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# KOOTENAY MOUNTAINEERING CLUB NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 1988

H A P P Y   N E W   Y E A R ! !

Last year at this time we invoked powder snow, sunny summits etc., and BANNOCKBURN CREEK ACCESS. We're very pleased this year to note the opening of the gates on the Little Slokan Road on December 14 by various officials, including Nelson-Creston MLA Howard Dirks. It looks as though an agreement between owner Klaus Streichert and the Ministry of Forests will finally be reached. It would be great to see Mulvey Basin peaks back on the KMC summer weekend trip schedule.

## APRES NEW YEAR'S PARTY

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 7:30 p.m.

NORDIC HALL, CASTLEGAR

Potluck snacks

B Y O B

ALSO BRING 5 (or less, but NOT more) slides, preferably\* of ancient vintage (10 years or more), concerning local mountaineering, Club members etc. to interest and amuse those assembled.

\*(but not necessarily if you are not that old!)

Small charge to cover hall rental costs etc.

## SCHEDULED TRIPS

Jan 16/17      Huckleberry Hut      (B 3)      Gary Williams  
Dominion Mountain area. Overnight trip with some (362-5297)  
space in hut, otherwise many good tent sites.  
Book early!

Jan 17      Blueberry/Paulson      (A 1)      Janet Cameron  
Get out and ski this popular area with a group (364-1487)  
of fellow KMC'ers!

Jan 24      TBA      (B 3)      John Stewart  
(352-3273)

Jan 31            Ripple Ridge            (B 2)  
Exact destination is tentative, but Salmo  
-Creston area.

Stan Baker  
(359-7346)

Feb 14            White Queen            (B 3)  
Near Ymir. The Hummingbird Pass with the  
possibility of reaching White Queen.

Janice Isaacs  
(352-3895)

Feb 20/21        Kuskanax            (B 3)  
Near the Nakusp Hot Springs -overnight in  
Nakusp.

Frodo Thiessen  
(352-6140)

Mar 6            Clearwater-Ymir Cks. (B 2)  
Crossover from Clearwater Ck to Ymir Ck. XC  
gear okay but skins are needed!

Earl Jorgenson  
(352-7775)

### WINTER ACCESS

Fred Thiessen

For us ski-tourers wanting road access to high elevations, this winter is not looking good as the popular areas we've visited in the past are not being logged this year. Here is what is available:

Hoder Creek - In the main valley near the Drinnon Lake turnoff (4500'). Late December to March.

Kuskanax Cr. - North of Nakusp, past Nakusp Hot Springs at Rogers and Maynard Creeks, probably mid-winter (Jan.-Feb.). Slocan Forest Products should be phoned to confirm dates and location.

Coffee Creek - fairly low elevation logging about 6 km upstream, good for x-c skiing.

The following areas were due to be open only until the end of December. However, until the next major snowfall they should still give access.

\* Busk Cr. - tributary of Kokanee Cr. Gives a good "linear" tour (few turns) to Mt. Yuill. Great views of Nelson & West Arm.

Smallwood Cr., north of Beasley - to 3800' for touring on roads.

Gold Cr., south of Nelson above Cottonwood Lake. To about 6000', good access to Toad Mt. Steep. \*GOOD NEWS - OPEN ALL WINTER!

Dayton Cr., SE of Slocan in vicinity of Lemon Cr. Lookout. To about 5500'.

With all these roads a 4-wheel drive or vehicle with chains is necessary. Also be careful of logging trucks/industrial traffic even on weekends. Winter logging is dependent on snow conditions, market conditions etc., so there is no assurance that the roads will be open until the predicted dates.

\*OPEN TO MID-FEBRUARY        - - - - -

Further reports from Fred:

Great touring just beyond the Whitewater Ski Area, in the Five-Mile Creek basin and south of the Summit Chair.

The Copper Mt. Hut has been reached from Blewett via the 49-Creek Rd. in 7 hours in late December. There are unfortunately no ploughed roads giving any access this year.

As of Jan.4, the Sitkum Cr. road was ploughed but blocked by a skidder. It could provide good access.

\*Note changes - Busk & Gold

TRIP REPORT

CLEARWATER CR. - YMIR CROSSOVER, Dec. 20. Instead of the scheduled trip to Mt. Cornfield, Dave Adams reports that a party of KMC'ers had a very pleasant trip from the Whitewater Inn to the Ymir Pub! (via Clearwater Creek). One can drive about one mile up the road at the Ymir end - just past the pub cross the bridge over the Salmo R.

BACKCOUNTRY TOURING? - AVALANCHE BEACON RENTAL

KMC has avalanche beacons available for rent for Club trips, and for Club members on private trips. They are located at the homes of:

Rossland: Peter McIver, 811 Spokane Ave. (362-9513)

Nelson: Fred Thiessen, 167-B Trevor St. (352-6140)

You will of course also remember your shovel, repair kit, flashlight, emergency survival gear (even KMC'ers have been known to spend an unexpected night out), etc.

HUT-KEEPING IN KOKANEE PARK

Stan Baker reports that the Parks Branch may be interested in some volunteer hut keepers this winter. This involves staying in the Parks Branch A-frame and keeping an eye on the Slocan Chief Cabin. If you are interested, contact:

Gary Price, Parks & Outdoor Recreation, Nelson 825-4421

NEW LODGE AT McKEAN LAKES: Fred Thiessen received a photo and notice from Jeff Gfroerer that the lodge is open for business this winter. No address, rates etc., but apparently information is available in some local ski shops

\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ MEMBERSHIPS ARE NOW DUE!! \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$

Single: \$20 Family: \$24 Junior (14-18): \$10

To: Garth Thomson, Box 221, Rossland, VOG 1Y0

PLEASE RENEW SOON. THE NEXT NEWSLETTER WILL BE THE LAST SENT OUT ON THE 1987 MEMBERSHIP. Remember that priority is given to Hiking Camp applications from "current" members, i.e. those who have renewed before February 1.

Five-year memberships ending January 1988:

Dave Adams  
Bob & Anne Dean  
Ritchie & Fiona Deane  
Hal & Trish Harrison  
Ken & Rita Holmes  
Roy Hopland  
Doolee McDonnell

Peter McIver  
Joseph Parrilla  
Raymond Pichette  
John & Katherine Stewart,  
Fritz & Marieke Swinkels  
Fred Thiessen & Barb Patterson  
John Wright

## NEWS OF MEMBERS

Laura Adams, who has been in Australia for several months, has been joined by Jeff Lakes and they are enjoying very good climbing in S.E. Australia (Arapolis? Rocks). A pleasant contrast to the frozen waterfall climbing of a year ago? She plans to do some climbing in New Zealand before returning home at the end of March.

Greetings from N.E. Peru: Dennis Holden is now resident in Tarapoto, Peru. If anyone (or a small group) is interested in organizing a two- to three-week tour of the Cordillera Blanca (Parque Nacional Huascaran), contact the Ports, or Dennis directly.

Dennis is willing to give local assistance and perhaps accompany a group interested in trekking and climbing. Preferred dates: end of June to beginning of September, 1988.

Contact address: IST/ACDI  
Casilla 151, Tarapoto  
San Martin, Peru

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## NEW MEMBERS

Mike Allegretti, Box 1477, Sechelt, VON 3A0

Brian Gagnon, Box 85, South Slokan, VOG 2G0

Karim Krey, 203 Victoria St., Nelson V1L 4K2

Jean Macdonald, 314 Sixth St., Nelson V1L 2V1

Lily Popoff, 3963 Woodland Dr., Trail, V1R 2V6

Kal Singh, Box 568, Canmore, Alberta, TOL 0M0

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## YOUR T-SHIRTS ARE COMING

Naomi reports technical problems with the KMC T-shirt printing, but should be able to produce them by the end of January.

### FOR SALE

Men's Tyrol climbing boots, size 8 \$35

Men's Brixia hiking boots, size 7½ \$25

Ladies hiking boots, size 6 \$35

Contact: Norm McKay, 608 Yew St., Castlegar, V1N 2K1  
365-7564

## FROM BOX 3195

English Wanderer: walking, cycling & multiroamer holidays.

Gail Bauman, Box 1284, Kaslo, VOG 1M0 (353-7350) is the new western Canada agent for this organization. She has sent brochures for various "self-propelled" tours in Britain in 1988. Mostly walking, some cycling. Multiroamer includes walking, cycling & canoeing.

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- Feb 14 White Queen (B3) Janice Isaac 352-3895  
From Hummingbird Pass in the Whitewater Ski Area:
- Feb 20/21 Kuskanax (B3) Fred Thiessen 352-6140  
Stay overnight in Nakusp for an early start up  
past the Nakusp Hot Springs.
- Mar 6 Clearwater-Ymir Creeks (B2) Earl Jorgensen 352-7775  
This is becoming a popular crossover. XC gear  
okay but skins are needed.
- Mar 12 Toad Mt. (B2) Jack Steed 352-2196  
Silver King area - exact destination to depend  
on conditions.
- Mar 13 Hoder Creek area (C3) Ken Holmes 362-7723  
Exact destination to depend on conditions,
- Mar 20 London Ridge (B2) Peter McIver 362-9513  
Access via logging roads, some steep skiing.

### 1987 KOOTENAY KARABINERS ARE READY!!

Once again we ask 1987 members to pick up their copies and save us a large postage bill. Copies will be mailed to those who live outside the Nelson - Rossland area.

(home)  
DISTRIBUTORS Nelson: Fred Thiessen, FS Office, 518 Lake St., -352-6140  
Castlegar: Sue/Bert Port, 2713-10th Ave., 365-6056  
Rossland/Trail: Garth/Pat Thomson, 2373 2nd Ave. 362-7649

THIS IS YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER UNDER YOUR 1987 MEMBERSHIP. PLEASE  
RENEW NOW!

Single: \$20 Family: \$24 Junior (14-18): \$10 Send to:  
Garth Thomson, Box 221, Rossland, B.C. V0G 1Y0

## CLIMBING CAMP LOCATION MEETING, FEBRUARY 23

If you want to be in on the decision on where to hold this year's Climbing Camp, meet at Fred Thiessen's (167-B Trevor St., Nelson) on Tuesday, February 23, 7:30 p.m. Two possible locations are the Gold Range or the Battle Range (Melville Group). Any other suggestions? If you cannot attend, phone Fred with your ideas. (352-6140)

THANK YOU

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*The Hiking Camp Committee would like to extend a special thank you to Naomi Lindstrom and Carol Mousel for their generous donation of \$150.00 towards camp equipment.*

### FAMILY CAMP?

Equipment is available for members wanting to organize a Family Camp. For further information, Call Ron Cameron, 362-1487,  
BY MARCH 18.

### TRIP REPORTS

TOAD MT., 7200', January 10, 1988. An exploratory trip to check out the roads turned into an ascent as we ended up driving to the old Silver King Mine at 6,000 ft.

We drove to the mine via the Giveout Creek Rd. starting at Cottonwood Lake. About 1.5 km up we turned left onto the Gold Creek Rd., then drove to 7.5 km at about 5,000 ft. At this junction we turned right and drove the 3.5 km to the old mine. This road will likely be ploughed until the end of February. (4 w-d or chains required).

We were: P. McIver, J. Isaac, C. Sandford & F. Thiessen (driver & reporter)

SITKUM CREEK, January 17, 1988. Another exploratory trip to check out the road situation up Sitkum Creek. Well, we drove and we drove to finally park half-way between the old concentrator and the mine at 6400 ft! The road is ploughed to 7,000 ft. The skiing at the head of this drainage is very good and could provide the starting point for a traverse to Outlook Mt. in Kokanee Park.

The road is a Forest Road under permit to the miners. If you are planning on going up, phone the mine manager:

Al Matovich, at the Villa Motel, Nelson, 352-3595.

This way you can avoid meeting people coming down the narrow road. Four wheel-drive or high clearance vehicle with chains required.

We were: P. McIver, C. Sandford, F. Thiessen (driver/reporter)

SILVER KING MINE AREA, January 24. John Stewart led 3 other members on a 6 mile ski around the Silver King basin. For access, see the Toad Mt. account above.

SKI ACCESS: The Kokanee Creek Rd is ploughed to 7.5 km.

UPDATE ON MULVEY ACCESS: if all goes according to plan, the Little Slocan Lakes Rd. should be a Crown road by the end of March. With Parks funding, the eventual plan is to upgrade the Bannockburn Rd. to high-clearance 2 w-d vehicle access.

# SKI TOURING HOLIDAY?

John Stewart has booked the McKEAN LAKES LODGE for March 2-5 for a party of eight. \$120 includes lodging and catered meals. Ski in and out - about 8 miles and nearly 4,000 ft. vertical.

*Or perhaps you are starting to dream of summer sun already. Earl Jorgensen wonders if any KMC"ers would like to join him for a canoe trip in July to the:*

*BROKEN ISLANDS (Barkley Sound, W. coast of Vancouver Is., Pacific Rim National Park)*

*Call him at 352-7775 if you are interested.*

## KOKANEE GLACIER PARK DRAFT MASTER PLAN

Many of you will have received the Master Plan and the Background Report, with a request that you review them and return written comments to the Regional Office by February 15. This is just a reminder to do so!

### FOR SALE Complete Telemark Outfit FOR SALE

Tele skis - Kazama Mountain Soft - 205 cm  
Villom bindings  
Scarpe telemark boots - size about 10  
Leki telescoping poles  
Colltex skins

Contact Tom Hulland at 352-1970. \$500 for the whole package (his preference) - other offers accepted.

### From Box 3195

Skyline Hikers of the Canadian Rockies - Summer 1988 brochure. They offer several 5-day camps from a base in the Rockies 150 km northwest of Banff.

Hiking Camp Application - next 2 pages

*We wish a very speedy recovery to HELEN BUTLING, now home recovering from a fall during her trip to New Zealand. She hopes to throw her crutches away before the end of February.*

*And in spite of all this, we hope she has (had) a very HAPPY 75th BIRTHDAY on February 9!*

1988 HIKING CAMP - GLACIER CREEK, NORTH FORK

Location: Headwaters of the North Fork of Glacier Creek, 40 km east of Duncan Lake, 6 km. S.W. of Mt. Evebrow. Camp will be at 7,000' at the edge of a large mature larch forest. Allow 3½ hours drive north from Nelson. From Duncan Lake access road, take the Glacier Creek Rd. (route will be flagged). Hike from end of road is approximately 2 hours. Further driving instructions will be mailed to participants.

Maps: Topo series 1:50,000 - 82 K7

Dates: July 23 - July 30  
July 30 - August 6  
August 6 - August 13

Cost: Total \$180.00. Deadline for full payment is June 30. Non-refundable deposit of \$50.00 plus completed application form is required to secure a space.

Age restriction: Minimum age is 15 years. Members age 15-18 must be accompanied by a parent or other adult who will be responsible for them at the camp.

Registration priority: Members who have joined the Club or renewed their memberships prior to February 1 are granted an exclusive two-month period to register for camp. Any remaining vacancies will be advertised in the April Newsletter for those joining after Feb. 1.

Cancellations: Deposits are non-refundable. The total fee is forfeited after June 30 unless a suitable replacement is found. It is the member's responsibility to find a replacement if there is no one available on the waiting list.

Send application, signed waiver and deposit (payable to K.M.C.) to:  
Ron Cameron, 2054 7th Ave., Trail, B.C. V1R 3C5 (364-1487)

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Check enclosed for \_\_\_\_\_, payable to K.M.C.

Please register me for: Camp 1, July 23-30 \_\_\_\_\_  
Camp 2, July 30- August 6 \_\_\_\_\_  
Camp 3, August 6 - August 13 \_\_\_\_\_

If the week of my choice is booked, please put me on a waiting list \_\_\_\_\_.  
Or, book me into another week as space permits \_\_\_\_\_.

I will require a ride \_\_\_\_\_  
I have transportation \_\_\_\_\_ I have space for \_\_\_\_\_ passengers  
I have a van or truck which could transport camp food and equipment \_\_\_\_\_  
(travel allowance paid).

A signed waiver (next page) for each person attending must accompany this application.



KOOTENAY MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

INDEMNITY AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

In consideration of my being permitted to participate in the events or activities and/or functions (all of which are referred to as "the events") offered or organized by the Kootenay Mountaineering Club, I hereby for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns release and forever discharge the Kootenay Mountaineering Club, their officers, managers, servants, agents and volunteer leaders, (all of which are now referred to as the "Club") from any and all lawsuits or actions, claims or demands by reason of any damage, loss, death or injury to myself or to my property arising from my participation in the events notwithstanding that the same may have been contributed to or occasioned by the negligence of the Club.

I agree to save, hold harmless and indemnify the Club from and against all lawsuits, claims, actions, costs or expenses in respect to any death, injury, loss or damage to myself or my property howsoever caused arising out of or in connection with the events and whether the same may have been contributed to or occasioned by the negligence of the Club.

I recognize and acknowledge that there are inherent risks and hazards as danger from avalanches, sudden changes in weather, falls on steep terrain, failure of climbing equipment, and the possibility of becoming lost as well as all other hazards associated with hiking, mountaineering, wilderness travel and the other pursuits of the Club and I agree to assume all such risks and hazards, and I further agree to bear all costs of rescue or medical attention rendered to me personally arising from the events.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AND ACCEPT ITS TERMS.

Dated on the            day of            , 19

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

.....  
To be completed by junior members, (15 to 18yrs at the time of camp), and parent or guardian.....

Name                                  Birthdate                                  \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or guardian, by signing below you hereby certify you will accompany the junior member to camp where you will bear full legal responsibility for their safety and well being. Further, that by signing you acknowledge the preceeding waiver will apply to the junior member on whose behalf you are signing as a parent or legal guardian.

Parent                                  Date                                  \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian                                  Date                                  \_\_\_\_\_

(If a parent is to accompany a junior member to camp, only one signature is required. If a guardian accompanies the junior member, the parent must also sign this form in acknowledgement and full acceptance of all previously stated provisions, as well as signifying your approval of the guardian who shall accompany your son or daughter to camp).

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Mar 13	Hoder Creek area (C3) Exact destination to depend on conditions	Ken Holmes	362-7723
Mar 20	London Ridge (B3) Access via logging roads, some steep skiing.	Peter McIver	362-9513
Mar 27	Record Ridge (B3) Start at Granite Mt. Tele or AT	Chris Overton	362-7178
Apr 3	TBA (C3) Destination to depend on weather & snow.	Howie Ridge	354-4909
Apr 10	Mt. Brennan Details on next page Retallack 0645 [1 hr. 15 min. drive from Nelson]	Fred Thiessen Pat Taddy	352-6140 265-4385

Grading: the full explanation appeared with the Winter Trips Schedule. Here's a brief guide:

Physical difficulty: A (not strenuous) to D (extremely strenuous)

Technical difficulty: 1 - XC gear adequate - trails, gentle slopes  
2 - moderate slopes, off trail, experienced XC  
3 - telemark/alpine touring gear required

## 25TH ANNIVERSARY!!!

In the spring of 1989 the KMC (alias Kootenay Section of the Alpine Club) and the Kootenay Karabiner will be 25 years old. What should we do to celebrate? One suggestion is a slide show of the history of the Club at the 1989 Spring Dinner - camps, Mulvey trail, climbing schools, Slocan Chief work parties and the lot. Perhaps a commemorative climb? Fortunately, Mulvey trail clearing is not an option. If you have any ideas, bring them to the Spring Dinner next month, or call any member of the Executive.

MOUNTAINEERING SCHOOL & CLIMBING CAMP APPLICATIONS ATTACHED

MT. BRENNAN, April 10, 1988. (2900 m)

The spring ski tour of the year. A joint venture of the Nakusp Rambling and Outing Club (P. Taddy, L. Allis) plus probationary day member F. Thiessen (also KMC) to attempt a spring ascent.

Details: vertical gain 1900 m  
probability of successful ascent low  
probability of good weather low  
probability of good skiing low

So why do we want to go? Well, if the weather is good it's a great tour and if you come you receive a ribbon and a beer. Contact Fred (352-6140) or Pat Taddy (265-4385) if you are interested.

(It's not that bad! Your editor has reached the summit 3 times in 3 attempts - twice in good weather - but never with more than 300 m of good skiing. However, she needs a much longer day than these three!)

#### HIKING CAMP ACCESS

Joan Harvey

Please note: participants have the option of helicoptering in to camp or hiking in (approx. 2 hours - or all day, if you like!)

The road is passable to high clearance 2-wheel drive vehicles, eg. trucks, Landcruisers, VW's and other indestructibles. Short wheel base cars will make it but the drive will be slower. This ain't the road for your Malibu or T-bird!

#### KARABINER NEWS

Kim Kratky

The Karabiner Chairman would like to recognize everyone who helped with the production of Karabiner '87, especially those who submitted articles and photos. John Carter should be thanked for working on advertising, Earl Jorgensen and Elizabeth Wallach for researching the history of Hiking Camps, Sue Port and Wendy Hurst for proofreading, and Janice Isaac for typing and incidentals. The KMC owes a great debt to the production team of Karen Harris, Jeff Bustard, Rick Sherstobitoff, Sergio D'Argence and Blaine Ellis. We would also like to thank their mentors at Selkirk College's Graphic Arts Department, Ron Woodward and Fred Wah. If there is anyone I have forgotten, please excuse the oversight.

Finally, the Editor would like to hear comments - both pro and con - so we can make Karabiner '88 an even better production. We look forward to any articles and photos (prints are preferred - ski touring pictures are badly needed).

*Apologies to: Rod Beauprie, for leaving his name off the list of the Executive that was printed in Karabiner '87. He is indeed the Trips Chairman, and*

*Delia Roberts, who should have been listed as co-author with Fred Thiessen of the article "Food quantities".*

IF YOU HAVE NOT YET PICKED UP YOUR 1987 KARABINER, PLEASE DO SO SOON!

## KOKANEE PARK THREATENED AGAIN

Unfortunately we did not receive the Kokanee Glacier Park Draft Master Plan in time to prepare an article for the last Newsletter, and with responses due by March 1 this is rather late. The Club has responded, as we hope have many individual members who have been involved in the planning process. However, the mining issue is so potentially threatening that we ask all concerned Club members to make their views known as soon as possible.

There is not the space to reproduce the entire KMC response. The main points are as follows: (with quotes from the KMC response)

## Mineral resources

This is the area of greatest concern. As you are probably aware, existing mineral claims within the Park were downgraded to "Recreation Areas", which allow for mineral exploration and development. This was in response to a Supreme Court decision that such claims must be bought out by the government, or be allowed to operate. The new areas added to the Park were also classified as Recreation Areas.

"Regarding pre-existing claims throughout the Park, we feel that Parks should acquire these claims and convert them to Class A status as soon as possible."

However, not content with development of existing claims, the plan proposes a two-year geological survey (already underway) of the whole park, to be conducted by the Ministry of Mines. At the end of this, in 1989, areas determined by the study to merit further mineral exploration, evaluation or development will be designated as Recreation Areas, and those which warrant exclusion of all mining activity will be designated as Class A park.

"Regarding the two year mineral assessment program: Our Club does not support this program. This appears to contravene the very nature of park creation, which is to create an area for public use and recreation. The creation of a park foregoes the option of mineral exploration.

It seems that the future of the Park re Class A or Recreation Area status is alarmingly vague after the two year assessment period. Who will be making this decision and is the decision reviewable? We feel that the entire Park, with the exception of pre-existing claims, should be returned to Class A, the status which it properly enjoyed prior to June 17, 1965."

The Club also opposed the length of time available for exploration in designated Recreation Areas, which is 10 years, with a further 10 years if needed.

"The implications are that the entire Park could be continually open for mineral exploration, not just for pre-existing claims, or the added Recreation Areas. WE ARE OPPOSED TO THIS."

The Draft Plan proposes that the Parks Branch will regulate mining and impose reclamation guidelines by issuing Resource Use Permits. However, the Appendix contains an agreement between the

Ministries of Parks and Mines which states:

"The terms and conditions of the Resource Use Permit respecting mineral exploration, development and mining will be no more stringent than those required elsewhere by the Province outside Recreation Areas." (Emphasis added)

Other points covered in the KMC response:

1. We are against helicopter access for fishing,
2. We do not object to heli access in winter, but do not support it in summer, and not to support commercially based camps etc.
3. In general, we oppose horse use in the Park,
4. We do not see the need for further cabins in areas readily accessible from the Slocan Chief area,
5. Private sector role: "This popular, easily accessed Park has traditionally been used by the non-commercial sector. We feel that the private sector can find ample opportunities for facility oriented recreation outside the Park. The use of the Park by guided parties is acceptable providing that it is non-facility oriented. We do NOT support the use of the existing cabins by commercial groups, nor the erection of new cabins for commercial use."
6. We support the access policy giving high priority to providing two-wheel drive access to the Park.
7. We support the visual management statements re access corridors and regret that they are a year too late for the Kokanee Creek corridor.

From an excellent three-page release from the Valhalla Wilderness Society on the "disintegration of Kokanee Park" comes the following summary of their presentation:

"The deadline for input in the Draft Plan is about March 1. People who do not want Kokanee Park to become another Strathcona Park must flood the offices of the Parks Ministry with protests NOW. The key points to stress are:

1. The Ministry of Mines must not be allowed to study Kokanee Glacier Park, or any other existing park, for ore deposits.
2. NO new mineral claims in Kokanee Park should be allowed under any disguise.
3. Existing mineral claims should be purchased by the government.
4. The entire Park should be given Class A status."

THE TIME TO WRITE IS NOW! Please send letters to both:

Regional Director, Southern Interior Region, Outdoor Recreation  
Division,  
Ministry of Environment & Parks, 101-1050 W. Columbia St.,  
Kamloops, B.C. V2G 1L4

Hon. Bruce Strachan, Minister of Environment & Parks,  
Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X4

## TRIP REPORT

KUSKANAX CREEK, Feb. 21

Fred Thiessen

(Actually Newbrand Crk., between Wood &amp; Rogers Creeks)

We parked the "Cruiser" at 4200' and skied along the valley bottom to the end of the creek. We then briefly crossed into Bremner Crk., then into Wood Crk. to ascend a 7500' summit in high winds. We had a fast descent to the Cruiser. Good outing and lovely terrain. Our drive down the Kuskanax was briefly slowed by a 5 ft. deep, 30 ft. wide avalanche which was negotiated with the assistance of some road machinery parked conveniently close by.

We were: Pat Taddy, Peter McIver, Fred Thiessen.

## MULVEY BASIN HUT

Parks Branch is seriously considering replacing the Mulvey Hut and has suggested that the KMC be involved in this project at some level - advice re location, construction, maintenance etc. At the last Executive meeting a motion was passed that the Club enter into discussion with the Parks Branch concerning the joint construction of a new Valhalla Hut. Paul Allen is now the Cabins & Trails Chairman and would welcome any suggestions, comments etc. on this topic.

## NEW (AND RETURNED) MEMBERS

Arcovio, John, Box 714, Cold Lake, Alta, T2A 0V0  
 Flint, Heather, 2699 McMillan Rd., Abbotsford, B.C. V2S 5W5  
 Knox, Kay, Box 1003, Kaslo, B.C. VOG 1M0  
 Sanford, Cindy, Box 1111, Kaslo, B.C. VOG 1M0 353-2958  
 Taddy, Pat & Linda Allis, Box 518, Nakusp, VOG 1R0 265-4385

## NEW IN THE KMC LIBRARY

The Bugaboos, an alpine history, by J.F. Garden. Revelstoke, Footprint Publishing, 1987.

Wonderful photos and evocative history of the climbing of these superb peaks.

Mountaineering and its literature, by W.R. Neate. Seattle, The Mountaineers, 1978.

A descriptive bibliography of selected works published in the English language, 1744-1976. Donated by Fred Thiessen.

Parks in British Columbia; emerging realities, ed. by Peter J. Dooling. Vancouver, U.B.C., 1985. Proceedings of a Symposium on parks in British Columbia, Feb. 1984.

Useful background reading in the struggle to save our parks. ("Won" by the editor at the opening of the on-line catalogue at Selkirk College.)

1988 CLIMBING CAMP July 23 - August 1

Location: Melville Group, Battle Range. Last visited by the KMC in 1974, this area was the choice of phone-in and mail-in voters. The rock in this area is generally solid (granite) and offers fine mountaineering on peaks ranging from 10,640' to 9,250'. From camp up to twenty peaks can be climbed as one-day trips. Camp will be located at the snout of the Houston Glacier in a desert-like (Afghanistan) surrounding.

Access: Drive up the Duncan River road; flight in will likely be from the confluence of the Duncan R. and Houston Crk.

Map: 82 K 14

Fees and deadlines: Total cost \$275. Non-refundable deposit of \$50.00 is required with your application form. Full payment is due not later than June 30. Make cheques payable to Kootenay Mountaineering Club.

Cancellations: Deposits are non-refundable. The balance is refundable until June 30, after which time the total fee is forfeited unless a suitable replacement is found. Organizers will assist in finding a replacement, but the responsibility for doing so rests with the member.

Number of participants: Organizers would prefer to limit attendance to approx. 20 people in order not to tax the camp kitchen etc.

Camp will provide break fasts, dinners, a cook and the flight in and out. Participants supply their own lunches, tents and climbing gear.

For more details, call Fred Thiessen at 352-6140 (home) or 354-6200 (work). Information on equipment, participants, meeting time etc. will be sent to all applicants, plus a waiver to be signed. If you have the copy of the waiver from the February Newsletter, please send it in with your application.

Literary and other requirements: Participants are expected to have read Moby Dick by Herman Melville by the time of camp, and to know the difference between a forecandle and a jugger.

A COOK is needed. Please call Fred if you are interested or have a suggestion. There is a modest stipend.

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1988 CLIMBING CAMP APPLICATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: home \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ work \_\_\_\_\_

I require a ride \_\_\_\_\_ I have transportation \_\_\_\_\_

I have space for \_\_\_\_\_ riders

I have a truck or van which could transport camp food and equipment (we cover costs) \_\_\_\_\_

Send with \$50.00 deposit to: Fred Thiessen, 167-B Trevor St.,  
Nelson, B.C. V1L 2W2

## KMC BASIC MOUNTAINEERING COURSE 1988

This Basic Course is a general course intended for beginners. The course will include general aspects of wilderness travel, mountain hazards and safety, rock climbing, glacier travel and crevasse rescue.

### Schedule

- |                     |  |
|---------------------|--|
| 1. Lecture          | April 27 at Selkirk College  |
| 2. Rock Climbing    | May 11, 18, 25, and June 1 at the<br>Kinnaird Bluffs Castlegar                   |
| 3. Lecture          | June 8 at Selkirk College  |
| 4. Snow Practice    | June 11 at Ymir Bowl   |
| 5. Ice Snow Weekend | June 18, 19 Glacier Creek {may have to<br>change place, depending on conditions} |

### Requirements

1. KMC member
2. 14 years of age minimum
3. good physical condition
4. signing of the KMC Indemnity and Release of Liability

### Fees

Club Membership	single: \$20    junior: (14-18) \$10
Course	\$55 (includes rental of harness, helmet, ice-axe, crampons).

If you are interested in enrolling in this course please complete the application form and send a cheque or money order payable to the Kootenay Mountaineering Club to:

Esther Neufeld  
R.R. #3  
Nelson, B.C.  
V1L5P6

If you have any questions please feel free to call me at 229-5487.

THERE IS A LIMITED ENROLLMENT  
DEADLINE for applications is April 11, 1988

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### Application for KMC Mountaineering Course

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

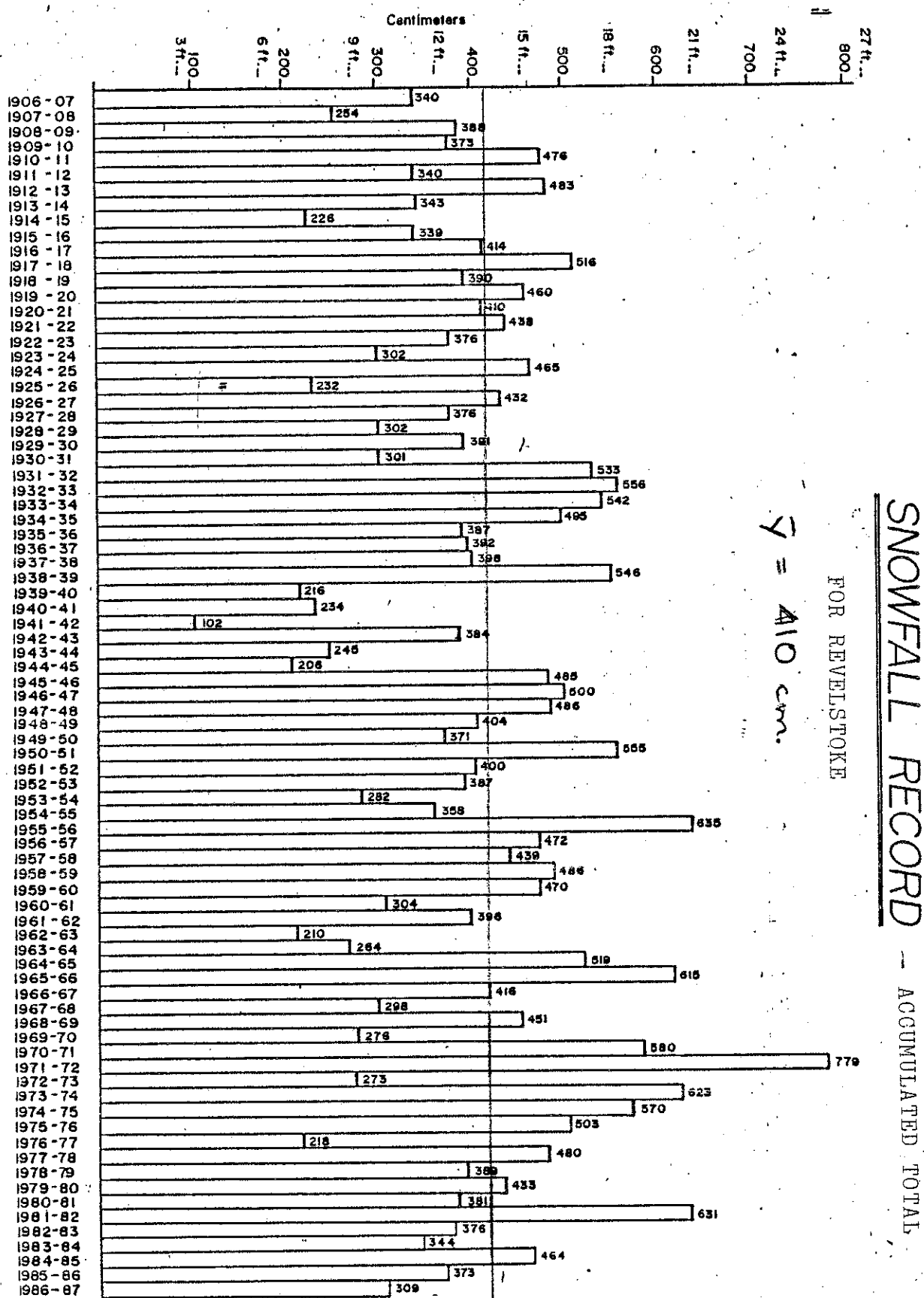
Address \_\_\_\_\_

Adult \_\_\_\_ Junior \_\_\_\_



# REMEMBER WHEN IT REALLY SNOWED?

Fred Thiessen has sent this chart of the snowfall record for Revelstoke, noting that people may think back to the early 70's as average snowfall years when in reality they were far above average. Note the extreme lows in the early 40's.



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# KOO ENAY MOUNTAIN CLIMBING CLUB

APRIL 1988

## NEWSLETTER

APRIL 20

SLIDE SHOW

"WHATEVER HAPPENED TO WARREN J. HARDING?"

Wednesday, April 20, 7:30 p.m. Selkirk College\* \$5.00

Harding was one of the most active and controversial figures to make the Yosemite scene. Between 1954 and 1970 he was considered the greatest bolt technician and made many first ascents on Yosemite walls. His 1970, twenty-two day, ascent of the Wall of the Early Morning Light was the last of the major bolting epics in the valley. He was much criticised by the upcoming generation of free climbers. The Dawn Wall presented Harding with an opportunity to become a media star, a challenge he took up with much gusto. He formed his own company BAT (Basically Absurd Technology) and published the satirical book Downward Bound.

\* Gymnasium

### SPRING POTLUCK DINNER AND SLIDE SHOW

APRIL 29 - Nordic Hall, Castlegar - 6:30 for dinner at 7 p.m.

For the dinner please bring:

MAIN DISH - surnames starting with A to H

DESSERT -

SALAD/VEGETABLES -

I to O

P to Z

Bring lots! Enough  
to feed at least 3  
hungry KMC'ers  
per person.

There will be a \$3.00 cover charge for rolls, coffee & hall rental.

There are some great cooks in the Club. Come and enjoy the food, the company and some entertaining slides.

### AND PUT IN YOUR TWO BITS WORTH FOR THE SUMMER TRIPS SCHEDULE

Rod has announced a very informal meeting after all the dishes are done. All are welcome for as long or short a time as you can spare. If you are not able or willing to attend, any suggestions re trips or possible leaders will be gratefully received by your Trips Chairman, Rod Beauprie (362-5579).

## SCHEDULED TRIP

May 21-23 MT. CONRAD (C 3) Ken Holmes 362-7723  
A long tour in the spectacular Bugaboos/Vowell Glacier area. High altitude winter camping and sturdy gear. Call well in advance.

*Abject apologies to Peter McIver for leaving his Easter weekend trip out of the "Scheduled trips" list in the last newsletter. We hope that any who were interested had noted it from the Winter Trip Schedule.*

## HIKING CAMP NEWS

Vacancies as of March 27: 1st camp (July 23-30) - 9 spaces  
2nd camp (July 30 - Aug. 6) - 2 spaces  
3rd camp (Aug. 6-13) - 3 spaces

For current information call Joan Harvey at 352-5666

Camp rosters, travel instructions and equipment list will be sent to all participants in June.

## TRIP REPORTS

SKI TRIP TO MCKEAN LAKES LODGE, March 2-5 John Stewart

The lodge and lakes are just below 7,000' at the S.W. corner of Valhalla Park. The ridges, to 8,500', are lightly forested or open for steep to moderate skiing. The Gfroerers' hospitality and meals are excellent. This winter, access is by Hoder Creek road (ploughed to the second bridge), then a 10 mile ski, 4,000' climb over the Woden-McKean 8,000' ridge. No bushwhacking, but steep and very interesting in a whiteout!

The cost is \$40 per day per person, all meals included, for 4 to 8 people. Phone 355-2518.

The party of Earl Jorgensen, Garth Thomson, Jack Steed, & John Stewart had fantastic skiing with almost a foot of new snow the first day.

CLEARWATER CREEK TO YMIR, March 6. Leader Earl Jorgensen and 5 others made the crossover in less than ideal conditions. New wet snow on the Clearwater Creek road stuck to skins and skis and just below the pass we were confronted by a rough and muddy just-bulldozed road from the pass to a mine. Fortunately, the snow of the night before had not been ploughed off the road on the other side of the pass, making the descent down Huckleberry Creek possible but not pleasant. This trip is not recommended if miners are using the road up from Ymir.

LONDON RIDGE, March 20. 9 members met at 8:30 a.m. at Retallack for Peter McIver's famous "Not-Goat-Creek" trip and after a half-hour standing in the rain decided to depart for the Whitewater Ski Area and 5-Mile Basin (higher and perhaps snowing). One flat tire and a disconnected gear-shift linkage later it was decided that we weren't destined to ski that soggy day. One member was heard to observe that never before had everyone emerged smiling from a Goat Creek trip!

## K.M.C. RENTAL PIEPS

For the next two months (April & May), the Rossland Pieps will be available from Chris Overton (362-7178).

(In Nelson, chez Fred Thiessen, 352-6140)

1st CANADIAN ROCK CLIMBING COMPETITION

Hosted by the A.C.C. in the Canmore area. The ACC newsletter says July 16/17; the Banff Section one says July 9/10. Accommodation in the ACC Clubhouse, barbecue Saturday evening, awards Sunday afternoon.

That's all we know; for more information phone or write:

Alpine Club of Canada, Box 1026, Banff, Alberta T0L 0C0 (403)762-4481

*and more climbing!*

CLIMBER'S FESTIVAL, CALGARY, OCTOBER 28-30

Speakers, panels, demonstrations, films, socials, plus the Canadian Mountain Arts competition. The latter is intended to promote amateur talent and will include creative writing, paintings, drawings, photo and film.

For further information on events or entries in the Arts competition:

Chic Scott, c/o Calgary Climbers Festival, 112 Woodside Bay S.W.,  
Calgary, Alberta, T2W 3K7 (403)238-3818

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Address changes:

Bob & Alice Korfman, #220 - 1002 McKenzie Ave., Victoria V8X 4B5  
479-3185

Sally MacLean, 2009 West 49th Ave., Vancouver, V6J 2L4 731-9051

Jeff & Anne Ross, Box 434, Garibaldi Highlands, B.C. V0N 1T0 898-4439

New Members:

Claude Tremblay, Box 167, Robson, B.C. V0G 1X0

*and for the masochists -*

Fred Thiessen has passed on a notice for THE 1990 TRANS-ELLESMEERE ISLAND EXPEDITION, which plans to travel 1000 km in 2½ months, starting April 1990. Food and equipment will be hauled by the participants in pulks.

"If you are interested in taking part in this expedition and have the appropriate experience, please write to:

John Dunn, Box 71, 188, 401-9th Ave. S.W., Calgary Alberta, T2P 3K5

A maximum personal cost of about \$5,000 will hopefully be greatly reduced by sponsorship."

From Box 3195

Northern Lights Alpine Recreation, Box 399, Invermere, V0A 1K0.  
Brochure of their summer camps, climbs & expeditions.

## MORE ON PARKS

K.M.C. has received a copy of Striking the balance, an outline of B.C. parks policy published by the Ministry of Environment & Parks, January 1988. This is stated to be the first ever formal policy statement on B.C. parks.

It is filled with nice pictures and ringing statements about conserving recreation and wilderness features for perpetuity. However, a few sections caught our eye. Concerning the history of B.C. parks:

History has shaped more than the acquisition of lands for the park system. Over time, our park system has developed with boundary adjustments and a flexibility to social requirements. During periods when stimulating the economy was paramount, parks have been opened to resource extraction. Today, all Parks are closed to such activities, but a very few of these commercial commitments remain legally binding.

However, in the description of parks classifications, we read that:

There are park reserves in the system temporarily classified as Recreation Areas because they either:

- have resource commitments within their boundaries from earlier history, or (emphasis added)
- are having a mineral resource evaluation done under a time-limited tenure.

In Kokanee Park, we so far have Recreation Areas declared only under the first condition (and in the areas newly added to the Park), but the mineral resource evaluation currently underway may result in other areas of the Park also being classified as Recreation Areas (and thus open to mineral exploration/extraction). It is meaningless to state that all Parks are closed to resource extraction when they are threatened with being downgraded to Recreation Areas on the basis of a mineral resource evaluation (conducted by the Ministry of Mines). Does this mean that we are again in a period when "stimulating the economy is paramount"?

We can find no stated justification in the policy outline for the re-opening of parks to mineral exploration. Letters asking why this is occurring can be sent to:

Hon. Bruce Strachan, Minister of Environment & Parks,  
Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X4

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From a recent Valhalla Society publication on the threat to Kokanee Park comes the following description of resource exploration and extraction in the past:

An example from Kokanee Park, itself, illustrates the problems which are to come. In 1967 a company known as Homestake Silver bought a Park Use Permit to do some exploration in the Park. The provincial government granted the company \$25,000 toward the building of a road to the mine. The road was built in utter disregard of park guidelines. Only part of the road was reclaimed. The section which goes from Gibson Lake to the mine has never been reclaimed and remains an unsightly scar and a source of erosion. Careless operation at the mine also resulted in a 1,500 gallon diesel oil spill into Gibson Lake. The company was asked to clean it up, and it started to do so, but went bankrupt. The Parks Branch had to haul oil-soaked logs out of the lake and burn them. Yet Homestake Silver had never shipped a ton of ore out of the mine. It is a common practice for mining companies to go bankrupt when a mine fails or the investors have been exhausted. Who then pays the bill for reclamation? The taxpayers do, if indeed the bill is paid at all.

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# KOO ENAY MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

MAY 1988

## NEWSLETTER

THE GATES ARE DOWN FOR GOOD!!!

Bannockburn Creek access to Mulvey Basin in Valhalla Park is now assured. The private land through which the Little Slokan Lakes Road passed has been purchased by the provincial government. A Club member who walked the road last year reports high-clearance, two-wheel drive access up the Bannockburn valley, but washouts and weak bridges once into the logged areas. The Club will write to Howard Dirks, MLA, Nelson-Slocan, to thank him for his efforts to effect this outcome.

We also note from a newspaper report of May 8 that the Drinnon Lake area has been transferred from Slokan Forest Products TFL #3 to the Ministry of Environment and Parks, to be added to Valhalla Provincial Park. SFP will continue to maintain road access via Hoder Creek to the Drinnon Lake trailhead.

As usual, the NEWSLETTER PUBLISHING SCHEDULE will become even more erratic during the summer, due to holidays, copying facility shut-downs and various other excuses.

JUNE/JULY NEWSLETTER - to be published late June - deadline June 15

AUGUST NEWSLETTER - published mid August - deadline August 10

The editor will be away most of the time between the two publications. Please mail those trip reports, comments, ads etc. to 10th Ave. or Box 3195. Accounts of non-Club trips are always welcome, and notes on road and trail access are especially useful.

The SUMMER TRIPS SCHEDULE is attached. We hope that most of you will have received it in time for the first trip,

MAY 15, along the old K & S Railway line.

Please note Rod's appeal for further day hike leaders, especially during the period of the summer camps and in the fall. Additions and changes will be printed in subsequent Newsletters.

## NOTES FROM AN EXECUTIVE MEETING, APRIL 12

Cabins: Paul Allen sought direction. The Club is acquiring some responsibilities for the huts in the Bonnington Range (Copper, Grassy & Huckleberry) and would like to be involved in the planning and perhaps construction of a new Mulvey Hut. However, the executive expressed a concern that the Club not become over committed to cabin maintenance; there seems to be quite a small number of Club members who are willing/able to take part in work parties. Paul is seeking clarification on the proposed agreement between the Forest Service and KMC on the maintenance of the three cabins in the Bonnington Range.

Treasurer: Garth Thomson reported a \$64 surplus for 1987 - not much of a margin! The recent fee increase certainly seems to have been necessary. Both Karabiner and Newsletter costs were somewhat over budget; means of keeping these costs down were discussed. The Treasurer's report was presented at the Spring Dinner.

Conservation: The Club has sent a written submission to the Special Advisory Committee on issues affecting Strathcona Park and has asked that hearings be held in the Interior as well as on the Island, since the issues also affect parks such as Kokanee.

### HIKING CAMP

Joan Harvey notes that participants have been confirmed in the camp of their choice. As of the end of April there are the following openings:

Camp 1 - 3 spaces, Camp 2 - 2 spaces, Camp 3 - 1 space.

For the few who have not yet paid their 1988 membership: please do so immediately (to Garth Thomson, Treasurer).

### TRIP REPORT

MT. BRENNAN, 9300', April 10, 1988. Eight KMC'ers set out from Retallack (3400') at 7 a.m. on a cloudless day. Skis were carried up the road (1½ hours) and, by most, to above the top of the cable way. One member slipped on the hard crust below the lake; she descended and took herself to the Kaslo Hospital for treatment for a badly scraped arm. The soft snow and sweltering temperatures in the gully above the lake gave way to wintry conditions on the endless summit ridge. The three on telemark skis were on top in a little over 5 hours, while the other two who made the summit took a couple of hours longer. The ski down was as varied as usual, with considerable new avalanche debris beside and below the lake. Some of those on alpine skis were very glad to have them for the descent, which took the last group 1½ hours from summit to cars.

On the trip: Pat Taddy (L), Gary Williams, Peter Tchir, Norm Thyer, Ken & Rita Holmes, Bert & Sue Port. (Fred - where are the promised ribbons?)

### KMC T-SHIRTS

There are a few of the white KMC T-shirts with the blue & green mountain design available, sizes Medium (38-40), Large (42-44) and XL (46-8) at \$11 each. Contact Sue Port (365-6056) if you are interested.

SPRING DINNER - About 30 people attended and enjoyed slides of Down Under by Kim Kratky, with the unexpected bonus of slides by Jeff Lakes of his recent travel/climbing in Australia & New Zealand. He just happened to have them packed in his car ready for a next morning start for Yosemite.

### NEW MEMBERS

Bredenkamp, Barend, Rossland, B.C. VOG 1Y0

Brewster, Steve, c/o 530 E. 41st Ave., Vancouver, V5W 1P3

Knoerr, Susan & Lee Schaeffer, #405 601-8th St. Castlegar, V1N 4B4  
365-7779

Micklethwaite, Janice, Box 652, Rossland, VOG 1Y0 362-5289

### MEMBERSHIP LIST CHANGES

Kienholz, Jim - please correct phone number to 352-2590

MacLean, Sally - the address change in the April Newsletter is incorrect.  
It should have been: 2009 West 15th Ave., Vancouver, V6J 2L4

### NEW NAMES IN THE BATTLE RANGE

In February, after a gathering of some of the participants in the 1987 Climbing Camp, KMC submitted a number of suggestions for unnamed features in the Battle Range to the B.C. representative of the Canadian Permanent Committee on Geographical Names. Most were accepted and are listed below.

In the area of the 1987 camp: Gobi Pass, Ledge Peak, Martini Peak, Gyr Mountain (with Skirmish Peak as a "name of record - i.e. it won't appear on present scale maps), Joust Mountain, Whiteout Peak, Erratum Peak and War Drum Peak. Mt. Hamilton is said to be "clear and acceptable"; however, further biographical information on Ian Hamilton was required and this has been sent.

Between the 1987 camp and the Nemo Group: Iron Glacier, and, on the Iron Ridge, Haematite, Goethite and Ferrite Peaks. To the south of the Iron Glacier, Fish Ridge, with Ventral, Dorsal, Adipose and Caudal Peaks being adopted as names of record.

Redburn (Melville Group) and Mt. Thomas were both rejected (these had merely been passed on from earlier accounts and sketch maps), as was Pipp Peak, being named after living persons (Peter, Ian, Peter, Peter), and thus Squeak Peak along with it. Althernate suggestions will eventually be submitted.

Kim Kratky has the copy of the map submitted with the names if anyone is interested in filling in some blank spaces.



## WANT AD

Hiking boots - Galibier, all leather, size 5 - very little previous use, excellent condition. Good for young growing person. Asking price: \$30.  
Call J. Steed, 352-2196.

## WANT AD

FROM BOX 3195 (these items at Ports if anyone is interested)  
Lemon Creek Lodge, Box 68, Slocan, VOG 2C0, 355-2403 - Summer brochure, including various "Slocan adventure tours": canoe & hiking trips, day & overnight.  
Kumsheen Raft Adventures, Box 30, Lytton, VOK 1Z0 - 1988 brochure.  
Real Travel magazine - Spring 1988 issue.

## CLIMBING THEN AND NOW

*The few of us who attended enjoyed the Warren Harding slide show, and especially visiting with him afterwards. In discussing changing climbing styles, he quoted the well-known British mountaineer, Ian McNaught-Davis, who, when challenged to climb with today's "tigers", said that he would "climb with anyone who drank as much as he did, smoked as much as he did, and was as overweight as he was, but he was damned if he would compete with an anorexic faggot in Lycra tights with a chalk bag."*

From the Alpine Club of Canada newsletter, Winter 1988:

## Summit Registers

At the 1987 Board meeting of the ACC, the position of Coordinator of Summit Registers in the Canadian Rockies was created. Since summit registers form a key part of the human history of mountaineering, and since no formal system is currently in place in the Rockies to consistently ensure their deployment and retrieval, the designation of one person to organize matters was deemed desirable.

Briefly, the responsibilities of the Coordinator are to make available to the climbing public known information on the status of registers on summits. Climbers destined to a particular summit can then elect to take along a register if one is needed, or bring down the old record if full and replace it with a new one. The Coordinator will construct the registers, distribute them, and collect the old material when it is brought down so that it may be deposited at the Archives of the Canadian Rockies in Banff. The newsletters of the Alberta Sections will serve as the principal channel for listing the relevant information.

Significant records brought down — first ascent notes, or those documenting ascents of notoriety — will be photocopied and the copies hopefully returned to the summits at a later date. Realizing that an enjoyable part of mountaineering is reading in a register who has reached a summit previously, it is not the aim of this program to remove all trace of previous visitors from summits! Rather it is to attempt to preserve the written record before Nature erases it. Accordingly an accessible catalogue of summit records on file will be created in conjunction with the Archives of the Canadian Rockies.

This then is a call for information. The establishment of this program and its eventual success, hinge on the climbing public volunteering relevant information, and being willing to invest the time, postage and telephone calls to pull it off. The following request is made particularly of those who have done exploratory mountaineering in the Rockies.

In a letter or a phone call, please supply the following information for named summits in the Rockies over 9000ft/2743m, and unnamed summits over 10000ft/3048m:

1. Summits which do not have registers.
2. Summits which have registers and: (a) the written records need to be replaced; (b) the register housing is damaged or inadequate and needs to be replaced.
3. Summits upon which you have placed registers since 1984.
4. Summits which have a significant item of historical interest: an ice axe, piton, survey marker etc. It is not the aim of this program to remove these items, but to catalogue them — if possible with an indication of their origin. Photographs of these items would be most valuable.

Please forward to: Graeme Pole, Summit Register Coordinator, Cathedral House, PO Box 57, Field, B.C. V0A 1G0, (604) 343-6489.

*The Alpine Club of Canada would like to thank Graeme for volunteering to coordinate this most worthwhile endeavour. And to the mountaineering public, please assist Graeme in whatever way you can.*

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# KOOTENAY MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

## NEWSLETTER

JUNE / JULY 1988

### SCHEDULED TRIPS

- June 29 COLUMBIA R. CANOE TRIP Dave Adams 399-4256  
Robson ferry (5 p.m.) to Trail - dinner at the Colander.  
Call to arrange transportation & meal.
- July 1-3 MTS. FEUZ & HASLER (C 3) Hamish Mutch 428-2389  
Access from Roger's Pass & Glacier Circle. Peaks over  
11,000' in the Dawson Massif.
- July 9-10 SUGARLOAF (C 3) Kim Kratky 352-2895  
Long day (16 h?) but brief bush, easy snow. South of  
Glacier Park - latest in the Duncan-Beaver series of climbs!
- July 10 MT. VINGOLF (A 1) Bob Dean 359-7759  
North end Slocan L. - new approach route.
- July 16-17 MT. BEGBIE (C 2) Pat Taddy 265-4385  
Prominent double peak just south of Revelstoke.
- July 17 MT. SPHINX OUTLIERS (A 2) Yvonne Tremblay 825-9238  
Modest scramble to alpine in this area above Crawford Bay.
- July 23 to August 14 Climbing & Hiking Camps
- Aug 6-7 SORCEROR (B 3) Fred Thiessen 352-6140  
East edge Glacier Park; car camp nr. Revelstoke Fri. night.
- Aug 6-7 PRESTLEY (B 2) Janice Isaacs 352-3895  
Return to the scenic Mulvey Basin.
- Aug 13-14 GLACIER DOME (B 2-3) Armin Hasenkox 354-4555  
Nr. Monica Meadows, Lake of Hanging Glaciers, Easy  
glacier travel. *Glacier on campground 0700 Sat.*
- Aug 20-21 BIRTHDAY & EYEBROW (C 2) Paul Allen 362-5832  
Howser Crk. access for one or both; see 1987 Karabiner.
- Aug 20 OLD GLORY (B 1) Garth Thomson 362-7649  
Easy trails on this annual 3,000', 8-mile round trip hike.

*Please call the leader several days before the trip date, especially for major trips.*

TRIP LEADER WANTED: for Labour Day weekend (Sept. 3-5). Call Rod Beauprie (your destination or his).

There was no response to Rod's appeal for additional leaders for summer trips; therefore, no complaints re lacks will be tolerated!

TRIP LEADERS - if you are unable to take your trip, please try to find a replacement and inform Rod of the change.

PARTICIPANTS - can't reach the leader? Try calling the Trips Chairman, Rod Beauprie, 362-5579.

Share the good times (and the bad) - a brief account of Club trips, including access and route information, is EXPECTED by the editor of this Newsletter. Leaders - please command a participant to send one in, or do it yourself. (or phone it in)

CLIMBING CAMP is full. Remember that your balance owing is due  
JULY 1, 1988.

HIKING CAMPS - All those attending should have received an information sheet with this newsletter.

#### FOR SAFER, HAPPIER TRIPS

Some time ago Norm Thyer sent us a copy of an article on "Bush-wackology" from Explore magazine, and some related comments of his own on "stragglers". We have not been able to reprint the several pages submitted in the Newsletter, but we appreciate his drawing attention to problems of group leadership, differing abilities and group splintering which occur frequently.

The GUIDELINES FOR LEADERS AND PARTICIPANTS printed on the back of the Summer Trip Schedule (and the much more complete ones of last year) try to address some of these problems. Please try to keep them in mind as you lead/join the trips this summer.

#### TRIP REPORT

HAUTE ROUTE & MT. BLANC, April 18 - May 4, 1988. Fred Thiessen

Having heard the stories about the Haute Route, Jeff & Delia Roberts and I decided to participate in a European ski tour to see what it was really like. Once in Chamonix we skied the Vallee Blanche to warm up, then started out the next day on the route. We started in Argentiere, and then to Champex via the Trient Hut. Then from Verbier to Zermatt via the Praflueri, Dix, Vignette & Bougetin Huts.

After a break we attempted Mt. Blanc but turned after being stopped in an avalanche. Both are more lengthy stories. Full reports will be in the Karabiner.

(and the Club is very glad that it still has its President!)

*Welcome to the following new members (full address on attached list):*

*Peter Bullock, Castlegar  
Ezra Calwel, Slocan Park  
Irene Haas, Rossland  
Stan Hadikin, Castlegar*

*Robert McLean, Rossland  
Heather Wright, Trail  
Ivan Velisek & family, Slocan Park*

## POSTSCRIPT TO NEW BATTLE RANGE NAMES

Mount Hamilton (located 50 51' 35" N, 117 20' 05" W) has been processed for official adoption. The letter from the B.C. representative on the Canadian Permanent Committee on Geographical Names also notes that "your efforts on our behalf are appreciated, and with the advent of 1:20 000 mapping the naming of previously unnamed features will benefit all map users. Best wishes for your Houston Glacier camp this summer; I'll look forward to receiving further name submissions from your group". (Names for Thomas, Pipp & Squeak are still needed)

WANT ADS      WANT ADS      WANT ADS      WANT ADS      WANT ADS      WANT ADS

FOR SALE: one pair Fire rock climbing shoes, size 9,  
moderate use for two seasons.  
\$55 - compare at \$110

Call: Kim Kratky, 352-3895

WANTED: one pair of Jumars who are interested in travelling  
to Brazil!

Call: David Bristow, 365-7814

WANTED: a space to stay over 2 or 3 nights a week while  
attending Selkirk College (Castlegar) next fall/winter.

Call: Jane Steed, 352-2196

*More New Members - Two new very junior members have joined the Club. Best wishes to Naomi Earthy and Don Mousseau on the birth of their daughter, Machela Mari, on May 5th.*

*and to Vivien Bowers & Eric White, on the birth of their son on May 22.*

## FRIENDS OF WEST KOOTENAY PARKS SOCIETY

This new organization's prime purpose to date has been to take over two functions previously performed by the West Kootenay Naturalists, namely the staffing of the sales desk at the W.K. Visitors Centre in Kokanee Creek Park, and the hiring of summer students through "Challenge 88" to assist in this job. However, its purposes also include:

- to support B.C. Parks mandate of protection, preservation and preservation of the national resources within the West Kootenay District provincial parks.
- to supplement the Park's Interpretation and Visitor Services Programs and to promote educational opportunities within that framework.
- to facilitate promotions, public programs, school programs and special events compatible with the Park's natural environment and the approved objectives for the Parks.

Chairman is Tom Van Alstine (354-4432) and KMC member John Carter (825-4306) is a Director.

Memberships (\$5) are available at the W.K. Visitor Centre, and probably at Snowpack in Nelson.

The Society sponsored the recent presentation in Nelson by the Friends of Strathcona Park.

## FRIENDS OF STRATHCONA PARK

A very small number of KMC'ers attended a presentation by the Friends of Strathcona Park in Nelson on June 16. They were treated to a slide show of the glories of this oldest park in B.C., and of the horrors of polluted streams, dammed lakes and scarred hillsides. The story was told of the fight to prevent further destruction of the park, up to and beyond the arrest of 38 usually law-abiding citizens for trespassing.

Their struggle continues through political and legal means. The outcome will affect all parks in B.C. with any mineral values (Kokanee being the most obvious in this area). They would appreciate our support, and have promised any help they can give to other groups involved in similar actions in the months and years to come.

The following was published in the Spring 1988 Newsletter of the Alpine Club of Canada.

The address of the Friends is: Box 3404, Courtenay, B.C. V9N 5N5

P.S. to the appeal for trip reports on p. 2.

Some leaders are wonderfully prompt with reports. Earl Jorgensen's account of the trip to Little Snowy Top on June 19 was received in the mail on June 21! Unfortunately it will have to wait for the next Newsletter, but I wanted to commend such a sterling performance.

## Exploitation of Strathcona Park

The current confrontation between the environmental and mining interest in Strathcona Park has been caused by the extreme industrial development bias of British Columbia's Social Credit government. The vast majority of people think a park is an area permanently set aside for recreational use or environmental conservation. Unfortunately current and past Social Credit governments have not thought this. What is happening in Strathcona proves they are willing to release any piece of park land to any entrepreneur who thinks there is money to be made.

In the case of Strathcona Park they would have you believe that they had to allow the miners access to their claims due to the Tener decision. But the Tener decision does not apply to Strathcona Park. In fact when Cream/Silver attempted to get the same court decision for their claims in Strathcona they lost the case. They were planning to appeal the decision but dropped the case when the current government gave them everything they wanted.

The uninformed might wonder why mineral claims could be staked in a park since this seems to go against the very idea of a park. To accomplish this the Social Credit government of WAC Bennett in 1957 changed the status of Strathcona Park from a statutory park, to an order in council park. With this change the government of the day could do anything they wanted with the park without having to push a bill through the legislature. Later it was classified as Class B Park with three Nature Conservancies. Hidden in the definition of a Class B park was the clause that allowed mineral claims to be staked anywhere except in the Nature Conservancies. So while the vast majority of people thought that Strathcona Park's boundaries were unchanged, companies such as Cream/Silver knew what a plum the Social Credit government had thrown them and quickly set about staking claims.

The government and the mining lobby would like you to believe that this mine will be good for the economy of British Columbia and Campbell River in particular. The short term creation of several hundred jobs might be of some benefit but they never talk about the long term consequences of these mines. Recently the BC Environment Ministry announced it was going to spend \$600,000 to clean up an old copper mine on Mt. Washington, just outside of Strathcona Park, that operated for only two years. For 20 years it has polluted the Tsolum River and destroyed the salmon and steelhead runs that used the river. The government also disclosed that there are five other old mines in BC that are polluting the environment. In these cases the people of BC will pay for cleaning up the mess left by the miners. It is quite likely that these costs far outweigh the benefit to the province from the mining.

Near where Cream/Silver is currently drilling, the Wesmin mine is spending upwards of \$1 million per year to operate its settling ponds and pollution control equipment. After they pull out in 10 to 20 years, the old mine site will be a time bomb sitting at the headwaters of Campbell River for hundreds of years. Imagine the devastation to Campbell River's economy if the old mine site started to damage their world famous salmon run. That event would make any current benefit inconsequential.

This is why the Friends of Strathcona Park are fighting so hard to stop further mining in the park. In the past those of us with concerns for the park have dutifully sat through park planning meetings, voiced our concerns and attempted to work within the system to influence park planning. Every one of the concerns we've voiced in over 30 years of consultation has been ignored.

In recent years there has been a multitude of park Master Plans. When one of these came out we voiced our objections and gave suggestions, only to find that plan scrapped and yet another started. Each new plan disregarded all of our earlier suggestions. In the end it became obvious we were wasting our time attending meetings with powerless bureaucrats, who refused to discuss park boundaries or any of the more serious issues. All we were discussing was where the outhouses were going to go. Consequently the outdoor clubs of Vancouver Island began boycotting these meetings.

It became clear that the only way to do anything to fight this government's actions was in the political arena. We are fighting not only for the preservation of Strathcona Park but for the preservation of all the parks in British Columbia. Any one who thinks that this, and future, Social Credit governments won't use this as a precedent for future erosion of parks is ignoring the lessons learnt in the past. The Minister of the Environment has said that he is in favor of Multi-use Parks. These are British Columbia's infamous Recreation Areas, which consist of two types: Clear Cut and Open Pit.

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# KOOTENAY MOUNTAINEERING CLUB NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 1988

## SCHEDULED TRIPS

Aug 28	HILDA PK. (B 2) New trip - Koch Crk. access	Peter Wood	359-7107
Sep 5	MIDGELEY MT. (A 2) Re-scheduled from June 26. Salmo-Creston summit area, spectacular views.	Doris Corbeil	428-9749
Sep 10	RENO MT. & RENO MINE (A 1) South of Salmo, via Sheep Crk.	John Stewart	352-3273
Oct 2	MOUNTAIN BIKE OUTING From Clearwater to Wildhorse Creek and return. Long but easy bike ride.	Myron Reise	352-5640
Oct 8-10	VALLEY OF 10 PEAKS (C 2) Exact destination to depend on weather and hut availability. Contact leader well in advance.	Rod Beauprie	362-5579

SEPT. 23

### ANNUAL CLIMBING & HIKING CAMPS SLIDE SHOW

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 7:30 p.m.

NORDIC HALL, CASTLEGAR

Someone from each camp will be co-ordinating the slides.  
If you have some that shouldn't be missed, call Dave  
Adams (399-4256) for his/her name.

Charge: \$2 for hall rental, refreshments.

HOWEVER, if you have to be in Vancouver that weekend, the ANNUAL  
GENERAL MEETING of the FEDERATION OF MOUNTAIN CLUBS OF B.C. is on  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, at 9 a.m. and we need one or more persons to  
represent K.M.C. Call Fred Thiessen if you are willing.

## TRIP REPORTS

SNOWY TOP, June 19

Earl Jorgensen

This trip to a 7572' mountain just across the U.S. border in Idaho proved to be a very interesting outing. Access was via Hwy 3 and the Maryland Cr. road, which starts 12 km. east of the summit (Stagleap Park), then goes south to Boundary Cr. and west up Monk Cr. The road ends at the border at 5700'. From there a good trail follows the border to a lovely small fishing (not on the map) which straddles the border - hence the good trail. From there the direction is south for 30 min. through easy bush into the U.S. to the base of the mountain. The 16 hikers at this point split into two equal parties, one to climb a snow gully to the west ridge and thence to the top up a tree and grass covered ridge. The other tackled the mountain straight on, up mostly scree with some snow patches. Some of those who chose the latter route found it a bit more vigorous than expected. In any case, all people made it to the summit for interesting views in all directions. The day was cloudless and snow conditions were excellent for kicking steps. With 16 people the times for the different segments of the hike got somewhat extended; thus it took 6 hrs. for what was planned as a 5 hour hike. But heck, the weather was so glorious that people really enjoyed the leisurely pace.

On the trip: Mary & Alan Baker, Stan Baker, Shirley Bonney, Bob Dean, Toni Huber, Earl Jorgensen, Megan Moorcroft, Jane Steed, Kay & John Stewart, Yvonne Tremblay, Anna & Norm Thyer, Mary Woodward and Heather Wright.

SUGARLOAF, 10,742' July 9

Fred Thiessen

In the tradition of light packs and long days, we set off from the end of the Duncan Road (4400') at 5:30 and started up the bush and moraine to the Beaver Glacier at 8500'. From here, we crossed the glacier and then broke into two parties - party A to the south ridge, party B to the sedentary tourist route. We met on top at 1300 h., left at 1400 and descended via the tourist route to reach the cars at 1550. An enjoyable outing. This fine peak gives spectacular views of the southern Selkirks. Needless to say, beer makes one a bit sleepy after a 12 hour day and we couldn't party as we did on previous Duncan/Beaver outings.

We were: C. Overton, K. Holmes, P. McIver, L. Smith, R. Beauprie, L. Stanich, P. Allen, R. Laytham, H. Arnold, F. Thiessen and probationary day member R. Netzel.

MT. VINGOLF, July 10

Bob Dean

Nineteen turned out for the trip, meeting at the old Valhalla Resort turnoff at 8 a.m. We left our cars at the start of the Shannon Lake trail and then, ignoring the trail, we headed upwards onto the ridge. After eating lunch the party split into two groups - ten for the summit and nine down towards the lake. As it happened, those who headed down probably did more climbing than the summit group, since it proved very difficult indeed to get down to the lake.

It was a very enjoyable A1 climb (there was some question about the A1 rating!!)

HIKING CAMPS, July 23 - Aug. 14

We have heard very enthusiastic reports from participants at the first and third camps - great area, lots of variety, good weather and of course good company and food.

CLIMBING CAMP, July 23 - Aug. 1 Fred Thiessen  
Our group of 23 had a great time in the Melville Group, climbing 14 peaks within the immediate area of camp. Paul & Steve did a spectacular 22-lead, south face of Proteus route above camp for the amusement of all. Our weather was sunny and warm, the only bad day being the one on which we flew out. Some of us felt that the glaciers and snowfields had retreated since our 1974 visit. For more detailed accounts of the camp's adventures, wait for the next Karabiner.

MONICA MEADOWS & GLACIER DOME, 13-14 Aug. Norm Thyer  
Our group of 7 gathered at 7 a.m. at a campground near the mouth of Glacier Creek. By 9 o'clock, our 4WD trucks had taken us close to the creek's headwaters. We then slogged up a slope of timber and brush for an hour or so. At last, the brush thinned, and soon after we were up in rolling meadows of grass, larch trees and small lakes, where we made camp around noon.

While the rest of us wandered around the environs of the meadows, Armin and the two Peters headed for the summit of Mt. Monica via the side facing camp. With little time to spare, the obstacle of a short but exposed rock climb prevented them from reaching the main summit. By a longer but more reliable route than their ascent they returned to camp just before dark, to the relief of the rest of us.

The sound of raindrops on the tents in the night discouraged us from the planned 5 a.m. rising, but when we saw that there was only scattered high and medium cloud we soon got going. We took less than 2 hours to reach the ridge above the meadows via a rockslide, and from there on it was a walk over the snowfields above the glaciers. Glacier Dome didn't live up to its name; the summit was snow-free, and Shale Dome would have been more appropriate. But it offered us a panorama of the Purcell Mountains in all directions, and just along the ridge we could look down on the Lake of the Hanging Glaciers, lurking turquoise under dark cliffs and scree, far below the hanging glaciers above its south end.

Our leader had given us a pretty accurate idea of what to expect. The worst part of the trip was at the bottom. How about a trail-building party, anyone?

Present: Rick Bivar, Paul Bogaard, Armin Hasenkox (leader), Peter Lidstone, Robin Lidstone, Peter McIver, Norman Thyer.

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CANADIAN ALPINE JOURNAL - NEW INDEX

The Club has just received its copy of the Cumulative subject and author index, volume 1, 1907, to volume 70, 1987, of the CAJ. This will be a great help to anyone looking for more recent articles, as the previous index covered only to 1966.

For those interested in acquiring a personal copy - it is also available on floppy disk (various formats) at the same price as the hard copy.

The Club has a complete set of the Journal, which is in the Club library, chez Port, 2713 - 10th Ave., Castlegar.



From Box 3195

Banff Festival of Mountain Films: 13th annual, November 4-6, 1988.  
Brochure and order form. (Banff Festival, Banff Centre,  
Box 1020, Banff, Alberta, T0L 0C0)

More re place names on Map 82K/14, Westfall River: a letter from  
the Research Toponymist in Victoria with the following:

Just to keep you in the picture, the Scientific  
Information Division of the National Hydrology Research  
Institute have just advised me that, because the delineation  
of an individual glacier is impossible, they recommend  
that Gyr Icefield would more accurately describe the feature  
previously adopted as "Gyr Glacier".

Our names records and maps will be amended accordingly;  
you may also wish to amend your map(s).

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SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 1988

SCHEDULED TRIP

Oct 8-10      MINI-ROCKWALL TRAIL

Rod Beauprie 362-5579 (eve)

and you are invited on a private trip:

Oct 8-9 TWO-MOUTH LAKE, IDAHO (A1)

Mary Baker 368-3029

A one night "A1" backpack and ridge walk near Bonner's Ferry, Idaho.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28

at the HI-ARROW MOTOR INN, Castlegar

(across from the Castleaird Plaza)

6:30 p.m. for dinner 7 p.m. \$14/person

SEE YOU THERE - BUT FIRST CONTACT, BY MONDAY OCT. 24,

Nelson Kim Kratky/Janice Isaac 352-3895

Castlegar Sue/Bert Port 365-6056

Trail/ Rita/Ken Holmes 362-7723

Rossland

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You STILL HAVE TIME to write that article or send those photos.  
Kim would like them by the end of October.

Photos: b/w preferred, or very good contrast colour prints or slides

And you could start thinking about material for the 1989, 25th anniversary issue - reminiscences, histories, etc.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

There will be the usual committee reports, budget presentation, and ELECTION OF OFFICERS. KMC executive positions are for two years, with half being elected each year. The following positions come vacant this year:

Treasurer   Karabiner Editor   Social   Trips   Conservation

The Nominating Committee of Rod Beauprie(362-5579) and Kim Kratky (352-3895) would be delighted to receive any offers, suggestions etc.

A major topic for discussion and decision will be the almost certain increase in the per member fee which we would have to pay to the Federation of Mountain Clubs of B.C. in order to remain a member Club. The Directors\*have proposed an increase from \$3 to \$9 per member. This will be voted on at a delegates meeting sometime before our AGM, when a vote will have to be held to decide whether KMC members are willing to increase their fees to cover the FMCBC increase (which may be less than the \$6 requested). \*of the FMCBC

The FMCBC is doing an excellent job of representing hikers and climbers' interests in many areas of the province and on a wide range of concerns, but it needs a greater degree of financial support from its members in order to carry on. More information will be presented at the AGM.

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## NOTES FROM AN EXECUTIVE MEETING, September 27, 1988

1) Hikers: think about the trips you made this summer (Club or private) and about which one(s) you might lead next year. There was no lack of suitable destinations, but Rod had great difficulty finding willing leaders.

### 2) Access/Cabins

Bannockburn Road: open to the end to high clearance 4 WD vehicles (until the snow comes)

Mulvey Hut - Paul reports that it is in good shape, with some gas but needing more, and a new outhouse. He notes that there has unfortunately been considerable wood burning at a couple of sites.

### 3) Conservation

Stan Baker has learned from Parks that 50 letters were received in response to the Kokanee Glacier Park Master Plan, and that they were almost unanimous in their condemnation of the Interministry Agreement for the Management of Mineral Resources in "Recreation Areas". This is now under review, and one can hope that the Strathcona Advisory Committee report will have some influence (in spite of the attitude of the Mines Minister - see p. 5).

Thanks to all who wrote these important letters.

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Banff Festival of Mountain Films, November 4-6.

Jane Steed is planning to attend and is looking for others to share a ride with. Call her at 352-2196.

CALGARY CLIMBERS FESTIVAL, OCTOBER 28-30

Guest speakers from around the world and Canada, mountaineering films both new and old, panel discussions, climbing gear, photos, paintings, and a climbing wall to stretch on during breaks. For more information and ticket order forms contact;

Dave Smith, Rossland

Bert Port, Castlegar, 365-6056

Fred Thiessen, Nelson, 352-6140

KOOTENAY KARABINERS - Back issues

There are some back issues available of the last few volumes of the Kootenay Karabiner, at \$5.00 each. Please contact Sue Port (365-6056) if you are interested.

TRIP REPORTS

THE BUGABOOS FROM DUNCAN RIVER

Chris Overton

The Bugs are a popular destination for KMC members so a route from the West Kootenay may interest some. Logging roads up Howser and Rory Creeks provide the closest road access. The top landing on Rory Crk. is at 5000' elevation, 2 hours and 76 km from Lardeau. The route from the landing goes along a fire break, then up and across a steep open hillside to alpine. Crossing two creeks, it then goes up a steep grassy ridge to a campsite at the foot of Howser Peak (elev. 8000', 4 hours from the landing).

The route to the Thimble/Howser Peak col appears to be snowy in early summer but by September when we did the hike the snow had melted, revealing a broken-up glacier and an ice gully. Finding a safe route up the ice can be tricky so take along a friend with more experience than yourself, one who has a 9 mm rope. After the ice gully a short walk across a névé and up a loose boulder slide brings you to Bugaboo Glacier (elev. 9400', 4 hours from camp).

This route is attractive for anyone with ambitions to climb Marmolata, Howser Peak or others in the vicinity. It is also a great hike in its own right. Those not wishing to climb can find plenty of spectacular views on the way up and on the glacier. How about the July 1 weekend next year for a Club trip?

On the trip: Hazel Arnold, Hugh Smith, Chris Overton.

McKEAN LAKES: NEW LODGE, NEW TRAIL

John Stewart

Jeff and Deborah Gfroerer have built an attractive lodge 200 m north of the outlet of the main McKean Lake. The lake is right under the cliffs of Mt. Woden, which is a moderate scramble with good views of the Valhallas and Arrow Lake. The lodge is hidden in the trees, invisible from the lake. It offers accommodation and meals for 10-12, or tea for passing hikers (355-2518).

The Gfroerers have also cleared a good trail from the Koch Crk. logging road. The trail begins 100 m past the McKean Crk. bridge, is 2½ miles long, climbs 2300 ft. vertically, and passes two spectacular waterfalls and one of the lower lakes. The Koch Creek logging road is now in very good shape and will be open this winter for logging. Anyone for a February weekend at McKean Lodge? (Further notice in January).

MIDGELEY MT., Sept. 3

Gwen Telling

The Creston valley was enshrouded in smoke on the morning of the hike when 6 people met at the Summit Creek Park. Doris Corbeil was to have led the hike but had sprained her ankle on a previous trip and turned over the job to Gwen. However, she got up early and came out to greet her friends before the hike began. There was a little misunderstanding as to the location of the meeting place and two people waited at the top of the Creston summit and missed the hike.

The rest of us left in 4 WD vehicles up the CBC road and headed for Midgeley Mt. The hike began at the intersection of the CBC road and an old mining road. We proceeded at a leisurely pace up a well defined trail - the pace assured by the abundance of sweet huckleberries. In about 1½ hrs. we arrived at an extremely tidy and well supplied cabin situated in a mountain meadow. From the cabin we bushwacked and scrambled up Midgeley Mt. Normally the view from the top is spectacular but the smoke from numerous forest fires to the south had completely filled the surrounding valleys and we looked into an eery grey abyss with only a few close mountains visible. We walked along the ridge, where the charred and dried remains of old trees stood out like skeletons on the grey landscape, but on closer examination new trees and dwarf huckleberries were growing everywhere. We returned to the cabin and enjoyed Megan's magic brew of herb & black teas and sat on the graceful meadow completely happy. We proceeded down the mountain and after another pound of huckleberries arrived at the vehicles and drove off into the mist.

On the trip: John Stewart, Garth Thomson, Gwen Telling, Megan Moorcroft, and Ross and Sherrie from Salmo.

RENO MT. & RENO MINE, Sept. 10

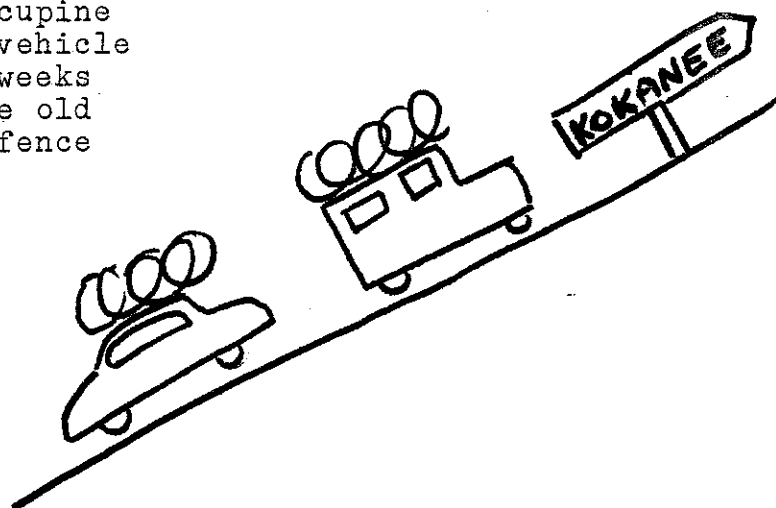
John Stewart

35(!) hikers phoned, but only 11 showed on a showery morning to climb the east peak. Good views on the way up, but a blinding snowstorm on top persuaded us to cancel the west peak, the 2-mile ridge walk and the mine visit. The basin and mine are at 6000'; the ridge at 7000'. Everything is quite attractively open - just at tree line.

Access: 4 miles south of Salmo on old highway, left up Sheep Creek road for 5 miles, left (at "Nugget Mine" sign) for 5 miles up steep mountain road (4 WD or front WD), keeping left at both forks to mine ruins.

THE PORKIES ARE BACK!!

Garth Thomson reports that a porcupine chewed through a coolant line in his vehicle at the Gibson Lake parking lot a few weeks ago. Looks like one should resume the old practice of using a chicken-wire car fence when visiting Kokanee overnight.



## GOOD NEWS FOR STRATHCONA PARK

The Club has received a copy of the report Strathcona Park: restoring the balance, by the Strathcona Park Advisory Committee, and with it a press release from the Parks Ministry.

Most of you will have heard the very welcome news that no new tenures will be issued in the park, and no new mineral exploration or logging allowed. The Minister (Terry Hubert) states that he will be working with the Ministers of Mines & of Forests to arrange fair compensation where "legitimately held rights are affected by this policy". The government has also endorsed the Advisory Committee's position that the park's final boundaries should be set by legislation (rather than Order-in-Council), and that further public discussion is needed before this is done.

## BUT NOT FOR KOKANEE

However, on p. 2 of the press release we read that Mines Minister Jack Davis said, "I'm pleased that the controversy at Strathcona has finally been resolved. It's clear that the public want Strathcona to be a Class A park. Elsewhere in the Province I'm committed to the principle of multiple use in Recreation Areas. With proper planning and reclamation there's no reason why mining and forestry and other resource uses cannot co-exist with recreational interests". (underlining ours)

Looks as if we'll have to convince him that the public wants Kokanee (and all the other provincial parks) to be Class A parks as well!

## PRO TERRA - a new conservation group in the Kootenays

KMC has received a brochure and other literature from Pro Terra - Kootenay Nature Allies, based in Argenta. "While our visions and concerns are Earthwide, our activities begin at our doorsteps. We will pay special attention to the Purcell Wilderness Conservancy, the Kokanee Glacier Provincial Park, the proposed Kianuko grizzly bear sanctuary near Creston and the natural wholeness and beauty of the region in general."

Their address: Box 9, Argenta, B.C. V0G 1B0 (to be put on the mailing list, to get involved, to donate).

## NEW IN THE KMC LIBRARY

Mountaineering, the freedom of the hills, 4th ed. Seattle, the Mountaineers, 1982.

This replaces our rather out-of-date 1960 1st ed. "Freedom 4" is unique among climbing texts; it reflects not just one expert climber's opinions and experiences, but rather the collective wisdom of many learned in every mountain range in the world. Nowhere else can one thoroughly learn all aspects of climbing on rock, snow and ice in a single volume. Unquestionably, the outstanding text on the subject." -- Jim Wickwire, expedition climber.

Canadian alpine journal, vol. 71, 1988.

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## CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

Kratky, Kim and Janice Isaac - 44 Oak St., Nelson, V1L 2V9 (as of  
31/10/88)

DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER (NOVEMBER/DECEMBER): November 10  
(or thereabouts!)

Send in your trip reports, access notes, want ads, notices etc.

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# KOOTENAY MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

## NEWSLETTER

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NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 1988

BEST OF THE BANFF FILM FESTIVAL  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3 - 7 p.m. - CAPITOL THEATRE, NELSON

From the 13th Annual Banff Festival of Mountain Films, four hours of entertainment, plus great door prizes, and a bar if tickets are sold out by Saturday noon! (don't wait to buy them at the door). Four "major" films and three short ones - all relating to the mountains or mountaineering but a great variety of subjects. A must for all of us who weren't able to travel to Banff earlier this month.

TICKETS: \$8.00, available from SNOWPACK, Nelson, MALLARDS, Castlegar, & John Carter (825-4306). KMC'ers can phone John to reserve tickets.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18 CHRISTMAS SKI & POTLUCK SUPPER

SKI - Cross-country outing, Paulson Trails. Meet 10:30 a.m. at Mud Lake.  
AND/OR

APRES-SKI CHRISTMAS PARTY, 4:30 p.m. at Apels - 2405 5th Ave.,  
Castlegar (just below the Brandson Pool)

Potluck supper, BYOB, musical instruments, carol sheets and more.  
Also bring a fun gift (a treasure you always wanted to pass on).

Please call: Castlegar: George & Kirsten Apel 365-7653

Nelson: Carol Potasnyk 354-4437 or Janice Isaacs 352-3895

MEMBERSHIPS ARE NOW DUE!!! Please pay promptly to:

KMC Treasurer, Garth Thomson, Box 221, Rossland, V0G 1Y0

The new fee schedule (for explanation see notes on the AGM):

SINGLE \$26      FAMILY \$36      JUNIOR (14-18) \$16

These include the new FMCBC fee increase.

(For a list of those who still have 5-YEAR MEMBERSHIPS see p. 6)



# WINTER TRIP SCHEDULE - FIRST INSTALLMENT

Dec 11	HUCKLEBERRY HUT A 1-2 Barrett Creek. S. of Nelson on Hwy 6	Dave Adams	399-4256
Dec 18	PAULSON TRAILS A 1 See Christmas Ski & Potluck notice		
Dec 26-30	VARIOUS DAY TRIPS Yvonne has offered to co-ordinate impromptu, informal day trips for this period.	Yvonne Tremblay	825-9238
Jan 2 (Mon)	KOCH CREEK B 2 Mildly strenuous - tele/alpine touring	Fred Thiessen	352-6140
Jan 8 (Sun)	To Be Arranged? Call Rod if you want to share a ski trip.	Rod Beauprie	362-5579
Jan 14 (Sat)	RIPPLE MT. A 1+ A popular area south of the Salmo-Creston summit.	Stan Baker	359-7346

GRADING: The full guideline will appear with the rest of the schedule. A to D refers to the level of physical difficulty, 1 to 5 to the level of technical. Level 1: x-c gear adequate; level 2: experienced x-c; level 3: telemark or alpine touring only.

For those with more than a weekend, Mary Baker invites members on the following:

KOKANEE SKI WEEK, Sat. January 28 - Sat. February 4, 1989 (A 1 to B 2)

Stay at Slocan Chief Cabin. Fly in, ski or fly out.

Partial week may be possible.

Cost: \$170 - \$300; \$25 non-refundable deposit.

Number of participants: 12 (plus waiting list)

Call Mary Baker, 368-3029, BY DECEMBER 12

Mary is also organizing two trips to the GRASSY MT. HUT:

Pre-Christmas - Tues. Dec. 20 to Thur. Dec.22, 1988 (B 1)

Fly or ski in; ski out.

Easter - Friday, March 24 - Monday March 27, 1989 (B 2)

Fly or ski in; ski out.

Call Mary Baker, 368-3029

## HIKING CAMP - WHERE SHOULD IT BE?

The Hiking Camp Committee is asking for suggestions for next year's camp. Details as to access, terrain etc. would be appreciated.

They prefer the suggestion in writing: to Ron Cameron, 2054 - 7th Ave., Trail, B.C., V1R 3C5,

but a phone call to Ron (364-1487), Joan Harvey (352-5666) or Jim Kienholz (352-2590) would be better than nothing.

FROM THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The return to the Hi-Arrow for the annual dinner was not a great success - the crowding was reminiscent of a camp cook tent on a rainy day, but the food was not nearly as good. We hope that those who attended for the first time will be willing to return next year. It can only be better!

KMC EXECUTIVE 1988/89

President: Fred Thiessen	Karabiner: Paul Allen
Secretary: Mari Earthy	Newsletter: Sue Port
Treasurer: Garth Thomson	Cabins/Trails: George Apel
Trips: Peter Tchir	Conservation: Derek Willans
Social: Janice Isaacs/Carol Potasnyk	Climbing School: Esther Neufeld
Camps: Ron Cameron/Joan Harvey/Jim Kienholz	

Many thanks to Kim Kratky & Stan Baker, who have retired from the Karabiner (not that Kim's job is over yet) and from Conservation. Welcome to Peter Tchir, Janice Isaacs & Carol Potasnyk, and Derek Willans. Paul Allen has moved from Cabins & Trails to Karabiner, with George Apel agreeing to complete Paul's two-year term.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CAMPS: Ron stressed the importance of finding camp leaders early on, and thanked Mike Brewster, Larry Doell and the Stewarts. There were no real problems at either camp, with generally good weather and costs under budget.

CONSERVATION: Stan mentioned the importance of Club and individual letters, and urged all members to continue to let Parks know of their concerns. Members may also want to join: Friends of West Kootenay Parks (call Stan Baker, 359-7346. for further information), and WAWA (West Arm Watershed Alliance), Box 787, Nelson, V1L 5S9 (\$5). (The meeting was assured that this organization is having a profound impact on resource management decisions.

TRIPS: Thanks were given to all those who led trips and suggested destinations. MORE LEADERS ARE NEEDED NEXT YEAR!

CABINS & TRAILS: The log cabin at Trout Lake which is available to be moved to another location was not airlifted in to the Siwash Mt. area to complete the Bonnington Range "Haute Route" - the costs were found to be almost as great as starting from scratch. No government grants were available this year for doing the latter. No trails were built/cleared this year, but Monica Meadows was recommended for next year.

CLIMBING SCHOOL: The Club now owns 14 sets of climbing equipment (harnesses & helmets) for students. The Snow School up Glacier Crk. was a great success in that some long-time instructors actually saw Truce Mt. for the first time.

Reports cont'd.

TREASURER: Garth presented a very professional looking statement which showed the Club to be in a healthy financial state. The 1898 proposed budget appears below. Membership has remained much the same as in 1987 - as of Sept. 1, 1988 it was 225 (with a "family" counted as two members).

1989 KMC Operating Budget (approved at the AGM)

<u>Revenue</u>		<u>Expenses</u>	
Membership fees	\$4380	Karabiner	1450
Equipment rental	400	Less adv. & sales	<u>150</u>
Interest	250		1300
Snow survey: revenue	480	Newsletter	950
expenses	<u>240</u>	FMCBC @ \$9.50	2130
	240	Trips co-ordinator	60
Mountaineering school:		Conservation	50
revenue	800	Library	100
expenses	<u>680</u>	Social	50
	<u>120</u>	Administration	150
	5390	Projects	<u>600</u>
			5390

NEW BUSINESS AT THE AGM

As mentioned in the last Newsletter, the FMCBC (Federation of Mountain Clubs of B.C.) has asked for a per member fee increase of \$6 (from \$3 - we also pay \$.50 for 3rd party liability insurance). This must be passed by the member clubs (or at least those containing the majority of members) before it will be final. The extra money is needed to cover expenses over those funded by government grants (Director's salary). Profits from teaching courses & contract work are no longer sufficient to do this.

There was lively discussion on the motion that KMC fees be increased by \$6/person to cover the FMCBC increase. Some felt that the Federation had done little or nothing to help us in local concerns (e.g. Bannockburn Crk. access), and there was some questioning as to whether any of the money raised would be used to pay for the Smoke Bluffs property (climbing area near Squamish). However, others spoke strongly in support of the valuable work of the FMCBC. The very positive results of the fight for Strathcona Park should have repercussions for all B.C. parks. Also, the Federation has the ear and respect of many in government and industry, and can act/react much more effectively than can representatives of individual clubs. (Also, it was noted that the amount in question was only half the cost of the meal we were eating.)

The vote was 21 for, 13 against, with 4 abstaining.

Further discussion resulted in a motion that the Club convey to the FMCBC: 1) the degree of opposition to the motion; 2) our concern that the money not be used towards the purchase of the Smoke Bluffs property; 3) our concern about the lack of visibility of the Federation in the Kootenay/Columbia area, and 4) that we serve notice that the fees will be withheld next year unless there is some clear demonstration that the FMCBC is acting in our interests (i.e. locally). This was carried.

ew Business, cont'd.

There was concern that no KMC member had been present at the meeting at which the fee increase was proposed (although the Club had been notified well in advance). In the past, KMC'ers who have been in Vancouver on other business have occasionally attended, but there has been no continuity. It was moved that a member of KMC be appointed to be responsible for participation in and liaison with the FMCBC. Carried. Inquiries will be made to determine if any funding is available from the Federation to help with travel expenses.

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#### MOUNTAIN PHOTOGRAPHS AT THE NATIONAL EXHIBITION CENTRE

On exhibit until November 30 are photographs of the Purcells, Selkirks and Rockies, taken by American photographer Herbert Wendell Gleason at the turn of the century (1899-1914). His interest was not only in photographing the wilderness, but also in preserving it.

These photographs are of special interest to KMC members, since so many of us have visited the areas involved and can compare the changes from the present landscape, especially in glaciation. (And here's a trivia question for those who have not yet seen the exhibit: What was the earlier name of the Lake of the Hanging Glaciers?)

The National Exhibition Centre (Castlegar - turn south just after entering the road to Selkirk College - past the Doukhobor Village) is open Tues. - Fri. 10:30 - 4:30 and weekends 12 noon to 4:30 p.m.

FOR SALE (Members' want ads welcome - no charge)

FOR SALE

SKIS - Fischer RC4 Vacuum skis (200 cm) with Marker MRR bindings  
- all brand new, bindings never mounted

\$500 o.b.o. for this top of the line equipment (the only thing wrong with it is that Chris is a die-hard telemarker)

Call Chris Overton at 362-7178

#### MOUNTAIN QUIZ (Prepared by Chris Penn for the Karabiner, vol. 8, 1968)

1. If you went down McGillivray's River with Nelson's Mountains on your right and reached Flatbow Lake where would you be?
2. Which is the highest mountain entirely in B.C., what is its height, in what range is it located and what was it formerly called?
3. "Gentlemen, that's as far as I can take you." Who said this, where and when?
4. Which famous mountain pioneer is buried at Cranbrook, B.C.?
5. Who had a peak near Nelson, B.C. named after him, and commented that it was the only one in the whole area which he had never climbed?
6. Which Canadian mountaineer took part in the first Mt. Everest Expedition, and what was his special contribution to that expedition?

(Answers on next page)

## NEW MEMBERS

Lasai, Gerry - Box 91, Crescent Valley, B.C., VOG 1Y0

Hemphill, John\* & Janine - 514 Carbonate St., Nelson, V1L 4P5 352-6631  
\*a.k.a. Chris

## CHANGES OF ADDRESS

Knoerr, Susan & Lee Schaeffer - 2412 - 12th Ave., Castlegar, V1N 4A8

Pond, Ian - #6 - 1214 West 7th Ave., Vancouver, V6H 1B6 731-9070

## FIVE-YEAR MEMBERSHIPS STILL IN EFFECT (with final year indicated)

Biller, John & Kay '89

Norton, Eric & Lin '90

Deatherage, Gary & Ann '89

Walton, John & Muriel '89

Lepage, Peggy & Bob Perchie '89

## ANSWERS TO MOUNTAIN QUIZ

1. You would be at Kootenay Lake, for these are the old names for the Lake, Kootenay River and the Purcell Mountains.
2. Mt. Waddington, 13260 ft, in the Coast Mountains is the highest mountain entirely in B.C. It was formerly called Mt. George Dawson and, earlier still, Mystery Mountain.
3. The words were guide Conrad Kain's to his clients upon reaching the summit of Mt. Robson on the first complete ascent, 31st July 1913.
4. Conrad Kain is buried in Cranbrook, where he died of sleepy sickness in 1934 aged 51. He made over 60 first ascents in the Can. Rockies and Purcells, including Robson, Bugaboo Spire and Louis, as well as many first ascents in New Zealand and climbs all over the Alps. His remarkable career as a guide is given in his fascinating book "Where the Clouds can go" edited by J.M. Thorington.
5. Mt. Grohman at the head of Grohman Creek was named after W.A. Baillie-Grohman, pioneer, climber and sportsman who is famous here for his canal joining the Kootenay and Columbia Rivers at Canal Flats.
6. Major (later Sir) Edward Oliver Wheeler was with the Survey of India when invited to join the 1921 Mt. Everest Expedition. His remarkable achievement was the complete survey, by new Canadian Photo-methods, of the whole 600 square mile Everest massif, then completely unknown territory of the ruggedest kind. It was done in barely 5 months. From it was produced the first map of Mt. Everest which is, even by today's standards, excellently done and remarkably accurate. Wheeler died in 1962 at Vernon B.C.