

LARRY LONGLEY RECEIVES DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

At the November Awards Banquet the 1993 Distinguished Service Award was presented to Larry Longley. Larry has been very active in the Everett Branch since he joined the Mountaineers in 1985. He has served on the Hiking committee for 4 years, the Conservation committee for 7 years, the Folkdance committee for 4 years, and had been very active on the Climbing committee from 1986 to 1990. While on the Climbing committee Larry served as lectures coordinator for the Basic climbing course and later as the climbs coordinator for 3 years. He also is the person responsible for writing both the Basic Climbs Guide and the Intermediate Climbs Guide that are used every year in both climbing courses. He is currently serving as the Basic Climbing Course Coordinator for this year's course. He was also on the Freedom 5 committee and helped in writing one of the chapters for the new 5th edition. Larry served as Branch Treasurer from 1987 to 1989 and was our Branch Chair from 1989 to 1991.

Larry is most often thought of for the thousands of hours he spent coordinating the Mt. Pilchuck Lookout Restoration Project. It was Larry's initial idea to try to save the old lookout on top of Mt. Pilchuck that was scheduled to be burned in the next winter due to its deteriorated condition. Larry convinced the club to undertake a complete historical restoration of the lookout and managed to get the project selected as one of the State's Official Centennial Celebration projects. He did all of the historical research, fundraising, and coordinated the project with the many different agencies that ended up being involved in the project. Larry worked countless hours up at the lookout, along with Stan Koska who was the construction supervisor, and said he made 49 trips up to the lookout in one year. Last count, Larry says he has made 76 trips up Mt. Pilchuck. During Larry's tenure as Branch Chair he established a new standing committee as the Lookout and Trail Maintenance Committee, appointing Jerry Thompson to be

the first chair of that committee. Now that Jerry has stepped down from chairing that committee it seems only reasonable that the current chair of the Lookout and Trail Maintenance Committee is Larry Longley. Maybe this is why Larry's mountaineer nickname is "Lookout Larry." Congratulations Larry, you are very deserving!