 were Barbara Knowles, president; Robin Daniels, vice-president; Ted Burkey, treasurer; and Suzy Ferrenbach, secretary.

Anyone interested in climbing in the Mid-South is encouraged to join the club. For more information write: Memphis Mountaineers, Inc., Box 11124, Memphis, TN 38111.

BARBARA KNOWLES, *President*

The Mountaineers. In 1991, we saw our membership top the 12,000 mark! Our Basic and Intermediate Climbing Courses were as popular as ever. At our headquarters in Seattle, over 200 enrolled in our Basic Climbing course and 70 students graduated; 70 students entered the Intermediate Climbing Program and 15 completed graduation requirements. Our Olympia Branch started the 1991 season with 38 climbing and five alpine scrambling students. Nine 1st-year and eight 2nd-year climbing students, and four alpine scramblers graduated. Fifty-two students entered the Everett Branch's Basic Course and 37 graduated; one person finished Everett's Intermediate Course in 1991. Eleven Basic students graduated from our Bellingham Branch's Basic Climbing Course; 66 students took the Tacoma Branch Basic Course and 18 entered Tacoma's Intermediate Course last year.

Demand was also high for our Mountaineering Oriented First Aid (MOFA) courses. This course, developed by The Mountaineers in 1968 with the American Red Cross, meets the requirements of Red Cross Standard First Aid with an additional 22 hours of training using simulated mountain accident scenarios. It is designed for those who venture where medical assistance can be hours or days away, and is a requirement for graduation from our Basic, Intermediate, or Alpine Scrambling Courses. In 1991, 519 people completed The Mountaineers' MOFA courses.

A campaign begun in 1990 reached success in April of this year when the Peshastin Pinnacles were reopened to climbers. These 200-foot sandstone spires in Eastern Washington had been closed in 1986 because of the owner's liability concerns. The Mountaineers, working primarily with the American Alpine Club, the Trust for Public Land and Recreational Equipment, Inc. (REI), raised public interest and support for state acquisition of the property. In all, The Mountaineers and its members contributed \$18,000 of the \$60,000 in private funds needed to acquire and open the Pinnacles as a State Park. Sixty-five members participated in work parties to build trails and clear and grade the parking lot and restroom areas. This popular climbing area, with over 90 established routes, is excellent for teaching and practicing.

We were fortunate to have some interesting speakers address the club in 1991. Geoffrey Tabin, the fourth person in the world to reach the "Seven Summits," spoke at the annual banquet, and Carlos Buhler, the most accomplished North American climber in the Himalaya, spoke at our Tacoma Branch banquet. As in 1990, we again sponsored and organized local showings of the Best of the Banff Festival of Mountain Films.