

KOOTENAY MOUNTAINEERING CLUB NEWSLETTER

January, 1999

ISSUE 1

next deadline: February 28, 1999

UPCOMING TRIPS...

Jan.	31	TBA	(C3-4 probably)
		Roland Perrin	352-5480
Feb.	6 s	Nancy Green Summit, cabin tour	B2
		Carol Potasnyk	368-6840
	7	Lyle Creek(Mt Brennan area)	C3
		Dave Toews	825-9346
	14	Lost Creek (Salmo-Creston)	C3
		Peter Jordan	352-5225
	20 s	Moose-Beaver Circuit (Paulson area)	B2
		Janet Cameron	364-1487
	21	Mt Plewman	C3
		Fred Thiessen	352-6140
	28	5-Mile Creek - Kutetl Basin	D4
		Peter Tchir	359-7440
Mar.	6 s	Michener Creek (Paulson area)	C2
		Mary Baker	368-5530
	7	TBA	
		Dwain Boyer	825-4654
	13-14	TBA (overnight trip possible)	
		Robin Lidstone	825-4260
	15-21 ?	(spring break) Bonnington Range traverse	
		- call David if interested	
		David Mitchell	352-4052
	28	TBA	
		Roland Perrin	352-5480

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SUBMISSIONS: I encourage all submissions of writing, cartoons, drawings, etc. Trip reports should be submitted as soon as possible after the trip. Articles may be submitted on paper or by electronic means.

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MEMBERSHIPS DUE...

This is the last newsletter that will be sent out on the 1998 membership list. It is essential that you send in your new membership forms asap. The form that was originally sent in the December newsletter is attached to this newsletter for those who need it. The form includes a waiver which must be signed by all members as part of their being members. Remember that an all inclusive waiver will simplify the procedures for trip leaders and I think that we want to make their job as easy as possible.

1999 KMC HIKING CAMP...

All the information and the application form are attached to this newsletter. It looks great and as usual Laurie has done the big job getting it organized. Read the information on the first page, especially the section on **PRIORITY**, and make your application complete to save time and effort for all.

1999 CLIMBING CAMP...

There has been some discussion of this issue but no plans have been made so far. Paul Allen has expressed an interest along with other members of going to the Clemenceau Icefield. If you are interested or have any ideas, contact Paul and keep your eyes open for the next newsletter in which some planning will be indicated.

BACKCOUNTRY SKIING MAPS...

The following comes from Fred Thiessen.

Here in the Kootenays there are several areas that are very popular for backcountry skiing. It has been observed that many backcountry users are out without maps, perhaps in part due to the cost of topographic maps.

To help out, maps at a 1:20 000 scale have been prepared of some of the popular areas. These large scale maps are detailed and show the terrain well. With a compass and an altimeter one should be able to stay found. They have been laid out so they can be easily reproduced on a photo copier using 11" x 17" paper. The intent is for users to review the maps at outdoor stores in Nelson (Valhalla Pure, Snowpack, Kootenay Experience, The Sports Center) and then if they wish to buy copies, visit Speedy Printing Center where copies will be made for them.

For the Whitewater area, four maps have been prepared. Depending on the area you plan to go to, you may need only one copy, or you may need all four. The bottoms of all the maps have a number to help you identify the ones you need.

The originals of all the maps from which copies can be made are found at **Speedy Printing Center, 511 Front Street, Nelson**, phone 250-354-7400.

WINTER ROAD ACCESS...

from Peter Jordan.

There have been some changes in the access provided by logging roads:

Rossiter-Lyle Creek - Still open, and gives good access to some high country near Mt Brennan.

Watson Creek - is no longer open, they finished a while ago.

Boulder Creek (Airy Cr divide) - this road was open until recently, but they have finished - still driveable part way (as of Jan 17) until we get more snow.

Bannock Burn - never was open after November.

Rover-Snowwater Creek - plowed only to 5 km - from here, Copper Mt is a long slog, but possible if you're keen (or better yet, can arrange a tow by snowmobile).

The Super Bowl is January 31. This is a good opportunity to go ski touring trips in places normally infested with snowmobiles, like Huckleberry Hut - Barrett Creek.

LIST OF MEMBERS...

Attached is the list of all members who have been in the club this year. Many thanks to Joan Grodzki for keeping the memberships on file and preparing the membership list as well as the mailing labels for each newsletter. This list includes people who have not sent in their 1999 membership. This is the last newsletter that will be sent to those who are not paid up members. Note that on your mailing label, if you are not receiving your newsletter by email, is the membership year that will remind you if you have not yet sent in your forms and money.

SUMMER TRIPS SCHEDULE...

Bob Dean has surely contacted many of you as he searches for trips and leaders for next summer's schedule. But there are others who have ideas for trips and/or the will to lead them and Bob does not know of them. If you are one of these people contact Bob soon and make your contribution to the very extensive summer program.

Bob Dean

353-1557

bdean@uniserve.com

As usual, to get the variety of trips that the club deserves, people will have to come up with some good ideas for mountaineering trips and make themselves available to lead them. And remember, if after the original schedule is published you decide to do a trip that might be of interest to other members, let the trips chair or the newsletter editor know and it will be added to the newsletter updates.

1998 KMC HIKING CAMP - COPELAND RIDGE

LOCATION:

Base camp will be located at the south end of a large lake at the headwaters of Hiren Creek in the Northern Monashees. The campsite is about 25 km NW of Revelstoke at an elevation of about 6200'. The site is in an extensive alpine area that includes Mt. Copeland (8300') at the east end of a long ridge that has several 7500'+ peaks. There is a small glacier on the north side of the ridge. There are many small lakes in the area. To the south, about 1 km across a lightly treed shallow valley (500') is another extensive alpine area. There are several 7000'+ peaks in this area. An old mine is located about 2 km from the campsite. There is a road to the mine but a bridge has been removed about 12 km downstream on Hiren Creek so the only access to the site is on foot.

MAPS:

82M/1 (primarily) and 82M/2 (1:50,000)

ACCESS:

A real treat this year. We will park at the Selkirk Mountain Helicopters base in Revelstoke and fly directly from there.

DATES:

Camp 1: July 24 - July 31; Camp 2: July 31 - Aug. 7; Camp 3: Aug. 7 - Aug. 14

FEES:

Total: \$250. This includes a cancellation fee of \$50.00. Full fees are payable upon registration. Applications accompanied by post-dated cheques will be considered as of the post-date. Make cheques payable to **KMC Hiking Camp**.

TO REGISTER:

Return the completed registration form and **SIGNED** waiver form along with a cheque for the full fee to:

Laurie Charlton
Box 621
Rossland, B.C., V0G 1Y0

Please note that the waiver form must be signed by all members of a family who plan to attend camp. An application will not be considered until the signed waiver form and full payment is received. Phoned registrations will not be accepted.

AGE RESTRICTION:

The minimum age for participants is 15 years as of the date of camp. Members 15 - 18 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Waivers for juniors must be signed by a parent or legal guardian. Children 19 years of age or older are not included in a family membership so they must complete a separate application form.

PRIORITY:

Vacancies will be filled by lottery on March 15. Members who applied for camp last year prior to the lottery deadline but were on the waiting list will be assigned to camp if they apply this year. If a camp roster is full, additional applications will be placed on a waiting list in the order drawn in the lottery or of receipt after Mar. 15. Only those who have joined or renewed their membership prior to Feb. 1 will be included in the lottery. Following this period, vacancies will be filled by members who have paid their fees after Feb. 1. If the camps are not filled by April 15, applications will be accepted from non-members.

CANCELLATIONS:

The cancellation fee of \$50 is not refundable. The remaining fee will be refunded if notice is received prior to June 15. The total fee will be forfeited for cancellations received after June 15 unless a suitable replacement is found. Cancellation vacancies will be filled from the waiting list. If there are no names on the waiting list, the member is responsible for finding a replacement before a refund will be issued. Contact Laurie Charlton before taking action.

ABOUT HIKING CAMP:

The Kootenay Mountaineering Club does not act as a guide service through it's hiking program. Rather, it merely facilitates transportation of members into remote, rugged wilderness areas where one's activities must be governed by the level of experience each possesses in such an environment. Hiking Camp is not for the inexperienced person new to hiking. As the camps are held in a wilderness environment, participants should have some off-trail, backcountry hiking experience, or be a strong trail hiker, to get the most out of camp.

INFORMATION: Laurie Charlton, Box 621, Rossland, B.C., phone 362-9461 fax 362-9456 email lauriec@netidea.com

KMC HIKING CAMP (1999) REGISTRATION FORM

NAME(S) _____ AGE _____ (If junior member)

_____ AGE _____ (If junior member)

ADDRESS _____

POSTAL CODE _____ PHONE NUMBER _____ EMAIL _____

IF THIS REGISTRATION IS FOR TWO OR MORE PEOPLE, ARE THEY TO BE CONSIDERED AS SINGLES FOR THE LOTTERY? YES _____ NO _____

CAMP 1: July 24 - July 31 CAMP 2: July 31 - Aug. 7 CAMP 3: Aug. 7 - 14

List camps in order of preference for the lottery: (You may enter the lottery for as many camps as you want.)

First choice _____ **Second choice** _____ **Third choice** _____.

I will require a ride: Yes _____ No _____ I can transport passengers: Yes _____ No _____

I am willing to be a camp leader: Yes _____ No _____ OR camp cook: Yes _____ No _____

I have a truck which could transport food and equipment: Yes _____ No _____

(Please note that Camps 1 & 3 need at least one truck to carry camp gear)

INDEMNITY AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

THIS WAIVER MUST BE SIGNED BY ALL APPLICANTS BEFORE REGISTRATION WILL BE CONSIDERED.

In consideration of my being permitted to participate in the events, 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 any 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 and danger such as from avalanches, sudden changes in weather, falls on steep terrain, failure of climbing equipment, the possibility of becoming lost, as well as all other hazards associated with hiking, mountaineering, wilderness travel, and 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 (WE) HAVE READ THIS RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AND ACCEPT ITS TERMS.

Dated on the _____ day of _____, 199_____.

Signed: _____ / _____.

KOOTENAY MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

MEMBERSHIP FORM AND

LIABILITY WAIVER

To join the Kootenay Mountaineering Club:

1. complete the following information form,
2. sign the waiver statement below,
3. send the complete form and correct dues to

KMC Membership
RR #1, S-13, C-19
Nelson, BC
V1L 5P4

Annual Dues: single \$20
 family \$25
 junior (14-18) \$10

Name to Appear First on Membership List _____

Other Names on this Membership _____

Address _____

City _____ Prov. _____ Postal Code _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Waiver: To be signed by all persons on this membership.

I hereby for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators release and forever discharge the Kootenay Mountaineering Club, their agents, servants, officials, representatives, successors and assignees of any injury sustained by me or by my equipment during any club trips. I understand the inherent dangers of trips into mountainous areas and assume full responsibility for myself.

Print name _____ Signature _____ Date _____

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	Carl Johnson	354-4075

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The epic tome that is Bob's schedule is attached. You got to love this guy. Thanks a lot Bob. Those of you who are like me and not yet scheduled to lead a trip can still make a commitment and the changes and additions will be listed in later newsletters. This also seemed like the appropriate time to publish the responsibilities for those involved in club trips.

SPRING POT LUCK...

Friday, April 23 Robson Hall
come at 6:30, dinner at 7:00 A-K main course
 R-Z salads
 L-Q desserts

Cost: \$2 per person for hall rental and coffee provided.

Agenda:

(1) General meeting to deal with the change in the rules around membership.

(2) Slide show presented by Garth Thompson.

TRIP REPORTS...

The Copper Mountain Trip to Nowhere

January 17, 1999

Dave Mitchell

Can I tell you about a fabulous 1200 m descent in champagne powder, that left us gasping for breath with burning thighs? Was that shortness of breath my anaerobic threshold or suffocating faceshots? Well I could tell you that, but it would be a complete lie if I was trying to describe our trip to Copper mountain. The 1200 m part is true. Most of that was along snowmobile ruts on the road.

Ten of us gathered to get an early start up the Rover Snowwater road. We were on our way at 07:30. The road that was supposed to be plowed to 9 km was actually plowed only to 5 km.

The day was cloudy higher than 1700 m and the normal route into the cabin is to follow a steady ~5% grade across the lower flanks of Connor and Copper Mountains. The visibility made it difficult for us to realize that our track was a bit too steep. Mark's orientation skill proved faster than the hand held GPS, but when the GPS reading finally stabilized, they both gave the same result (and Mark doesn't require batteries!). At about 1950 m, we realized that we had a choice of the following.

- * Climbing up a crusty, unstable windloaded slope to the summit for a descent of dubious delight,

- * Crossing the steep open bowl on the south side of Copper to the cabin, with the same crummy snowpack, or

- * Turning back for a short descent and retracing of our route. Casting aside our pride and egos, we decided to forgo the destinations of Copper Mountain summit and the cabin and pick option #3.

Between the ten of us, I think we may have made almost 100 turns. I didn't know whether to apologize or thank the participants for coming out. However, everyone was polite and said that they had a good time.

We were Mark Hamilton, Peter Jordan, Maurice de St. Jorre, Nigel Tuffrey, Bob Kohn, Jaquie (whose surname I forgot to write down), Andy Stradling, Andrew Holmes, Gary Kormany and Dave Mitchell.

Nancy Green Summit Cabin Tour

February 6, 1999

Carol Potasnyk

We left the summit parking area just after 10 am. By 11 we had visited the Senior's Cabin, viewed the Lynx and stopped at Buffalo Jump for tea. Following the new Chilcot Trail we caught sight of the Red Dog Cabin but continued to the

Mosquito for lunch. After a deluxe meal of toasted sandwiches, and oven baked apple, we skied a clearcut to Crow Road and back to the parking area. Several of us finished off our tour with a visit to the new Rock Cut Pub for refreshments. The six cabin hoppers who forged through howling, gusty winds, snow squalls and unbroken trails were Jill and Dave Watson, Susan Fisher, Nigel Tuffrey, Jasmine Gardner and Carol Potasnyk.

BOB DEAN'S E-MAIL LIST...

Most of you will be aware of the trip updates that Bob has been running using e-mail. Bob wishes to continue his work, but really feels it is time to update his mailing list. Therefore he is thrashing his old list and asking people to contact him if they wish to be on his new 1999 list. Your name will not go on the new list automatically; you must contact Bob personally. Bob's new e-mail address is

bdean@kootenay.net

NOTES FROM FEBRUARY 1, 1999 EXECUTIVE MEETING...

1. The KMC website.

This was again extensively discussed and the executive voted to bring Ian ~~XXXX~~ in and demo his proposal and if need be to seek other proposals as bids for producing our site. There are lots of sites out there for outdoor clubs and other groups so anyone can get a feel for what services such a site would provide the club by surfing some of these sites. It appears certain that the club will spend the money and go ahead with a site, but where, of what type and how it will operate are still to be determined. Maybe a new executive position will have to be created to have some knowledgeable person maintaining the site.

2. The Old Glory Trail.

The FRBC has provided funding for this trail to be rebuilt under Forest Service guidelines. The KMC has been involved in obtaining the grant from FRBC and will be responsible for contracting out the work and administering the contract. Laurie Charlton is in charge.

3. The Slocan Chief Cabin.

The old cabin has apparently started to show serious deterioration (i.e. rot) since being closed up tight for winter use and heated with moisture producing propane. Parks wishes to change this old cabin into an informational site for the park and build a new cabin for both summer and winter use that would better meet present needs. This will involve finding a new location with good water supply, electrical generation capabilities near by, avalanche security, aesthetics, grizzly safety, etc. The Parks have already done a serious site evaluation and a summary has come to the newsletter via Dave Mitchell, one of our members attending as advisors to the program. A copy of this summary can be forwarded to interested people so contact me at ptchir@pop.sd8.bc.ca if you want a copy. It is too long for this newsletter and may not be of interest to everyone. The main issue for the KMC is the request that we, along with Friends of Kootenay Parks act as applicants to the FRBC for funding for this project and

then to administer the grant and run the construction, etc. The executive decided not to proceed with this request from Parks since it was not really in accord with the club mandate, was a project that the club might philosophically oppose and would require way more work than anyone wanted to commit to.

3. Valhalla Ecotours.

Details are sparse, but the Uplander Hotel in Rossland is planning or applying to build a hotel somewhere near the Valhalla Park for the purpose of running commercial tours into the area. Stay tuned for more news on this one.

KMC BASIC MOUNTAINEERING COURSE 1999

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. Lectures: May 5, 12 at 7:30 at Selkirk College
2. Rock Climbing: May 19, 22, 26, 30 in Castlegar at 6 pm Wednesdays and 9 am Saturdays and Sundays
3. Snow Lecture: June 2 at 7:30 at Selkirk College
4. Snow Practice: June 6 at Whitewater at 8 am
5. Snow & Ice: June 12 & 13 at Glacier Creek (may change, depending on conditions)

Requirements To take this course you should be:

1. a KMC member
2. 14 years of age or over
3. in good physical condition

Fees

Club Membership:	Family	\$25.00
	Single	\$20.00
	Junior (14-18)	\$10.00

Course Fee: \$130

(includes rental of harness, helmet, ice-axe, crampons. A deposit will be required for rental of equipment)

If you are interested in enrolling in this course contact

Tom Dool

phone home: 352-2279

work: 226-7222

email: gistech@netidea.com

THIS YEAR ENROLLMENT WILL BE LIMITED TO 15 STUDENTS. DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS APRIL 25, 1998

THE E-MAIL NEWSLETTER...

Well this is more like a computer users seminar for the time challenged and it does get frustrating after a while. But here goes again. I am attempting to send out this newsletter via e-mail to as many members as I can. The most recent membership list does have many addresses and I will attempt to use them. But not everyone will get e-mail and not everyone who gets their newsletter electronically will want it that way. For future mailings, I will start to create an newsletter e-mailing list for only those people who want it that way. These people should contact me soon to become part of that list for the April newsletter. Newsletters will be sent as MS-Word document files and as TEXT files attachments. Hopefully one format at least will work for you. Contact me: Peter Tchir using ptchir@pop.sd8.bc.ca

OF INTEREST FROM NORM THYER...

1. Slow old fogey seeks companion(s) for easy ski-touring off the groomed trails. Norman Thyer 352-5265
2. 1:20000 topographic maps of certain areas are available at the Government Agent's office in Nelson for \$4 each plus tax. Quality is somewhat variable, with contours faded to the limit of visibility in places, and there are some distortions. The most serious that I have discovered so far is in the scale. This is close to the nominal 1:20000 in the south-north direction, but varies between 1:19500 and 1:18750 in the west-east direction, giving errors of from 2.5% to 6% in that direction. Scale should be independent of direction in a conformal projection such as Universal Transverse Mercator, which is supposedly used for these maps.

Norman Thyer E-mail: nthyer@uniserve.com

West Kootenay Outdoor Recreation Guidebook...

Slated for release in May, 1999, this guidebook is a joint venture between Valley Ventures of Nakusp and the Backroad Mapbook series of Vancouver. This guidebook will cover the West Kootenay/Columbia corridor from Revelstoke south to Trail, and Grand Forks east to Stagleap Provincial Park. As well, the Purcell Wilderness area will be included.

It will cover the some of the "best" and more popular routes and trails of the area. "Soft adventure" and day trips will be the theme of the book with very few multi-day routes provided. In total, there will be approximately 70 different routes and trails included in this book. These routes and trails will be for the following types of activities: Hiking & Backpacking, Mountain Biking, Backcountry Skiing, Snowmobiling, Walking, Road Biking, Cross - Country Skiing, Horseback Riding, Climbing.

This book will be fairly map intensive. Descriptions will be provided for each of the areas, but detailed maps and photos will be the dominant feature of this guidebook. Other items to be included in this book will be: Club contact list, Web links & phone contacts, Information on recreation and tourism, both locally and in BC.

KMC Responsibility Guidelines for Coordinators and Participants

Responsibilities of Party Coordinators attending club trips

Before the trip

1. Do not undertake organization of a trip beyond your capabilities. Change the objective or arrange for another coordinator.
2. Be familiar with the area (unless the trip is exploratory in intent). If you have not done the climb recently, a recce a few weeks before the trip is an excellent idea. Talk to people familiar with the area; check the guidebooks, old Newsletters, old Karabiners, CAJ journals, Parks Branch, Forest Service, etc.
3. Pick up or ensure the necessary equipment is on the trip: Ice axes, crampons, Pieps, first aid kit, and repair kit. Make arrangements for huts, campsites, and registration as required.
4. Notify a responsible person where you are going and when you will be coming back. Tell them when you return!

Choosing and organizing the party

5. The coordinator has full authority to reject anyone he or she feels is unsuited for the trip. For more difficult trips ask people unknown to you what their qualifications are and who they have climbed with.
6. Explain to people what the trip entails: how difficult, how strenuous, what equipment is needed. This is especially important for newcomers, who may not understand the need for proper boots or even rain gear.
7. The coordinator arranges the most economical use of cars. Each passenger should pay a reasonable proportion of the gas and oil expenses of the trip.
8. Make clear arrangements for the assembly of the party at an easily recognizable place at a definite time. Wait a reasonable time for latecomers.

On the trip

9. Before leaving the cars, check that everyone, especially anyone inexperienced, is properly equipped. Those who are not should not start out.
10. On many trips it is a good idea to appoint an end person who comes last and makes sure no stragglers fall by the wayside. The end person generally carries the first aid kit. In a large group a second coordinator may be desirable to cover the stragglers.
11. Set a pace that allows the party to stay together, both going up and coming down. Space rests so as to prevent straggling! With large parties, count numbers once in a while to make sure everyone is still together.
12. The coordinator doesn't need to remain in front providing he or she can maintain control of the party. The coordinator and all experienced members have a responsibility to give instruction to the less experienced. Team less experienced members with more experienced members.
13. All decisions should be made with a margin of safety. When in doubt, use common sense and accepted normal procedure.
 - allow enough time for the trip; start early.
 - rope up before a difficult section.
 - turn back when necessary: difficulties, a weak party, lack of time, weather, fatigue, etc.
 - watch for avalanche and rockfall hazard, and act accordingly.
 - in wet or cold weather watch for hypothermia in poorly clad individuals.
 - stay in touch with the group's feelings and respect them.
14. The coordinator should stay at the cars until everyone is down.

After the trip

15. Return club equipment promptly so next party can use it.
16. Send a trip report to the newsletter editor.

Responsibilities for members attending club trips

1. Ensure your abilities are up to the trip's difficulty. Use the trip grading system on the schedule.
2. Phone the coordinator several days in advance to confirm your attendance, preferably by Wednesday evening at the latest.
3. Show up on time and be prepared physically, mentally, and equipment-wise for the outing you are going on.
4. Return rented/borrowed equipment promptly.
5. Share expenses.

In case of an accident

1. The coordinator should consider the severity and implications of the accident, the remaining hazards, the terrain, and the availability of resources when deciding what to do next.
2. The coordinator should ensure that everyone's present safety is maintained and danger is minimized as is consistent with emergency activities.
3. If help is needed, the coordinator should organize an orderly expedition.
4. If conditions permit, witnesses should stay in the area to provide any necessary information to rescue personnel.
5. All party members should (1) inform the person(s) in charge of any special abilities; (2) ensure their own safety and, if their help is not required, stay clear of rescue activities; (3) cooperate with everyone involved in emergency operations.
6. If the accident is serious enough to warrant aerial evacuation, contact the nearest ambulance or RCMP detachment who will dispatch a helicopter with a first aid attendant.

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UPCOMING TRIPS...

WINTER TRIPS

Apr 11	TBA	
	Dwain Boyer	825-4654
18	Mt Brennan	D4
	Peter Tchir	359-7440
25	Kootenay Joe Ridge	C3
	Carl Johnson	354-4075

Destinations and dates: Many of the destinations given in the schedule are tentative.

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Avalanches: Many of the trips involve travel in terrain where there is some risk of avalanches. All participants should have taken an avalanche awareness course, and must carry an avalanche beacon and shovel. The club has Pieps for rent; ask the trip leader for details. If you want to take part in back country ski trips, it is highly recommended that you take an avalanche awareness course.

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Apr 11	Robson Overlook	B-1
	Eliane Miro	365-5707
18	Tulip Creek	B-1
	Dave Adams	355-0055
24(Sat)	Merry Creek Trail	A-1
	Leslie Killough	365-7424
Apr 25	Buchanan L/O	A-1
	Pamela Jenkins	353-9661
28(Wed)	Boundary Mtn (near Nelway)	B-2
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0800 Safety
Boots & gear

May 1(Sat)	Connor Pk	B-3
	Dave Mitchell	354-4052
2	Red Mtn (Rossland)	B-2
	Jenny Baillie	362-5519
5(Wed)	Mts Crowe / Neptune (near Strawberry Flats)	
	B-2 Kim Kratky	352-3895
8(Sat)	Blizzard Mtn	B-2
	Hans Korn	367-9277
9	Evans Creek Trail	B-1
	Ed Beynon	365-7324
12(Wed)	Wolfe Pk (near Salmo-Creston summit)	
	B-2 Kim Kratky	352-3895
15(Sat)	Violin Lake	A-1
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Apr 30	Balfour-Ainsworth	B1
	Yvonne Tremblay	825-9238
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REPORT FROM THE MARCH 9, 1999 EXECUTIVE MEETING...

1. Slocan Chief Cabin It looks like no FRBC money can be found for this rebuild. In fact it appears FRBC is disappearing as fast as its money has. But Parks still is trying to go ahead and Roger Tierney is to meet with some of the executive to seek our support. There is, however, some doubt on the executive about the whole idea even though Parks is willing to give us some concessions such as possibly 30% of the lottery being designated to West Kootenay residents. Probably no decision will be made for a long time, but if you want to make input, contact Dave Mitchell.

2. Old Glory Trail Funding here is still not provided and no plans can yet be made. Laurie Charlton and Paul Allen are working on this one.

3. The Website The KMC is going ahead with a basic static Web site that will have membership information, trip schedules, equipment lists, etc. Laurie Charlton is the executive in charge of working with Ian Deane on this project. The executive chose to start small and simple and let the site grow as use and demand dictate.

4. Conservation Kim reported on a number of commercial ski operations that are in the works: Grohman-Boldface Lodge, Siwash area at head of Snow Water Creek, Qua Lake. These are ski operations and are not much of an impact on hiking and climbing, but could further effect ski touring. We have been approached as a club on several occasions for support by such operators and the discussion around the issue lead to the following motion: "We do not lend our support to any back country ski operations" (passed). This is not intended that we oppose any particular operation, but that our club had a charter that does not include this type of back country use and individuals will use them as they desire, but that will be independent of the KMC.

5. Hiking Camp All three camps are full and lotteries and waiting lists are being used.

TRIP REPORTS...

Ripple Ridge
January 23, 1999

Bob Hawes

After meeting at Stag Leap Park, three energetic skiers headed up the trail above the well used logging road to Ripple Ridge. After going easy for the first half, it became clear that these people were in good enough shape to cut a steeper line. So up we went. The comment was made "I may be the last one down, but I'm the first one up" and she sure lived up to this. At the saddle and still in the trees, Telemark Basin loomed over the hill. After two or three runs down in the fluffy powder, everyone was famished enough to head for the cabin. After lunch it was out to see the basin from a different angle. With the snow still fluffy and the skis singing softly, only father time made us head for home. Skied powder back to the cars through giant old growth timber. Great Day. Thanks to Carol Potasnyk and Nigel Tuffrey.

Yellow Pine Trail
March 21, 1999

Hazel Kirkwood

On a warm sunny first day of spring, 18 of us hiked up the Yellow Pine Trail, stopping at each lookout to enjoy the scenery. After an early lunch break at the usual spot above Syringa Creek ravine, we decided to go on to the next vantage point. At this time the leader abdicated her duties and passed them on to Reid who through bushwhacking, animal trails, and rock scrambling soon had us at the top where we had an even grander view of Arrow Lake. Our return trip took us to the beach and since the lake was so low, we were able to walk along the old road which was in use before the Hugh Keenleyside Dam was built.

Ripple Mountain
March 28, 1999

Roland Perrin

We left Nelson, where crocuses were flowering, to enjoy a winter day at Kootenay Pass. Since plenty of snow had fallen the previous week, some members of the party were tempted to spend the day yo-yo skiing. Being a democratic group, we skied on to our initial destination, Ripple Mountain. We were greeted by clouds, wind and a limited view. We enjoyed some excellent powder turns on our return trip to the vehicles. We had a great day together: P. Tchir, F. Thiessen, D. Horner, R. Perrin, D. Toews, D. Boyer and another friendly person.

Pulpit Rock
March 28, 1999

Bob Dean

There were 16 on the Pulpit Rock trip last Sunday, nearly all of whom went up to the flagpole. There was snow on the trail above PR but it was firm enough to walk on. The sun shone and there was one flower on the trail, a buttercup.

Editor's Note: I find the contrast in the two March 28 trips very nice, the blizzard and snow for our group on Ripple and the spring conditions on Pulpit. Just one of the things I love about living in the mountains.

EQUIPMENT FOR SALE...

Used Koflach plastic climbing/hiking boots; size men's 10 1/2; inners in decent shape; outers indestructible; brand new Vibram soles. Excellent for early season outings and for glacier travel. \$40. Contact Kim Kratky 352-3895.

Ski touring skis Kastle 185 cm with Fritsch bindings (includes ski brakes and crampons) \$200.

Roy Hopland 362-7278

SHARING CAR COSTS...

Hamish Mutch has forwarded an article from the ACC newsletter which makes an attempt at calculating the real cost of operating a car and thus some reasonable charges that riders can be expected to pay drivers. The person estimates that direct operating costs are about 9 cents per km including gas, tires, servicing, etc and that these costs should be completely spread among the car pool. Insurance cost probably is not changed by club trip use and therefore can reasonably be excluded from car pool recovery. Depreciation, however, does partially come from usage and thus the author suggests half of depreciation cost be covered by sharing costs on the trip. With depreciation at about 12 cents per km the driver should recover about 6 cents per km from the riders. This produces an overall cost of 15 cents per km. But how to distribute this among the riders since there can be anywhere from 1 to 3 of them. He suggests that there be a standard rate that would sort of average out over time, say 10 cents per person per km.

Nelson-Gibson Lake return ~60 km => \$6

SS Junction-Drinnon return ~120 km => \$12

For back roads, maybe it should be more. What do you think? Should the executive discuss this, get feedback from members and make a recommendation? Contact any exec and give your suggestions. This would of course be at the discretion of the driver and reciprocation could replace compensation, if you get what I mean.

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	5(Sat)	Basic Snow Practice	
		Norman Thyer	352-5265
	6	Ymir Pk	C-3
		David Beringer	352-6290
	12(Sat)	Keyhole	C-3
		Evelyn Riechert	352-4626
	13	Old Tom	C-3
		Dave Mitchell	354-4052
	16(Wed)	Mt Plewman Plane Wreck	B-2
		Peter Wood	359-7107
	19(Sat)	Grays Pk	C-3
		Al Fedoruk	354-4678
	20	Lucifer Pk	C-3
		Jennie Baillie	362-5519
	23(Wed)	Mt Dolly Varden / Marten Mtn	C-3
		Ted Ibrahim	505-2085
	26(Sat)	Work Party	
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July	1(Thur)	Mt Roberts (Flag Trip)	B-2
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	3(Sat)	Asgaard Pk	D-3
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	4	Spider Pk (next to Insect Pk)	C-3
		Kristyn McIntosh	352-496
	7(Wed)	Pontiac Pk	C-3
		Ray Neumar	352-7042
	10(Sat)	Work Party	
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	10/11	Glacier View Pk	C-4
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Mt Brennan (2902 m/9521 ft)

April 18, 1999

Peter Tchir

Fred, Roland and Dave didn't want to have anything to do with the rest of us so they left the cars at about 5:45 and reached the summit in 4.5 hours, what appears to be a new record time.

By time Maurice and I survived our encounter with a deer and picked up Leigh in Kaslo it was after 6:30 by the time we left the highway. We were the control group to test Fred's theory that nine days at above 12,000 ft in Colorado would produce a blood doping effect that would overwhelm the low lifes of the Kootenays. The control group was carefully selected to prove the point - Maurice and I had each been out about five times all winter and Leigh, on his first ski mountaineering trip had such bad blisters that we had to wait for him at Lyell Lakes at which point he turned back. The other group had an average of 30 days each out skiing this winter. I got to the top in about 5.5 hours and Maurice got near the top in seriously deteriorating weather. And so another major break through in science as a theory is postulated and tested under carefully controlled conditions and, as required, proved to be true.

Skiing at the top was all about side slipping in a white out on ice, but further down it was really nice right up the tram line.

Connor Peak (2280 m or 2120 m/6950 ft)

May 1, 1999

David Mitchell

Was this the last ski trip of the winter schedule, or was it the first ski trip of the summer schedule? We didn't know because some of us came with skis, the others on foot.

The weather was a bit sketchy, the clouds were high enough, but rain was threatening. We parked the cars at 6.5 km on the Rover Creek main road and hiked up to 14 km on the packed snowmobile tracks. At the clearcuts between Siwash and Connor, two of the wiser members decided that it was too stormy on the peak to proceed. (Note that this is probably the only trip report that describes Robin's actions and uses the word "wise" without a negating term in between!)

Those of us who proceeded were treated to slippery rocks, post holes in the snow and sidelong blasting with ice balls flying at high velocity from the south. A brief visit to the summit cornice afforded a beautiful view of the inside of the clouds. We didn't linger. The ski down was pretty good for May, and made it a fairly easy slide down the road most of the way to the cars, even if it was only two or three minutes faster than walking.

We were; Robin Lidstone, Fernand Moret, Fred Richer, Greg Manny and Ted Kormany, myself and Polly.

Bike trip - Waneta Plaza to 7 Mile Dam

Anya Logodi

The first KMC bike trip of 1999. The weather was perfect. The wild life we saw included: Bald Eagles, Osprey, hawk-like birds and a bear. There were three of us: Jill Watson, Mary Woodward and Anya Logodi. We were in awe of Mary's new, feather-light bike, although we didn't expect her to train for the "Cirque du Soleil" this soon. Trying out her new brakes with much vigor threw Mary over the handle bars, landing on her left side. Luckily no serious harm was done. A great day, in the great outdoors, in great company.

Bike trip - Granby River

May 7, 1999

Jill Watson

Weather: cold, wind, rain and snow. Six of us rode through lovely farmland up the western side of the Granby river valley starting in Grand Forks. The farm animals with their young, mock orange blossoms and the new fresh greens of trees and shrubs were the only indicators that it was spring. At 19 km someone said, "hot coffee", so we crossed the bridge and returned back down the eastern side of the valley to our vehicles. Total distance 40 km, short of our original plan but certainly enough with the conditions. We were: Anya, Carol, Mary, Yvonne, Hans and Jill.

SEARCH FOR LENDRUMS...

(The following is a note received by Trevor)

My name is Barbara Lendrum. My grandfather was a surveyor. He had lived in Edmonton. Do you happen to know how Lendrum Lake was named or know who I could contact that may know? Thank you for your time.

(After Trevor replied, the next note said..)

Dear Mr. Holsworth, Thank you for your reply to my question about Lendrum Lake and now you say a mountain called

Lendrum. I've found a creek named Lendrum on an old map, it runs off of Kootenay Lake. It is between Woodbury & Cedar Creeks. After Cedar Ck. there is an Ainsworth then a Coffee Ck. I am intrigued. I would appreciate it very much if you would put that question in the Kootenay Mountaineering Club Newsletter.

Thank you so much for your time. Barbara Lendrum
Slominski parfive@one.net
(Anyone out there able to help Barbara?)

ELEMENTARY SNOW SCHOOL...

This is provisionally scheduled for Saturday, June 5, meeting at 8am at the Apex parking area on Highway 6 between Nelson and Salmo, where the road to the Whitewater Ski Area branches off.

It is intended for people who, for some reason, have not taken the Basic Mountaineering Course or an equivalent. It will cover only some basic snow climbing techniques that require the minimum of equipment, such as the plunge-step, ice-axe self-arrest, tying into a climbing rope and the boot-axe belay. We aim to practice these on a slope with a good run-out at the bottom.

You will need an ice-axe, mitts and good boots, preferably with a stiff sole, plus the usual gear for a day in the mountains. Be prepared to get wet from sliding in the snow, so you may want a change of clothes too.

If anyone can lend any old, "retired" climbing ropes that can be used for practice, they will be welcome. Volunteers to help with instruction will also be welcome.

Check with Norman Thyer at 352-5265 (or Bob Dean at 354-1557) a few days before, to confirm the date.

A COMMENT FROM NORM...

Following numerous back-country accidents in recent months, someone wrote a letter to the Nelson Daily News which essentially condemned all back country recreation. I was pleased to see that Howie Ridge wrote an excellent rebuttal.

Every activity involves risk to some degree. I think the most dangerous part of a hike or climb is the drive home at the end of the day. Until someone achieves immortality, death will be an inevitable consequence of life.

We need challenges to give meaning to our lives. Wasn't it a British climber who said "When man ceases to seek adventure, he ceases to be man."? As a native of England, the challenge of the wilderness was one thing that attracted me to Canada. Now the challenge is for us to enjoy it without destroying it, so that it still exists for future generations.

However, testing one's skills in a challenge is a different matter from playing Russian roulette with nature. A climb on good, solid rock is a test of skill, but when one puts too much trust in loose or rotten rock, or ventures on to glaciers with hidden crevasses unroped, or into situations of high avalanche hazard, one enters the realm of Russian roulette with nature. We should encourage the skill-testing activities. It is those who play Russian roulette, because of personal

temperament or lack of experience and judgement, who give outdoor recreation a bad reputation.

Norman Thyer

FOREST SERVICE CAMPING FEES...

Fred Thiessen sends the following information.

Is it true that Forest Service campsites are no longer free? Its true, starting this year the Forest Service is implementing a pass system for overnight use at its campsites. A \$28.00 pass, which hangs on your windshield entitles the holder to camp overnight at all Forest Service campgrounds. At some heavily used campgrounds which require an onsite presence or daily janitorial work, there is an extra fee of \$5.00 for pass holders, without a pass its \$10.00. For users wanting to stay at Forest Service campgrounds who don't want to buy a pass, single night passes are available for \$8.00 each. The passes are available from any Government Agent and at most outlets that sell Hunting & Fishing Licences, but not at Forest Service offices.

There is no fee for day use and there is no fee for trail use.

Wanting more information on this topic as the Forest Service moves into the era of user pay? All your nearest Ministry office.

NOTES FROM MAY 4th EXECUTIVE MEETING...

1. At the spring general meeting a motion to make membership in the KMC unrestricted and then to let Hiking Camp create its own necessary restrictions was defeated.
2. The Slocan Chief: On Thursday May 13 KMC and the Friends of Kootenay Parks are to meet with Roger Tierney at 7:30 at the Nelson Library. There seems to be no money but Parks feels they have to do something about the cabin before it rots down upon us.
3. Hey, the website is being created as time permits and there will be a picture gallery which at this stage will consist of some of Laurie's fine slides.
4. The Old Glory Trail project did not secure desired FRBC funding but the MOF may be able to do some work on it as they upgrade other trails in the area, particularly Mt Plewman.
5. People are not responding with much enthusiasm when asked to pick up their Karabiners. They remain stacked at the homes of the people listed above. Does this indicate a lack of interest in an annual journal? Should the Karabiner continue? Kim does report a good response for his request for material for the 1998 issue which he is presently preparing.

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Bob Dean 352-6317

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July	1(Thur)	Mt Roberts (Flag Trip)	B-2
		Jill Watson	362-5660
	3(Sat)	Asgard Pk	D-3
		Al Fedoruk	354-4678
	4	Spider Pk (next to Insect Pk)	C-3
		Kristyn McIntosh	352-496
	7(Wed)	Pontiac Pk	C-3
		Ray Neumar	352-7042
	10(Sat)	Work Party	
		Mark Hamilton	352-5824
	10/11	Glacier View Pk	C-4
		Norman Thyer	352-5265
	11	Sphinx Mtn	C-3
		Kristyn McIntosh	352-5496
	14(Wed)	Cascade Mtn (Poplar Cr.)	D-4
		Knut Langballe	352-6808
	17(Sat)	Pulpit Rock Work Party	
		Bob Dean	352-6317
	17/18	Mt Denver	D-3
		Kevin Misurak	825-9429 354-3427
	18	Nilsik / Lemon Creek	C-2
		Drew Desjardines	825-0072
	21(Wed)	Kamikazi Pk	C-3
		Steve Miros	365-5707
	24	(Start of First Camp)	
	24/25	Trident Pk area	D-3
		Al Fedoruk	354-4678
	25	Long Mtn	C-3
		Mike Brewster	352-5666
	28(Wed)	Pyramid Pk (Kokanee)	C-3
		Vicki Hart	442-2909

July	31(Sat)	Overnight at Woodbury Hut	
Aug	1	Woodbury Hut / Moonlight Pk	C-1/D-3
		Doug Sly	352-2193
	4(Wed)	Idaho Look Out / Selkirk Pk	A-1/B-3
		Ed Beynon	365-7324
	7(Sat)	Slocan Chief Cabin via Keyhole	C-3
		Christine Sutherland	352-7755
	8	Gwillim Lakes	B-1
		Rita Wege	354-1685
	8	Lucifer Pk	C-3
		David Cunningham	352-7434
	11(Wed)	Wolfs Ears	C-3 / D-3
		Howie Ridge	354-4909
	14	(End of Third Camp)	
	14(Sat)	Crawford Creek Headwaters	C-3
		Dave Dever	227-9420
	15	Mulvey Overlook / Gimli Pk	B-2/C-3
		David Beringer	352-6290
	18(Wed)	McKean Lakes / Woden Pk	B-1/C-3
		Bob Dean	354-1557
	21(Sat)	Overnight at Silver Spray Cabin	
	22	Silver Spray Cabin / Sunrise Mtn	B-1/C-3
		Christine Sutherland	352-7755
	25(Wed)	Paddy Pk	D-3
		David Cunningham	352-7434
	28(Sat)	White Swan Lake (dogs allowed)	B-2
		Bob Hellman	825-9571
	29	Sapphire Lk via Kokanee/Nansen Mt	B-1/C-3
		Christine Sutherland	352-7755

Sept	1(Wed)	Crawford Pk	B-2
		John Rushforth	359-2246
	4(Sat)	McBeth Icefield	C-3
		Jenny Baillie	362-5519
	5	Jumbo Pass (Combined Trip)	B-2
		Pierre deSève	505-2135
	8(Wed)	Granite Knob	C-2
		Mary Woodward	825-4491
	11(Sat)	Sherman Lakes / Sherman Ridge	A-1/B-2
		Wendy Hurst	399-4157
	12	Vingolf Pk	C-3
		Hans Korn	367-9277

0715 Siskiwit
0830 ferry
1/2 hike

0730 Nelson
3:00 D - Don H.
0820 Nornalga

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July 2	Warfiel-Rossland Wagon Road	C2
	Jan Micklethwaite	362-5289
9	Blewet-South Slokan Canal	B2
	Yvonne Tremblay	825-9238
16	Sullivan Lake area	C2
	Carol Potasnyk	368-6840
23	TBA	
30	TBA	
Aug 6	South Slokan-Castlegar circuit	B1
	Laurie Charlton	362-9461
13	Nakusp-Summit Lake	B2
	Carol Potasnyk	368-6840
20	Galena Trail	C3
	Dave Adams	355-0055
27	TBA	
Sept 3	North end of Christina Lake	C3-4
	Hans Korn	367-9277
10	Passmore-Appledale	B2
	Anya Logodi	362-7247
17	Slokan City-Little Slokan	C2
	Dave Adams	355-0055

THE NEWSLETTER...

This is the last newsletter until after the summer. But though this is normal, I have a special request which is not. I am away in Peru for July 3 to August 20 and during this time I would not like to have tons of email piling up at my electronic mailbox. Therefore, I am requesting that everyone please hold off on sending me articles, trip reports, schedule changes, etc until after I return. Regular mail will be okay, since it just goes into a box until I return. Please note my new address and telephone number in the KMC box in the next column.

NOTES FROM THE JUNE 1 EXECUTIVE MEETING...

1. A sort of joint letter from Friends of WK Parks and KMC about the Slokan Chief replacement plans has been prepared to Lands to express our ideas and concerns. Who knows where the planning process is by now, but I hope I can send along more information in September.

2. Check us out at www.kootenaymountaineering.bc.ca
Yes we are on line and it looks very nice. It lists activities, has a nice photo gallery, and useful links. Please use it and decide on how it can be made more effective for you. Ian did

the programming but Laurie is the lead climber on this route so contact him with ideas.

3. Next executive meeting on September 7, at 7:30 at Karen Holden's.

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KARABINER 1998...

Last chance to get in articles to Kim Kratky at any of the following: 44 Oak St., Nelson, BC V1L 2V9; 352-3895; kkratky@netidea.com.

CAR HIKING CAMP ANYONE?...

And I repeat...

Another type of camp for those interested.

The idea would be to use one or more regular campsites at public campgrounds to car camp and do day hikes. All participants to be responsible for their own food and shelter.

Suggested Time: Monday, August 9 to Saturday, August 14

Suggested Place: Kaninaskis, Alberta

Contact Bob Dean at 352-6317 or bdean@kootenay.net.

1999 CLIMBING CAMPS...

If you are still interested in the camps to the Battle Range and the Clemenceau Icefields you may still have some luck if you contact Paul Allen very soon.

phone: (250) 362-5832

TRIP REPORTS...

North Shore Bike Trip

May 14, 1999

Mary Woodward

Six left 9-Mile in the rain towards the Harrop ferry. After warming up the weather improved and layers of cloths were removed on the ferry. Rain and clouds and little sun - that was this May. We picnicked at Sunshine Bay while watching the osprey chasing geese from its nest. On through Proctor and down a short trail through the woods to a rocky beach where we relaxed in the sun for a while. We returned to Yvonne's for hot fruit punch and snacks - thanks Yvonne. On this trip were Barb, Clint, Carol, Yvonne, Hans and Mary.

Violin Lake Hike

May 15, 1999

Anja Logodi

Gloomy day but we had only one downpour. We saw yellow violets and a lot of yellow skunk cabbage, the colour of which blended perfectly with other spring shades. We had a pleasant lunch at the far end of the lake, sheltered from the wind. A very satisfying walk for: Ester, Diane, Mary, Jill, Hans and Anja.

Fry Creek Canyon

May 22, 1999

Mary Woodward

We were 16. It took just over 2.5 hours to the gravel bar past the big rock slide. No goats on this day.

This was a A-1 hike, but after some discussion most people wanted to keep on towards Carney Creek. That is where I remembered there to be an old road starting up to Kootenay Joe Ridge and an old picnic table. We trudged onwards, the trail quite easy to follow at first, but eventually disintegrating due to washouts, blow downs and mud and rock slides. No longer an A-1 hike I suppose! More discussions: go on or go back? Due to the slow progress and the late hour we reluctantly retraced our steps. Bess had continued searching out the old trail and when she returned to us she informed us that she had found the road, picnic table and a better trail back to our turn around spot. It was only 10 minutes from where we had stopped. Well we almost made it, didn't we? Roaring creek, beautiful wild flowers, snow covered mountain peaks and pleasant company. Can't complain about that.

Basic Snow Practice

June 5, 1999

Norman Thyer

Five people, besides me, turned up. This year, there was adequate snow near the bottom of the chairlift. We spent a couple of hours sliding in the snow, trying out various self-arrest methods and a bit of basic rope work. After persistent rain started at 10.30, we decided that was enough for the day. Participants were: Eric Ackerman, Roy King, Gerda Lang, Kay Medland, Evelyn Riechert.

Idaho Peak Elevation (2273m/7480ft)

June 12, 1999

Vicki Hart

A summer hike up to Idaho Peak under a cobalt blue sky, a few meters of snow - why not? Three determined souls armed with ice axes set out on the Wakefield Trail, east of Silverton. The trail switchbacks up the steep slopes and seemed to be well maintained until we reached snow. "Where are the snow

blower machines?" we ask. We followed the trail as best as we could under the circumstance. Ted and Roy leading while I enjoyed the scenery, trees, snow and bear tracks. After an arduous four hour trek through the snow and approximately one km. from the peak, we made a group decision to climb up to the ridge and have lunch. The time of day and snow conditions contributed to that decision. Spectacular views of the Valhallas, Goat Range and Kokanee Glacier Park graced us as we ate lunch. The descent wasn't as difficult as I imagined, although Ted and I had to literally hold Roy back - he wished to glissade down the many avalanche slopes we encountered!!! Three hours later we were back at the trailhead. Some of the many wildflowers we saw were wild ginger, yellow violets, fairbells and the devils club was beginning to bud. A fine time was had by all.

We were Ted Ibrahim, Roy King and Vicki Hart

MOUNTAINEERING SCHOOL...

Submitted by Lorraine Kelley

This year's KMC mountaineering course was an unmitigated success. Besides classroom instruction on topics related to safety issues, equipment and techniques, the course included opportunities for hands-on (and feet-on!) practice. Rock-climbing the Slocan and Kinnaird bluffs (and pseudo-bluffs in the Nelson climbing gym) and snow practice up Ymir Mountain (in a snowstorm) were lead activities that culminated in an overnight camp up Glacier Creek, below the Horseshoe Glacier, on the weekend of June 12-13th.

In heavy snow in the parking lot of Whitewater on June 6th, it seemed unlikely that road conditions would allow us to proceed with the scheduled glacier trip the following weekend. Werner's reconnoiter a few days prior to our departure put the trip back on track with the understanding that our approach to camp would be lengthened by approximately one km due to snowy road conditions. The extra time spent hiking in was easily compensated by a very early start and an extremely quick and easy crossing of Glacier Creek, so unaffected was the creek by spring run-off even this late in the season.

We reached base camp by lunch time, taking a break for food and rest, and to drink in absolutely fabulous views of snowy peaks and glaciers all round. Blue skies--not a cloud all day--and warm temperatures despite the snow added to our high spirits. Joe measured the snow depth at base camp--an astounding 2.4 meters in a spot where last year's mountaineering students pitched tents on snowy patches or bare ground. Fred Thiessen--a veteran of this particular trip--confirmed that he had never seen the area at this time of year with so much snow.

We spent the afternoon practicing skills we had learned and performing crevasse rescues. No one seemed to have any problems throwing themselves over snow-packed "cliffs" (roped, of course): a testament to the confidence we gained over the weeks and our trust in the course leaders and our fellow students. Eventually, we had all been rescued and retreated to base camp for supper in the snow and an early bed time in prep for Sunday's early start.

By 5:30 a.m. we were on our way. Thoughts of climbing up and around the Cauldron--a usual practice on this trip--were shelved due to high avalanche risk given the volume of snow. Instead, our party of three groups of four used running belays to ascend the unnamed peak south of Horseshoe Glacier to an elevation of 9300 feet.

Thanks to Joe and Eric, the young legs of the party, who performed the grueling task of cutting trail in deep snow for most of the ascent. Great views of the Purcells, Bugaboos, Hamill Creek valley and the Earl Grey pass. After a quick lunch and photo-taking, we began the long descent in deep snow, and eventually back to the vehicles and the drive back to Nelson. We were students Eric, Joe, Jason, Jasmine, Jessica, Lisa, Cam and Lorraine and teacher/guides Tom, Al, Werner and Fred. (Students Donna, Heath and Mya--we missed you and you missed a great time!)

For me, the weekend trip and the entire course proved (once again) that "you are never too old to _____." (fill in the blank, anything of your choice). For all the "class", I can say for sure that we learned many new skills and safety measures, made new friends, visited great sites we will want to re-visit, and gained confidence. Can't say enough about how well the course was organized; many many thanks to Tom Dool for so competently coordinating and instructing! Kudos, as well, to Tom's "helpers" including Fred, Werner, Al and Karen and the folks at the Nelson climbing gym.

Thanks to the KMC for making the mountaineering class happen again this year. Hope the club will continue to help provide novice mountaineering enthusiasts with basic skills and fantastic climbing opportunities.

(Editor's note: I don't think Lorraine is correct in calling the glacier they were on the Horseshoe Glacier which is future north around the corner. But the glacier the club uses to the east of Cauldron does not seem to have a name. I think it needs one and a submission should be made.)

ROPE RESCUE COURSE...

Peter Jordan sends along the following for your consideration. What would you do if you were part way up a nice, classic, 4th class ridge route (let's say Sir Donald or Gladsheim), roped up and slinging a few spikes of rock for protection, and suddenly your partner gets hit by a falling rock and disappears over the edge, and is hanging full weight on the rope? Are the rope handling skills you learned 20 years ago up to the task? Would you know how to lower an unconscious climber to the bottom of a cliff if it's more than a rope length down and there's just two of you?

It's not something I thought about a lot, until a friend I go climbing with talked me into taking a rope rescue course. I'm glad I did - it's probably the most valuable weekend I've spent since I first took an avalanche course. It's surprising how much technology has advanced in the last decade or so, and yet how simple the principles are.

Yes, you can replace your old, bad, rope handling habits with safe new ones. If you do any roped climbing, anywhere - in the mountains, sport climbing, ice climbing, you need to take this course. And you need your climbing partner to take it even more.

... Peter Jordan

(from the brochure) rope Rescue Course

The most popular course. This is the "what if" course that gets you thinking! How do you rescue your partner on the second pitch. Simu-rap with sick climber and pass a knot through the belay? Learn raising and lowering systems together with anchor systems. This is an intense two day course that will leave you gasping at the knowledge gained and leave you wondering how you survived with out it. Two days. all equipment provided. July 5-6th. Aug. 23-24th. Cost: \$ 140.- Gravity Climbing Club, 352-6125, mirek@netidea.com, www.gravityclimbingclub.com

REQUEST FROM VICKI...

Has anyone ascended Hela Peak which is north of Beatrice Lake in the Valhallas? And if so please contact me at vjhart@hotmail.com Thank you, Vicki Hart.

FROM NORM...

Glacier View Peak July 10-11:

I plan to spend the Saturday night at the Woodbury Hut, provided that the road & trail are open then. If they are not open, the trip may be postponed. Participants must be prepared for glacier travel, with both knowledge and equipment. Climbing course graduates welcome.

ROADS...

A couple of items have crossed my computer in the last day that suggest we may have to worry about road access a bit more than usual.

From Ted Ibrahim...

I checked the access to Dolly Varden on Friday and was able to get over 12 km up the road (about 1600 m, 5300 ft) before meeting water running across the road. I could probably have driven across, but think it will have probably have washed the road out by next Wednesday.

From Dave Mitchell...

The road to Old Tom, up Canyon Creek is washed out about 100 m after the bridge crosses Crawford Creek (about 4 km from the normal hiking start). Although the road looks passable, it is seriously undermined, and will likely collapse soon. To do Old Tom from the Crawford Creek crossing would make the trip about 6.5 h up and 4 h down.

With heavy runoff this spring and the lack of MOF maintenance on roads and bridges in the last couple of years it may be more worthwhile to check out access ahead of time by visiting the location or contacting MOF or logging companies.

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		Muriel Walton	365-6519

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		Reid Henderson	352-2362
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		Sue Port	365-6056
	8	South Slocan Canal-Glade	C3-4
		Dave Adams	355-0055
	15	Kelly Creek-7 Mile Dam	C3-4
		Hans Korn	367-9277
	22	7 Mile-Proctor	B1
		Yvonne Tremblay	825-9238
	29	TBA	
		Dave Mitchell	354-4052

NOTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 7 EXECUTIVE MEETING

1. Have people been using our web site? The counter suggests over 4000 hits, but there is some question about this since it does not seem accessible through search engines and for just members who know the address to have hit it this many times seems unlikely. The next step is to have it registered with common search engines and to have other sites link to it so that people other than club members start to gain from it. The executive also talked about ways of using the site for mailing lists or notice boards but we will not

proceed on this for now. Laurie, who is coordinating it has lots of ideas but we want more feedback and experience with what there is now. **PHOTOS:** If you have a great photo or two that you would like to submit for the photo gallery on the site then send it as a slide to Laurie Charlton and he will create a new gallery later this year when he has enough new pictures.

2. Most of you will be familiar with Ted's mountain list for the Kootenays. Laurie has taken this list and added map references and put it on a data base so that it can be sorted and searched by name, location and elevation. If you would like a copy of this file, Laurie can send to you via email so contact him if interested.

3. The stove and chimney have been installed in the Grassy Hut so thanks to the hard work of Mark and assistants the hut is ready for winter. Unfortunately it seems that someone on an ATV has gone there and taken much of the firewood.

4. **THE KARABINER:** Kim has the 98 articles for a Karabiner but lacks the desk top publishing know how and equipment access to complete it. So the executive has decided to find Kim some help and considering the time, actually combine the 98 and 99 materials into a single issue which hopefully will come out next spring. This means that if you still have any articles that would go into a 98 issue then please get them to Kim, but also if you can, prepare some 99 stuff and get it in this fall as well so that all can be assembled this winter. Please contact Kim Kratky if you have materials and especially if you can help him with the technical end of the production.

5. **HIKING CAMP:** This year's camp was significantly effected by the large snow accumulations of last winter and the cold rainy weather of most of the spring and summer. Come to the slide show and see what it was like. Found with the camp stuff at the end were a yellow plastic rain slicker and a samsonite luggage key. Contact Laurie if they are yours. Laurie would also like to have any remaining bills or receipts for food, etc sent to him as soon as possible so he can finalize the books. And, he already has ideas about next years camp, so stay tuned.

6. **CLIMBING CAMP:** A small group of six were able to climb all the big stuff at Clemenceau by using high speed techniques to take advantage of openings in the weather. I hope we will see some great slides from this camp as well at the slide show.

7. **WINTER TRIPS:** Peter Jordan is now looking for leaders and will be phoning around soon. But that puts all the work on his shoulders, so why don't you phone him and save him the effort and time. And that means you might be able to come up with a great location that no one else has thought of. Also, there is a hope that more trips of the light touring and even cross country category can be put on the list this year to supplement the heavier mountaineering and telemarking trips that some people do not want to go on. This would produce a more extensive schedule and offer something for more club members. Contact Peter at 352-5225

8. **NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, October 5 at 7:00 at Karen Holden's place in Blueberry.

UPCOMING EVENTS...

THE CAMPS AND OTHER GOOD SHOTS SLIDE SHOW

Friday, October 22 at 7 pm

Robson Hall coffee and goodies provided

Bring your slides and photo albums and let others see the great places you have been.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Friday, November 12 at 7 pm

Heritage Inn, Nelson

Cost: \$17 includes meal and tip

Contacts by November 5:

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Castlegar - Murial Walton 365-6519

Nelson - Drew Desjardines 825-0072

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TRIP REPORTS...

Mount Crawford is Not Old Tom

June 13, 1999

Dave Mitchell

Our plan was to go to Old Tom following the route description given by Kim Kratky in his regular series "where are these mountains anyway" in the 1996 Karabiner. The road up Canyon Creek was undermined about 100 m from the Crawford Creek crossing. This would have added about an hour or ninety minutes to what was looking like a long trip.

On the early ferry ride (06:00), we were discussing the probable length of our trip and just before landing at

Kootenay Bay, we changed our collective mind, and decided to go up Crawford Peak instead. The access road, being south facing, was open almost all the way to the trailhead, save for a bit of ice-axe deadfall clearing.

Dave Cunningham did not enjoy the trip. Dave said there wasn't any more elevation gain than a trip to the flagpole. A trip for which he wouldn't have had to get up so early. He even called me a "Fred" for making him meet in Nelson at 05:15 to catch the early ferry, but I don't know if that was an insult.

Aside from Dave and me, the others on the trip were Maurice de St. Jorre and Ted Ibrahim.

Wolfe Peak 2180m

June 19, 1999

Al Fedoruk

We started the hike from the picnic area (1720m) at the Salmo-Creston summit. For the first few minutes we were able to follow short stretches of the Bear Grass Ridge trail that are clear of snow. The route then followed Cornice Ridge, dropped 200m down into Lost Creek Pass and back up to Wolfe Ridge. We climbed to the highest point on the ridge (2200m 49 6 6N 117 3 5W UTM 11 496245 5438761), not Wolfe Peak proper, which is some 20 m lower and 500 m to the east. It took 3:15 to reach the summit and 2:35 to return to the cars due to some good glissading. The round trip is 13 km. The weather for the trip was good with a mix of sun and clouds. Most of the hike was on snow but the south facing and more exposed slopes are bare. The only thing that marred the day was a plague (ok two) of snowmobilers serenading us for part of the day.

Participants: Al Fedoruk, Dave Beringer, Thierry Brionne, Ted Ibrahim, Mary Woodward, Hans Korn

Grey's Peak is Not Drinnon

June 27

Dave Mitchell

Drinnon seems to be a bit of a nemesis for me. I have tried, both on club trips and on self organized trips, to climb this mountain. So far, it has repelled me. This year it was due to snow on the road to the Drinnon Pass parking lot. June or early July is the ideal time to climb this one, so maybe next year!

Anyway, since Al Fedoruk's trip to Grey was cancelled the week before, I thought I might try, since I had the advantage of knowing that the road to Gibson Lake had been ploughed to the monster avalanche at 15 km.

We almost didn't make it to the summit. Normally, the route is fairly straight forward. Go to Gibson Lake, turn right, and go up to the notch in the ridge. Turn right again, go about a km and you're there. Although this sounds simple, when it's foggy and snowing on the glacier finding the route can be difficult. Our first attempt to approach the peak from the notch took us in a circle to meet up with our own tracks. The next attempt, we climbed more to the south and ended up on the edge of a cliff waiting for a view of our objective. After a 30 minute wait there, we headed back down. In a glance over my shoulder, and I saw the summit for long enough to take a compass bearing. Of course it fogged in again. However, with a bearing, we were able to find and ascend the mountain. We saw nothing from the top except each other. As would be

expected, the weather cleared up when we were on our way down from the notch toward Gibson Lake. The weather changed again and a bank of clouds brought the first rain of the day for the last 20 minutes of the trip to the trucks.

We were Jazmine Gardner, Mary Woodward, Al Fedoruk, Pierre de Seve, Ted Ibrahim, David Cunningham, Kim Kratky and myself. Paul Perreault and Francine Desmarreau joined us as far as Gibson Lake where they hiked on toward Kokanee Pass.

SPIDER PEAK

July 4th, 1999

Kristyn McIntosh

Participants Mary, Jill, Dianne, Jenny, Jan, Fernand and Don met at South Slocan Junction. Prepared for whatever weather the gods were prepared to dish out on the day and armed with ice axes and warm clothing we headed on to pick up Dave Adams in Slocan where it was pouring with rain and looking even more gloomy in the Valley. Dave was raring to go ice axe in hand and wearing his new mountain pants. Standing in the rain, some murmurs emerged from one of the cars...a mutiny was underway. An alternative destination was quickly agreed upon and the new plan was to hike the Galena Trail. Starting outside of New Denver it's a pleasant trail of about 6 km one way, along an old railway bed to a junction called Three Forks at the turnoff to Sandon. We had good views overlooking Carpenter Creek, lush green vegetation, with a few twin flowers and tiger lilies, passed by the remains of a large turn of the century mine at Howson Creek, that has fallen down like a pack of cards, (it's worth spending some time exploring the wreckage and old buildings) and the trail included a highlight of taking a cable car across swollen Carpenter Creek. The trail is maintained by a local volunteer group, they have done a very good job providing interpretative signs and it is also a suitable trail for biking. A good alternative considering the conditions enjoyed by all and the only slip was the leader forgot her lunch! Thanks to those, who donated food!

Sphinx Mountain

July 11, 1999

Kristyn McIntosh

We made some break throughs on this trip. We actually made it all the way up the Grey Creek Pass Road, against all road reports. It was the first day for the season that a car had made it though from Kimberley. On the way up Steve's car unfortunately broke down close to the top of the pass but we decided to hike anyway. The trail starts behind the cabin which has now collapsed. We followed the blazed & flagged trail up through the trees and patches of snow, following a creek up in a northerly direction. Once we were above the tree line we had a good view toward the summit. Surprised to find very little snow we continued on up in the hot sun. Many glacier lilies and western anemone were flowering, still early spring flowers.

From the top we had views all around toward Kootenay Lake, Kokanee Glacier, Mount Loki, etc. Old cornices were still hanging on north facing slopes and there was still lots of snow on these steeper slopes. Mindful of the time and needing to get Steve's vehicle out, half of the group headed down after a short lunch to see what could be done. After deciding the truck wasn't going anywhere and that it would

probably need to be towed, we all headed out. Thanks to Fred we were all able to be shuttled down to the ferry terminal; try to imagine 9 people with gear in Fred's 4-runner! Upon arrival sweaty hikers with iceaxes and backpacks poured out, much to the surprise of tourists waiting for the ferry. Thank you for an enjoyable and eventful day Fred, Dianne, Ted, Steve & Eliane, Susan, Hans, Joan & Drew.

Glacier View Peak

August 3-4, 1999

Norman Thyer

I chose this trip as a glacier climb that appeared not to be too strenuous or difficult, and with easy access, appropriate for anyone (e.g. recent climbing course graduates) who wanted to get some glacier experience without taking on something too ambitious. I originally aimed for a date in early summer, when daylight hours are long and access to the area should be open, while enough snow remained to bridge crevasses and provide access to the glacier on snow rather than rock & boulders. 6 people altogether showed interest in going.

Checking with the Parks Branch during the first 3 weeks of July, I was told that there were still 6 feet of snow at Woodbury Cabin, bridges were out, and there was avalanche danger and increasing bear activity. As we would need to get across creeks somehow, I postponed the trip. The Parks office appeared to be closed in the last week of July, but Doug and Gala Sly took a KMC group to Woodbury Cabin on Aug 1 and reported good conditions. When the Parks Branch office re-opened on August 3, they informed me that propane had been stocked at the cabin the previous week, and that there were 8 foam pads for sleeping, though some of these proved to be pillow-size.

It remained to find a date that would be acceptable to at least 3 prospective participants, and I decided to go on Aug 3-4, when weather forecasts appeared favourable. After leaving Nelson at noon on Aug 3, we started hiking in warm, clear weather soon after 1400, and reached the cabin 3 1/2 hours later, with a few hours of daylight to spare. The main crossing of Woodbury Creek was in good condition, but some of the smaller creek crossings were deteriorating, there were numerous fallen trees on the trail, and we started to encounter snow patches just before the cabin.

During the evening, we had an informative discussion on topics such as glacier travel and knots, and made plans for the next day. Getting up at 0500, we would leave at 0600, ascend a snow-covered slope to the west side of the Woodbury Glacier, then go up the glacier by whatever route looked best. At the top, we would check out the various neighbouring summits. One to the west looked as if it could be just a walk-up, rather like Glacier Dome, while others to the east might be a bit more challenging. Then we would aim to return to the hut by around 1300, before the snow softened too much, and allowing ample time for the hike out and return drive.

The weather looked hopeful in the evening, but before dawn, a thunderstorm was upon us, with sporadic outbursts of heavy rain. Daylight showed a complete overcast, and while neighbouring ridges were visible, the valley downstream appeared to be "socked in" - not the weather to be starting out on a climb. So we spent 3 extra hours in our sleeping bags. The rain finally stopped around 0900. Werner retrieved a

sweaty T-shirt that he had hung outside, to find that hungry rodents had gnawed holes in it during the night.

We hiked out at 1015. Fortunately no more rain fell, but the brush along the trail was wet, and we took extra care crossing damp log bridges.

Participants were David Cunningham, Werner Kraus and Norman Thyer.

The col at the base of Gimli (Valhalla Park)

August 15, 1999

David Beringer

It was an intrepid group of seven hardy hikers who rose to greet the dawn (in their respective abodes) on Sunday August 15. Looking out at a regular Nelson November day, six of these people decided to pack lunch and raingear and make for the appointed 06:30 rendezvous at the deserted Safeway parking lot (thoughtfully designed to bring the unique architectural pizzazz of sprawling North American suburban strip development to quaint, heritage-obsessed Nelson). Rain was also falling in Rossland but that didn't stop Jill Watson from joining us at Playmor Junction at 07:00.

By the time we got to the trailhead it was no longer raining and (very) occasional breaks in the cloud gave those who hadn't been in this spectacular area before some tantalizing glimpses of sheer rock walls, cascading waterfalls, and gnarled and wind-sculpted conifers. Setting off at a reasonable pace we soon had our first little surprise: some of the large rocks that had been placed across the creek to make a bridge had been washed downstream! Fortunately there was enough slash jammed across the channel just below the former bridge that we could all scramble across without getting wet feet. For many, the victory was short-lived, as the next section of trail resembled a shallow stream. After sloshing along for 150m or so, things dried out and we huffed out way up through the hushed and peaceful forest.

Above the treeline we followed the trail over scree and meadows and the occasional patch of snow to the col, where we had lunch. The Snowpack™ temperature was 1 °C. Just before reaching the col the clouds parted and everyone got a glimpse of Gimli's imposing spire. Solid clouds all around and fresh snow at the base of Gimli forced us to abandon hope of even a peek into Mulvey basin so we retraced our steps to the vehicles and headed for "civilization" (which in my case was several cups of good tea and Peach and Kiwi flan).

We were: Rick Wright, Jill Watson, Jen Walters, Susan Fisher, Al Fedoruk, David Beringer, Alison Beringer

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B-fair C-average D-strenuous E-very strenuous

Technical: 1-hike 2-scramble 3-scramble, perhaps with some exposure
4-climb 5-climb, continual belays

For more information phone the summer trips chairman,

Bob Dean 352-6317

REMEMBER:

1. SHARE EXPENSES

2. NO DOGS ON CLUB TRIPS

Oct	24	Kokanee Lake + ?	B-1
		Susan Fisher	352-7156
	31	Mel DeAnna Trail	A-1
		Muriel Walton	365-6519
Nov	7	Brilliant -> Glade Trail	B-1
		Wendy Hurst	399-4157
	14	Slocan Ridge Towers	B-1
		Bob Dean	354-1557
	21	Athabasca Mine	A-1
		Reid Henderson	352-2362
	28	Pulpit Rock	A-1
		Susan Fisher	352-7156

BIKE TRIPS

Classification: Physical: A-easy, B-fair, C-average, C-strenuous, E-very strenuous. Technical: 1-suitable for all bikes, 2-hybrid or mountain bike, 3-moderate mountain biking skills, 4-advanced mountain biking skills, 5-extreme mountain biking skills

Oct	22	7 Mile-Proctor	B1
		Yvonne Tremblay	825-9238
	29	Giveout Creek/49 Creek Loop	C2
		Dave Mitchell	354-4052

UPCOMING EVENTS...

THE CAMPS AND OTHER GOOD SHOTS SLIDE SHOW

Friday, October 22 at 7 pm

Robson Hall coffee and goodies provided.
Bring your slides and photo albums and let others see the great places you have been.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Friday, November 12 at 7 pm

Heritage Inn, Nelson

Cost: \$17 includes meal and tip

Contacts by November 5:

Rossland - Jill Watson 362-5660

Castlegar - Muriel Walton 365-6519

Nelson - Drew Desjardines 825-0072

The following positions on the executive are becoming due as of this fall. Some have a volunteer willing to take the work on, but these positions are still available to anyone interested by simple nomination at the general meeting. The other positions are unfilled at this point and volunteers or nominations are being accepted up to and at the general meeting.

President - open Vice-president - open

Hiking Camp - Laurie Charlton

Climbing Camp - open

Newsletter - Wendy Hurst

Trails and Cabins - Mark Hamilton

Mountaineering School - possibly open

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NOTES FROM THE OCTOBER 5th EXECUTIVE MEETING

1. WINTER TRIPS: Peter Jordan is now looking for leaders and will be phoning around soon. But that puts all the work on his shoulders, so why don't you phone him and save him the effort and time. And that means you might be able to come up with a great location that no one else has thought of. Also, there is a hope that more trips of the light touring and even cross country category can be put on the list this year to supplement the heavier mountaineering and telemarking trips that some people do not want to go on. This would produce a more extensive schedule and offer something for more club members. Contact Peter at 352-5225

2. Again this issue took a great deal of time at the meeting, largely owing to the involvement to the Trudeau family which seems to have given Parks more impetus in its fund raising and thus more likelihood that something will happen. Look for an open house led by Parks this fall when their "strategic plan" is in place.

3. The direction to be taken by the KMC website will be discussed at the AGM and people should take the time to check it out and provide input to Laurie, who is heading up the program, at the meeting.

4. The Gladstone and Granby parks in the Christina Lake and Grand Forks areas are in the planning process and meetings are being held in Grand Forks by the consultants hired to do the plan for Parks. Karen Holden will be attending these

meetings along with one or two other members and if you wish to know more or have some input, contact her.

5. Retallack was also discussed since the cat ski operators have applied for commercial summer and winter use of the area north of the highway - London Ridge, etc. It looks like their application has been turned down by Lands, but they did approach the KMC about cooperating to provide new access to Whitewater Creek and to find out if we would oppose their application and why.

6. Kalishnekoff Lumber will be logging in the Hummingbird Pass area some time in the near future but as far as we know no plan has been submitted yet. Both back country tourers and the Whitewater Ski area are going to be effected by this so look for announcements.

7. Hiking camp for next year is almost ready to go so come to the AGM and find out what's in store for you next summer.

TRIP REPORTS...

Duck Lake

June 18, 1999

Carol Potasnyk

The vehicles were left by the tunnel entrance of the Lower Wynndel Road. We were treated to freshly paved road to cycle until the turn off on the Duck Lake Road. The Channel Road washboard soon awakened our senses to the fact that we were on a mountain biking trip and were to have a few screws loose by the end of the day. This area is a Mecca for birds, especially waterfowl. Frequent stops for bird and turtle watching were welcome rests for our jangled bones. We cycled the dike along the south west sides of the lake almost to the railway bridge. We returned to the vehicles along the Six Mile Slough dike and the Duck Lake Road. It was a great day, not too hot and no rain or bugs. The trip was 50 km and took 3.5 h of riding time. The cyclists were Hans Korn, Anya Logodi, Wendy LaCroix, Harry Smarsden, Yvonne Tremblay, Mary Woodward, and Carol Potasnyk.

Salmo to Hall Siding

July 16, 1999

Carl Potasnyk

This trip was scheduled for Sullivan Lake. Jill's muffin attack at Salmo somehow changed the destination since the weather was unsettled and none of us had been on the old railbed. The decision was made to cycle to Whitewater return. The railway proved to be a very gentle but rough route through a flower garden of daisies, lupines, wild hollyhocks, bog orchids and fireweed. The serenity of the trip soon ended when the seat broke off Carol's bike. Absentmindedly the duct tape had been left at home and the seat could not be reattached. Carol cycled 5 km standing up and then flopped in a field of daisies at Hall Siding for lunch. Once revived we returned to Salmo via the highway with Carol riding BMX style over her rear wheel. The ride was 50 km and took 3 hours and 40 minutes of riding time. The cyclists were Jill Watson, Anya Logodi, and Carol Potasnyk.

Blue Grouse/Fennel

September 15, 1999

Don Harasym

We left Nelson at 7:30 AM and South Slokan by 8:00 AM and were on the trail by around 10 AM. The weather was fabulous with clear skies and warm temperatures. Blue Grouse basin was at its best with lovely reflections off the still water and still

lots of green. All were back at the parking lot by 4:00 PM. Fourteen took in the trip and of those, nine made the trek to the top of Fennel. Participants: Anji Lojodi, Reid Henderson, Hanspeter Korn, Anna Thyer, Mela Piper, Vicki Hart, Ted Ibrahim, Roger Legge, Don Harasym, June Harasym, Pierre De Seve, Bob Dean, Irme Mende, Pam Jenkins.

Mt. Gladstone (2250 m / 7381 ft)

September 25, 1999

Muriel Walton

In spite of rain, we drove west from Castlegar to the Paulson Detour Rd. which turns north off the Christina Lake Highway (before reaching the Paulson Bridge). The pavement turns to gravel and passing the McRae Creek logging road we came to the old Kettle Valley Railway bed and drove north about 2 km to the first field on the left. (Farron is about 2 km farther along.) Parking along the railbed edge, we crossed the creek into the field, searched out the trailhead on the west side of the field and walked on an old logging road under spreading hemlocks. The road narrows into a trail, kept open and marked by red ribbons by hunters who ride packhorses up to their camp at the end of the trail. As we neared the hunting camp in the rain, snow began to fall. Above us on the ridges of Mt. Gladstone we could see hip-high vegetation made slick by the wet snow, and on the summits, slippery rocks. With wet boots and saturated clothing, we decided to turn back. We were down at the cars by noon when the sun came out to tease us. When the weather cooperates this really is a good walk with beautiful views of Christina Lake to the S West, and to Mt Faith (2279m) and Peter Lake to the North.

At the end of September last year we reached the top in hot sunshine about noon to discover thousands of ladybugs scurrying in various directions over the huge warm rocks. Adult ladybugs assemble before cold weather sets in and hibernate under these rocks. Ladybird Mt. near Castlegar is named for the Ladybirds on its summit.

We were, Renate Belczyk, Pierre De Seve, Hazel Kirkwood, Hans Korn, Elaine Miros, Web Webster, and Muriel Walton.

Elephant Mountain

September 29, 1999

Don Harasym

Originally scheduled was the Palisades but because of recent snow at higher elevations, the location was changed to Elephant Mt. (Mt. Nelson). We were on the trail by 8:25 AM and arrived at the CBC communications tower by 11:50 AM. After a leisurely lunch, we were back at the trail head by 4:00 PM. As a result of the great trail work being done by Bob Dean and Associates, this commonly referred to, Pulpit Rock/flagpole hike has now become a super hike having a 3500 ft total elevation gain. The height of the mountain is very deceptive when viewed from Nelson since few realize that there is another 1500 ft climb from the flagpole to the towers. We bushwhacked the last 35 minutes from the end of the trail to the towers by following the flagging. When completed, this hike will become increasingly popular and a great legacy to its builders. Those in attendance were able to assist Bob in his search for his lost chain saw. Bob was most grateful to discover the saw behind a fallen log. Participants: Hanspeter Korn, Mary Woodward, Bob Dean, Ted Ibrahim, Ileane Miros, Don Harasym and Irme Mende.

Mt. Kaslo(2362 m/7750 ft)

October 5, 1999

Ted Ibrahim

This exploratory hike was brought forward by one day because of vacation by the leader. Six of us managed to catch the 7:40 am ferry, despite the road works on the North Shore. We drove up the east shore of Kootenay Lake, crossed Powder Creek and the turned right shortly after the 13 km marker (the maps only show the road going up Powder Creek, but the main road now continues up the lake for new logging). We drove about 0.6 km up the Powder Creek road and parked by an old logging road on our left at about 900 m. We started hiking at about 9:30 am going up the old logging road to a landing area and saw a rocky outcrop the promised to be the start of our attempt to walk along the south-west ridge. The proved to be a good route, mostly on rock covered with moss or lichen and only minor bushwhacking, but we kept getting pulled more north than we wanted. After about one hour (and 350 m elevation gain), we ran into fairly thick bush and also the sky looked very threatening. We unanimously agreed that we did not want to bushwhack in the wet and turned round, the rain starting shortly after (which made the rock very slippery). It had stopped raining by the time we were back at the cars. We decided to walk up the Powder Creek road and walked about 9 km to within about 1 km of the end for an elevation gain of about 650 m. The rain kept away and we had good views of the unnamed mountains up Powder Creek. We were Hans Korn, Mary Woodward, Pierre De Seve, Irme Mende, Fred Matthes and Ted Ibrahim

BOOTS FOR SALE...

Raichle Kootenay II, Size: 10½, wide. Almost new. Purchased in the Spring for \$220 including taxes. Asking \$110. Contact: Don Harasym at 354-4578.

ICE AXE LOST...

Lost...an ice pick/hammer...orange shaft on the Alps Altura trail {Wilson / Dennis creek area}.

Please contact Peter McIver, 250-365-1191 or 2904 First Avenue Castlegar, V1N 3M2.

JUMBO CREEK DEVELOPMENTS...

First, here is a form that will allow you to join the organization that is working to protect the Jumbo area.

Jumbo Creek Conservation Society - Membership Form

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Fax _____

Address: _____

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Mail to: Jumbo Creek Conservation Society

Box 158, Edgewater, BC, V0A 1E0

Second, here is an internet address that Ted has sent along where more information is available about the progress of the development application:

www.eao.gov.bc.ca/project/destination/jumbocr/home/.htm

HERE IS THE MEMBERSHIP FORM. FILL IT OUT AND SEND IT IN OR BRING IT TO THE AGM. MORE FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE MEETING.

Membership

There are over 250 members in the KMC. There are no special requirements for new members other than residing in the West Kootenays.

You are welcome to attend several trips before joining.

The annual fees are ...

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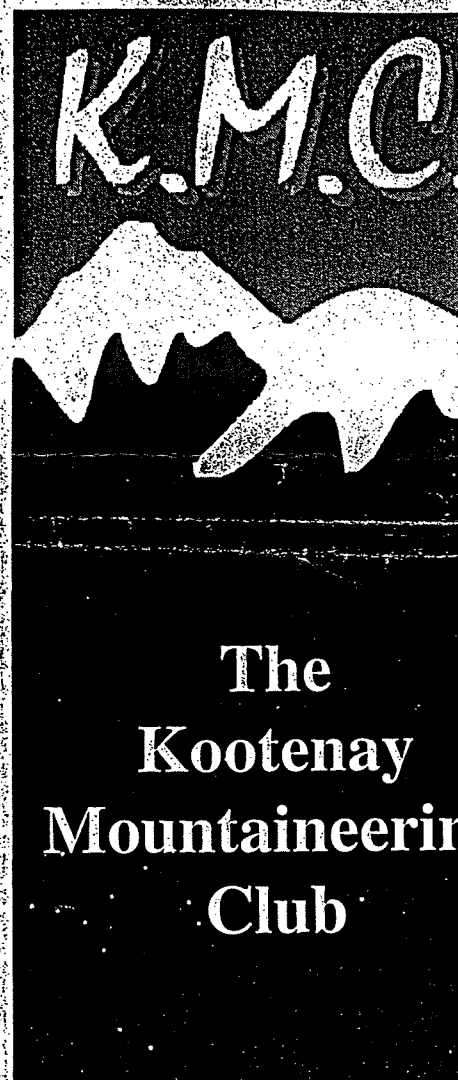
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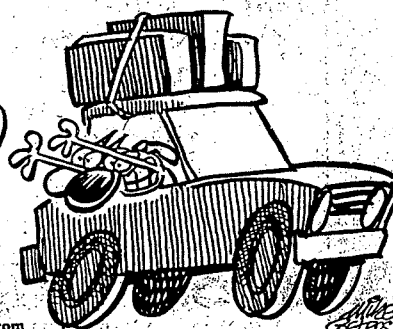
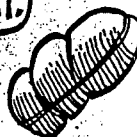
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UPCOMING TRIPS...

The extensive 1999 summer schedule has finally come to an end. We all appreciate Bob's incredible programs even if we can't find time to go on many trips. Bob has started work on the 2000 summer schedule and if you have ideas or would be willing to lead trips please contact him. That kind of contact really eases the work for the organizer.

The 1990-2000 winter schedule is attached at the end of the newsletter and we thank Peter Jordan for this work. Take advantage of some of these fine trips and enjoy the winter that much more.

THE 1999 AGM...

1. The Executive for the next year:

President	Paul Allen
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Climbing Camp	
Entertainment	Jan Micklethwaite/Jill Watson
Conservation	Kim Kratky
Karabiner	Kim Kratky
Mountaineering School	Tom Doal
Trails and Cabins	Mark Hamilton
Membership	Joan Grodzki

2. Location: The rotation of the AGM brought it to Nelson this year. Attendance was about thirty members. The rotation will continue for next year, at Trail/Rossland I think.

3. The website: Support was given to continuing the site and to develop it as funds, ideas, time and usage are available.

4. Trips: A summary was made of the hiking, skiing and biking schedules and the format of these will be continued for the year 2000.

5. Treasurer's Report: All is well with KMC finances and the report for 1999 and the budget for 2000 were accepted. If you are interested, copies are available from Elaine.

6. Conservation: Reports were presented on the Slocan Chief, the Gladstone and Granby Parks and Retallack. Recent newsletters have contained summaries of these issues. Dave Mitchell seems most up on the Slocan Chief, Karen Holden on the Gladstone/Granby Parks and Kim Kratky on the Retallack issue. Contact them if you are interested.

7. Karabiner: Some people want it and some don't. But the discussion was to combine 98 and 99 into one and produce them on a word processor and avoid all that extra work associated with a fancy publication. I think the executive would like some feed back on how to proceed with the Karabiner in the future.

8. The following people left the executive after completing this term: Dave Mitchell, Drew Desjardins and Peter Tchir.

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TRIP REPORTS...

Mount Gregorio(2640 m)

October 2, 1999

Dave Mitchell

Reports of 20 cm of fresh snow didn't deter us, because at this time of year, 20 cm can disappear in a few hours. With cautious optimism I left the Drinnon Pass trail head without really expecting to reach the summit. I have reservations about mountains in the Valhallas because of limited success and incidents. Perhaps it was the "we're only going to look" attitude that allowed us to actually get to the summit.

The route up isn't obvious, and Earle Whipple's description in the guidebook is less helpful than the topo map. Andy and I have both turned back from Gregorio on two occasions, so here is a description of a route that goes.

Travel along the Drinnon Pass trail past Drinnon Lake to the south east ridge. Climb and contour around the east side of this avoiding the two obvious knobs. From the col between the second knob, and the continuation of the south east ridge, head west past the first gully to the second gully. This gully is aligned exactly north south goes straight up to the summit ridge. It's very steep in places and gets quite exposed nearer the top. On the ridge, it is an obvious 200 metre ridge walk to the summit, looking over the very exposed north face.

Near the top of the gully, we found an old rappel sling. I would have felt more comfortable with a rope, and obviously others did previously. I know that Mike Hyriniak and Chad Johnstone did this route about 4 years ago. I wonder if it was their sling?

We were, Hans Korn, Ted Ibrahim, Andy Stradling, Bernie Hoffman and myself.

Kokanee Lake Plus

October 24, 1999

Susan Fisher

A leisurely start put us on the trail at 9:40 AM. All members of the group were challenged to keep up with Pierre but we soon lost sight of him as he sped to the cabin. We were at Kokanee Lake in 1 hour and 10 minutes and were just getting warmed up so we pressed on to Kaslo Lake. The trail around Kokanee Lake was hard packed snow and icy! Extra caution was necessary to safely navigate to the other end of the lake. Other parts of the trail were also icy and required careful stepping. By noon we were at the junction of the cabin and Tanal Lake. Six decided to press on to the cabin and the remaining three decided to find a location in the sun with warm rocks to stretch out on and have lunch. We were soon joined by 2 others who turned back from the cabin due to icy trail conditions and lunch in the sun became a more inviting option. We had one injury due to a fall on the ice which resulted in a laceration to the finger. We came across two groups hiking out. One group had their skis strapped to their packs and the others had their snowboards. Apparently they found enough snow to play on but encountered lots of rocks as well! Perhaps a little too eager for winter! We all arrived back at Kokanee Lake about the same time and were back at the cars around 4 PM. We could not have wished for a more perfect day - the weather and scenery was outstanding. The women outnumbered the men more than 2 to 1 and was comprised of 8 members and 2 non-members who were out with the club for the first time. We were: Sylvia Wood, Anya

Logodi, Jill Watson, Don Harasym, Gisela Lehmann, Ed Lehmann, Janis Gilbert, Deanne Turnbull, Pierre De Se've, Susan Fisher.

Mel DeAnna Trail, Castlegar

October 31, 1999

Muriel Walton

After high winds, wild rains, and power outages, the sun came out to warm our pleasant walk on the Mel DeAnna Trail through the Castlegar Nature Park. Blanketed with soft orange larch needles, the four mile trail loops around three lakes, Maple, Kalmia and Juniper. Kalmia is named for its large central bog with its huge numbers of pink swamp laurel or Kalmia. To our surprise, a magnificent pair of white Whistling Swans were enjoying the tranquillity of Maple Lake. Near the bridge at the far end of Juniper Lake we were treated to an afternoon show by a large dipper (water ouzel) dipping and diving for her lunch of water insects. We enjoyed the views of Blueberry and Poupore from the bluffs, a thousand feet above the Columbia, and wondered at the backbreaking work of the miner who built a log cabin and dug out a 60 ft. vertical shaft and a nearby vertical shaft (beware of young children here!)

The Park was logged over during the 1930's and was devastated by a forest fire in the 1940's, so the present forest is just 60 years old with "pioneer"- type trees including larch, birch, and lodgepole pine.

We were ten in number, Ross Bates, Reid and Linda Henderson, Wendy Hurst, Hazel Kirkwood, Anja Logodi, Nell Plotnikoff, Marg Webster, Muriel and John Walton.

AVALANCHE COURSES...

Introductory and Advanced Recreational Avalanche Safety Courses 1999-2000

* developed and recognized by the Canadian Avalanche Association

Introduction (2 days, 2 evenings):	\$175+GST
Dec.10-12 for Teenagers	Feb.11-13 for Women

Advanced (5 days, 4 evenings):	\$475+GST
Dec.17-21	Jan.3-7

Introductory Course at Powder Creek Lodge (8days and evenings):	\$1275+GST
Jan.9-17	

For information and registration, contact:

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TOPO MAPS ON CD ROM...

The following is a letter received from David Jones. I think it is of serious interest to KMC members.

I wondered if you or any of your colleagues might be interested in this - I expect to have 10 CD's on hand shortly. I have sprung for the cost of creating a CD that will hold all the 1:50,000 scale topographic maps normally relevant to a climber interested in the Selkirks, Purcells and Monashees. This CD will have the title "Interior Ranges of British Columbia".

In order to get this CD created, I have had to purchase all of the elevation data for most of the area as well as to pay for the original master preparation. Naturally I would be interested in recovering my investment. The CD will come with complete topographic info/elevations etc plus the necessary software for printing the maps on your home computer, plotting way points and other useful manipulation of the information. This will allow one to print out on one sheet, an area at the intersection of 4 map sheets for example. One can also adjust the scale. I do not have a final list of the map sheets that will be included but the expectation is that the CD will include the following maps:

82M1	Mount Revelstoke	82M7	Ratchford Creek
82M8	Downie Creek	82M9	Goldstream River
82M10	Hoskins Creek	82M15	Scrip Creek
82M16	Kinbasket Lake	82N2	McMurdo
82N3	Mount Wheeler	82N4	Illecillewaet
82N5	Glacier	82N6	Blaeberry
82N11	Beavermouth	82N12	Mount Sir Sandford
82N13	Sullivan River	83D1	Boat Encampment
83D2	Nagle Creek	82L9	Gates Creek
82L16	Revelstoke	82K1	Findlay Creek
82K2	Lardeau	82K7	Duncan Lake
82K8	Toby Creek	82K9	Radium Hot Springs
82K10	Howser Creek	82K11	Trout Lake
82K12	Beaton	82K13	Camborne
82K14	Westfall River	82K15	Bugaboo Creek
if space permits also			
82N7	Golden	82M2	Perry River

Minimum system requirement Windows 95 or NT 4.0, 486 processor, 8Mb RAM minimum, CD-ROM required. Can download waypoints and routes from GPS receivers and the internet. Can be used with NMEA and TSIP GPS receivers.

My cost per CD is \$28.00. If I can sell 10 CD's at \$50, I can more or less break even on this deal. The proposed retail cost including taxes will be \$57.00. Since each paper hardcopy costs \$10, I think that this CD is pretty economical.

Any promotion of this CD would be helpful. Any body interested in purchasing a copy of this CD should contact me at the address below, preferably sending me a cheque for \$50. It would also be helpful if any interested people contacted me asap so I can do one order (ie 5 or more CD's at a time) to keep my own transaction costs down.

David P. Jones Phone: 604-822-8166
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HELPFUL HINTS FOR CAMPING...

Here are some useful tips from the *AVALANCHE ECHOES*, the newsletter of the Vancouver Section of the Alpine Club of Canada. It was forwarded here by Fred.

You can duplicate the warmth of a down filled bedroll by climbing into a plastic garbage bag with several geese.

When camping always wear a long sleeved shirt. It gives you something to wipe your nose on.

A hot rock placed in your sleeping bag will keep your feet warm. A hot enchilada works almost as well, but the cheese sticks between your toes.

In emergency situations, you can survive in the wilderness by shooting small game with a slingshot made from the elastic waistband of your underwear.

MEMBERSHIP FORMS...

The membership forms included in the last newsletter are not complete enough for our needs so we are asking everyone in the club to fill out and send in the form attached to this newsletter. This is important because it contains more information that we would like to have and because it contains the **waiver**. So even if you have already sent in your 2000 membership fees, please fill out this form and send in to Joan. If you have not yet sent in your fees, now is the time to do so. Only the January newsletter is on the 1999 list, so information stops coming to people who do not renew as of February.

NEW NEWSLETTER EDITOR APPOINTED...

This is my last issue of the newsletter and I would like to thank all who contributed articles, trip reports and other stuff too, to the newsletter over the last two years. To those who contributed but did not get published or to those who would have liked different content in the newsletter, I sort of apologize. But I must tell you that the time required each month or two to put it all together was very hard for me to find and things that were quicker - that is arrived electronically and all ready to go - were more likely to get done.

But most of all I wish to thank Wendy Hurst who is taking over from me as of the next issue. From now on all submissions should be to her. Here are her address and telephone number:

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I suggest you look to the next issue to find out what her policies will be and how she would prefer to have submissions made. Good Luck Wendy.

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Winter Trip Schedule 1999-2000

Dec.	12	Grassy Mountain C3	Dave Toews	825-9346
	19	Evening Ridge B3	Peter Jordan	352-5225
	26	The Annual Turkey Burner Tour D3	Fred Thiessen	352-6140
Jan.	2	TBA (B-C3 probably)	Dave Horner	352-3223
	8 s	Mosquito-Red Dog Cabins (Nancy Greene area) B2	Hans Korn	367-9277
	9	Ripple Ridge C3	Roland Perrin	352-5480
	15 s	Salmo-Creston Summit B2	Bob Hawes	428-5633
	16	Grassy Mtn C3	Dave Mitchell	354-4052
	22 s	Michener Creek (Paulson area) B2	Jill Watson	362-5660
	23	TBA (C3-4 probably)	Fred Thiessen	352-6140
	26 w	Glenmerry Loop B1	Janet Cameron	364-1487
	30	Lost Creek (Salmo-Creston)	Peter Jordan	352-5225
Feb.	6	TBA (C3-4 probably)	Peter Tchir	352-5959
	12 s	Nancy Greene Summit B-C2	Carol Potasnyk	368-6840
	13	Kutetl Basin D4	Dwain Boyer	825-4654
	16 w	Moose Meadows - Beaver Ponds circuit B2	Janet Cameron	364-1487
	20	Plewman Basin B-C3	Andy Stradling	362-9626
	26 s	Bonanza Creek (Paulson area) B-C2	Hans Korn	367-9277
	27	Clearwater Creek to Ymir traverse C2	David Cunningham	352-7434
Mar.	5	Goat Creek C3	Peter McIver	365-1191
	12	TBA (C3-4 probably)	Fred Thiessen	352-6140
	15 w	Nancy Greene Summit - Nancy Greene Lake B-C2	Janet Cameron	364-1487
	19	Mt Gladstone	Mark Hamilton	352-5824
	26	Mt Brennan D4	Roland Perrin	352-5480
Apr.	2	TBA (C3-4 probably)	Peter Jordan	352-5225
	9	TBA (C3-4 probably)	Peter Tchir	352-5959
	16	Mt Brennan D4	Dave Mitchell	354-4052
	21-23	(Easter weekend)		

Destinations and dates: Many of the destinations given in the schedule are tentative. Access often changes during the winter, and snow conditions or avalanche hazard may require a change of destination. Most trips are on Sundays. "s" indicates a Saturday trip and "w" indicates a Wednesday trip. "TBA" = to be announced. Watch the newsletter for details.

Trip classification: Trips are classified according to strenuousness (A-E) and level of difficulty (1-5), as for summer trips. This classification is very approximate, as the difficulty of a trip will vary greatly depending on snow conditions.

A - easy (a short day, little elevation gain) B - fairly easy (a longer day or moderate elevation gain) C - average (a full day, reasonable level of fitness required) D - strenuous (a long day, lots of elevation gain) E - very strenuous (bust a gut).

1 - track skiing 2 - off-track touring (suitable for cross-country touring skis) 3 - moderate back-country skiing (telemark or alpine touring skis and skins required, need some ability to turn) 4 - advanced back-country skiing (should be an intermediate or advanced telemarker, steep slopes and difficult route finding may be involved) 5 - technical winter climbing.

Avalanches: Many of the trips involve travel in terrain where there is some risk of avalanches. All participants should have taken an avalanche awareness course, and must carry an avalanche beacon and shovel. The club has Pieps for rent; ask the trip leader for details. If you want to take part in backcountry ski trips, it is highly recommended that you take an avalanche awareness course.

For more information phone the winter trips chairperson, Peter Jordan, at 352-5225.