

# CLOUDBURST

Federation of Mountain Clubs of British Columbia Newsletter

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## ADOPT A PROTECTED PARK PROPOSAL

FMCBC members have an interest in many of the proposed protected areas, based on the natural features, history, location and usage of those areas. We must also look to the future. In 1920, the B.C. Mountaineering Club began to advocate creation of a provincial park. At that time, it took at least two days to reach the proposed park, and most of B.C. was perceived to be indistinguishable howling mountain wilderness. Nonetheless, partly through their efforts, we now have Garibaldi Provincial Park.

### *Can we be any less foresighted?*

We need people to 'adopt' each of the proposed protected areas we have an interest in.

#### **This will involve:**

- defining what the boundaries ought to be on a 1:50,000 map.
- indicating on the map existing and potential trails, significant natural features, and other points of interest
- visiting the area with others and gathering information about it.
- developing networks and partnerships with others who have similar interests, particularly those living nearby.
- preparing a slide show on the area and showing it as widely as possible
- using guidelines provided by the FMCBC, preparing a submission to the area study team
- if possible, participating in the study team
- reporting occasionally to the FMCBC on your activities

*The FMCBC will provide what support and coordination it can, and appoint you as our official representative.*

You do not necessarily have to be an FMCBC member, so long as your objectives are similar to ours and you represent our interests in a manner we would agree with.

*For more information, call the office (737-3053) or Jay MacArthur (987-1232).*

### **Proposed Protected Areas for Decision by '93**

Bear Glacier; Seven Sisters; Spruce Lake; Callaghan Lake; Middle Stein; Purcell East; Gibson/Klitsa; Tetrahedron; Pinecone Lake/Burke Mountain; Stawamus Chief.

### **Proposed Protected Areas for Decision by '95**

Tatshenshini; Tutshi/Skagway; Chutine Lake; Howson Range; Mount Selwyn; Monkman additions; Kitlope; Mount Waddington; Ape Lake/Monarch; Niut Range; Chilko Lake/South Chilcotin; Tenquille Lake; Bishop River; Upper Lillooet; Monashee additions; Goat Range; Lake of the Hanging Glaciers; Strathcona additions; Chehalis; Radium Lake and others.



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## CLOUDBURST

**Articles:** The FMCBC welcomes articles designed to inform the readership of mountain conservation and recreation issues or activities in B.C. We urge our members and concerned public to share their thoughts.

**Advertising:** The FMCBC invites advertising that would be useful to our members and will carry ads on a first come first service basis, space providing. Please contact the Editor for a rate sheet.

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You may notice that Cloudburst has a new format. We continue to work to make the newsletter more readable and informative. We welcome suggestions on content and format as well as **advertising or classifieds**. Rates and information are available upon request. We hope to have regular coverage of current issues from our clubs for each region: Kootenays, Vancouver Island, and Northern BC.

We ask that clubs in these areas appoint a writer or writers to make ongoing submissions to Cloudburst.

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### FMCBC

The Federation of Mountain Clubs of British Columbia (FMCBC) is the official sport-governing body for mountaineering in B.C., representing the interests of hiking, climbing and outdoor clubs in the province. The FMCBC operates as a non-profit organization addressing mountain related issues, promoting safety and education through courses of instruction, and constructing and maintaining hiking and mountain access trails throughout BC. Membership in the FMCBC is open to any individual or group involved or interested in non-mechanized outdoor activities and conservation concerns.

**President:** Beth Wark

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**Manager, CWMS:** Brian Jones

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**Roger Freeman, Jay MacArthur**

*Trails:*

**Blair Mitten, John Otava**

*Safety and Education:*

**Ed Spat**

*Smoke Bluffs:*

**Jim Campbell**

### THANKS!

The Federation gratefully acknowledges the invaluable assistance of the following volunteers:

**FMCBC Party:** Kathryn Cuming, Margaret Ellis, Margaret O'Leary, Curtis Barber, Holly Mayall, Larry Lowden, Marcus Fengler, Don Froese, Lynda Wilson, Mike Davison, Emma Del Santos, Sharon Bader, Conan Young, and Anne Der.

**Door Prizes:** We gratefully acknowledge the following for their generous donation of door prizes at the 2nd Annual Party: Mountain Equipment Coop, Coast Mountain Sports, Careleton's Recreation and Cycle, Sports Junkies, Great Outdoors, and The Edge.

**Stawamus Chief Study:** Thomas Hackney (ACC) prepared a report for the study area team. It includes the Malamute and the Papoose, but not the Little Smoke Bluffs. The FMCBC and the team continues to meet.

**Cloudburst Layout/Design:** Mike Davison and Gabriel Mazoret for consultation in layout and design.

**FMCBC Display at Banff Film Festival:**

Rich Vigurs, for set up and manning the display.

**Herrick Creek LRUP:** Mike Nash has attended no less than 25 (!!) meetings on behalf of the FMCBC, as well as writing the Northern Perspective Column for Cloudburst for many years.



## NEW ADVISOR

We are pleased to report that **Paddy Sherman** has accepted the position of Advisor with the FMCBC. He is a long-time member of the Alpine Club of Canada, was once involved in the Mountain Access Committee, (predecessor to the FMCBC), and before retiring held several senior positions with the Southam organization, including the position of editor of the Vancouver Province. Paddy has also written several books on mountaineering, including 'Cloudwalkers' and 'Expeditions to Nowhere'.

We welcome his involvement with the FMCBC, and extend our appreciation to him and to our other long-time Advisors, Len Dudley and Gerry Burch.

## ISLAND INSIGHTS

*Chris Barner, Heathens Club*

### Strathcona Park ...

#### Preserving the Experience

I'd like to talk a little bit about the quality of the Strathcona experience - and the preservation of it. I grew up hiking and climbing in Strathcona Park, dipping my cup into every little creek, observing plentiful wildlife and travelling in country where the signs of human passing (and pissing) were rare. Things have changed a bit now: These days more people enjoy the park: the trailhead parking lots are seldom empty, and on long weekends at popular destinations, one can meet scores of like-minded travellers. The popularity of outdoor recreation is rising, but I'm concerned that the average level of awareness regarding human impact is not rising proportionately. It's a huge eye opener when you travel to other areas for your adventures. I've battled kleptomaniac rodents in the Bugaboos; waited in line in the Alps; walked through refuse at the base of El Capitan; and watched as tourists lobbed film packaging over viewpoint railings in the Rockies. Near the summit of Popocatepetl, piles of old tins litter the floors of shallow crevasses; and, definitely worst of all, I've carried lots of very heavy water bottles into the Sierras to avoid suffering from waterborne illnesses.

With each day spent in the wilderness I become more and more determined to try to prevent these types of problems from rearing their ugly heads here on the Coast. I began to realize that every fire we light, every dish we wash and every step (or dump) we take, sends lasting repercussions through the environment, the future and into the very

quality of our own lives. The late American naturalist, John Muir, has said,

*"When we try to pick up something by itself, we find it attached to everything else in the universe"*

Our corner of the universe is still largely pristine. Enjoy the experience...and preserve it. The following are some things you can do to keep our wilderness clean.

*Please watch future Cloudburst issues for a continuation of tips to lessen the damages of use.*

### Travel

#### Hiking:

- Any contact of feet with the environment damages both, however, the feet will recover more easily!
- Keep on established trails and routes. Once a line has been taken by one party, others will follow. Ask yourself if the route you've just taken should remain as a permanent one.
- If there is no established route, spread out to minimize impact.
- Do not shortcut switchbacks
- Make note of closed trails, rehabilitation areas, and new routes. There are new routes on Marble Meadows and from Bedwell Lake to Drinkwater Pass.
- Wear appropriate footwear so you won't have to make detours around wet and muddy areas.
- Don't pick flowers or disturb natural features.
- Choose routes and resting spots that have durable surfaces like rock, gravel and humus. Avoid vegetation.
- Travel carefully on steep slopes to avoid material loss or erosion.
- Aim for snow when hiking - it's a renewable resource.

#### Climbing:

- Try to leave the route as you find it.
- Use clean protection such as nuts, camming devices and slings as much as possible.
- Avoid excessive chalk usage.
- Don't use brightly coloured slings at belay stations and remove and carry out old, worn slings.
- Don't leave tape lying around

*See the March issue of Cloudburst for suggestions on appropriate use of fires in the backcountry, and for recommended cautions when setting up a camp.*



## BULLETIN

**Garibaldi Park Watch:**

The Garibaldi/Sunshine Coast District has now established a Park Watch program which gives park visitors an opportunity to help B.C. Parks by reporting suspicious activities or Park Act violations to rangers. To lower your chances of break in:

- remove all valuables from your vehicle
- leave the glove box open
- lock your vehicle

For further information on the program, call 898-3678.

**Helicopters in Tweedsmuir Park:**

BC Parks have received several heli-skiing and heli-hiking proposals for the Rainier Range (zoned wilderness) and will be considering their appropriateness for the area. Public input on this issue is necessary. Please send your comments to:

Tweedsmuir Plan Implementation, BC Parks, 430-1011 Fourth Avenue, Prince George, BC V2L 3H9

**Kootenay Rail-to-Trail:**

A 12 km section of track between Rosebery and Three Forks has just been officially converted to trail. It is a portion of a track that runs between Nakusp and Sandon. Local residents seek support for a project to see all 74 km converted; land rights belong to both CPR and BC.

**AVALANCHE INFORMATION**

A Public Avalanche Information Bulletin issued by the Canadian Avalanche Centre is available to backcountry travellers during the avalanche season by dialing 1-800-667-1105. Adequate knowledge of snow conditions enables you to make safer choices.

**Hiking Trails III: A guide to Strathcona Park and Northern Vancouver Island.**

The Outdoor Club of Victoria Trails Information Society is releasing a new edition near Christmas. New maps and routes have been added.

**Outdoor Recreation Council:**

Liz Osborn recently resigned as Executive Director of ORC and is being replaced on an interim basis by Norma Wilson (formerly of CPAWS). The FMCBC will miss Liz, but wishes her and her husband well in their new life in Smithers.

***WantedWantedWantedWantedWantedWanted***

Canada West Mountain School is looking for  
**Qualified backcountry Instructors  
and Guides**

for the 1993 season. If you are interested in teaching our courses, or know of someone who is, please contact:

**Brian Jones, Manager, 737-3053**

**Chilcotin Poster Available Soon:**

Funding from Mountain Equipment Co-op and World Wildlife Fund Canada have made it possible for the FMCBC to produce a poster of the Chilcotin. The Southern Chilcotin Mountain Wilderness Society is assisting with the production of the poster, which will be available from our office (please send \$5 donation) in January.

**Chilcotin Study Team:**

The Chilko Lake area is being studied as part of the government's protected area strategy. The **study team is preparing a report** with their recommendations for land designations in the Chilko Lake area. The report will be **released for public input early in 1993.**

To receive a copy, write:

Chilko Lake Study, BC Parks,  
430-1011 4th Avenue, Prince George, BC  
V2M 5N3

or call 1-800-663-7867 (Vancouver 660-2421).

Jay MacArthur, the FMCBC representative on the study team, would appreciate your input.

**Club Presidents and Delegates:**

Please help the FMCBC by submitting the following on an ongoing basis:

- club newsletter
- schedule of activities
- changes to membership (Dec., Mar., June, & Sept. 1st)
- changes to your executive.

We strive to keep our records current so that we don't print or give out wrong information.



## WINTER INFORMATION NUMBERS

## Downhill Snow Conditions

Comox Valley Snow Information	338-1515
Mount Baker Snow Phone	688-1595
Manning Park Snow Phone	733-3586
Cypress Downhill Conditions	926-6007
Troll Skiing Resort	994-3200
Grouse Mountain Conditions	986-6262
Mount Seymour Snow Phone	986-3444
Whistler Mountain Snow Phone	687-6761
Blackcomb Mountain Snow Phone	687-7507
Shames Mtn.	635-3773
Tabor Mtn.	564-7669
Hemlock Valley	520-6222
Manning Park	840-8822
Forbidden Plateau	338-1919
Mt. Washington	338-1515
Apex Alpine	493-3606
Big White	765-SNOW
Silver Star	542-0224
Crystal Mountain	768-5189
Mt. Baldy	489-2262
Snowpatch Ski Hikk	295-7248
Red Mountain	362-5500
Whitewater	352-7669
Phoenix	442-2813
Salmo	357-2323
Summit Lake	265-3312
Fernie Valley	423-4655
Kimberley	427-4881
Panorama	342-6941
Whitetooth	344-6114
Tod Mountain	578-7232
Harper Mtn.	828-0336
Mt. McKenzie	837-5268
Clearwater	674-3848
Troll Skiing Resort	994-3200
Mt. Timothy	395-3772

## Cross Country Ski Conditions

Arrow Lakes Cross Country Ski Club/Nakusp	265-3250
Atlin Jackrabbits/Atlin	651-7743
Blackjack Cross Country Ski Club/Rosland	368-8971
Bulkley Valley Cross Country Ski Club/Smithers	846-5738
Caledonia Nordic Ski Club/Prince George	964-6063
Cariboo Ski Touring Club/Quesnell	249-5793
Castlegar Nordic Ski Club/Castlegar	365-2715
China ridge Cross Country Assoc./Princeton	294-7154
Clinton Snow Jockey Club/Clinton	459-2438
Dease Lake JackRabbits/Dease Lake	771-4321
Dunster Jackrabbits/Dunster	968-4358
Elkford Nordic Ski Club/Elkford	865-2376
Fort Nelson Cross Country Ski Club/Fort Nelson	774-2011
Granisle Ski Club/Granisle	697-2316
Highland Valley Outdoor Association/Logan Lake	523-6791
Inkaneep Ski Club/Oliver	498-3481
Kimberley Nordic Ski Club/Kimberley	427-4881
Kitimat Cross Country Ski Club/Kitimat	632-4359
Larch Hills Ski Club/Salmon Arm	832-7505
Mackenzie Nordiques Ski Club/McKenzie	997-3186
Morice Mountain Nordic Ski Club/Houston	845-7030
Myrtle Philip Jackrabbits/Whistler	932-5321
Nakusk Jackrabbits/Nakusp	269-7430
Nelson Nordic Ski Club/Nelson	352-7025
Nickel Plate Cross Country Ski Club/Penticton	492-0559
Nicola Nordic Ski Club/Meritt	378-2374
Nordic Cross Country Ski Club/Kelowna	860-2938
North Okanagan Cross Country Ski Club/Vernon	549-7117
Omineca Ski Club/Burns lake	692-7073
Overlander Ski Club/Kamloops	395-2737
Quick Jackrabbits/Telkwa	846-5565
Revelstoke Cross Country Ski Club/Revelstoke	837-4084
70 Mile Jackrabbits/70 Mile House	456-7321
Vanderhoof Jackrabbits/Vanderhoof	567-4084
Wells Gray Outdoor Club/Clearwater	674-3421
Skmana Ski Club/Skmana	679-3117
Telemark Cross Country Ski Club/Westbank	768-9380
Whiskeyjack Nordic Ski Club/Charlie Lake	785-1090
Williams Lake Cross Country Ski Club/Williams L.	392-3476
Wolverine Nordic Association/Tumbler Ridge	242-3873
Yellowhead Outdoor Rec. Assoc./Valemount	566-9811
Yellowhead Ski Club/McBride	569-3146

## Opportunities for Club Members!

Let Canada West Mountain School design a course for your club, friends or school.

- Beginner & advanced avalanche safety
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- Telemarking clinics
- Ice climbing

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For More information on setting up a custom program, call 737-3053

*The Staff of the FMCBC wish you an  
adventurous winter filled with  
powder and turns.  
Merry, Merry Christmas....  
see you on the slopes!*



## SAFETY AND EDUCATION

*Ed Spat*

### *Are you ski touring this winter?*

There is a time-span in the education of ski-tourers that is the most dangerous: you have learned the basics and are keen to get out touring in the mountains but aren't experienced enough to be safe.

### **Take advantage of the FMCBC Intermediate Winter Ski Touring Course**

As part of its mandate for increasing member services, the Safety and Education Committee has developed the following new safety oriented course designed to give intermediate ski tourers the skills to safely venture into the alpine wilderness.

This course focuses on hazard recognition and avoidance, equipment for winter survival and emergencies, cold-injuries and accident management as well as reviewing avalanche theory, navigation and winter camping skills. The course involves both an evening theory session and a full weekend of practical field work.

Participants should have at least one winter's ski touring experience. Previous course experience with the FMCBC or other schools is not required. Basic avalanche knowledge (i.e FMCBC Introduction to Avalanche Safety, other equivalent course or self taught) is mandatory. Basic competence skiing downhill with a pack in a variety of snow conditions is required.

**Price is \$90 for club members. Course dates are:**

Feb. 4 (evening) & Feb. 13-14 (field session)

Mar. 4 (evening) & Mar. 13-14 (field session)

For more information, call Ed Spat 873-2825 (evenings)

For bookings, call 737-3053 (Mon.-Fri., 9:00-5:00)

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## VARSIY OUTDOOR CLUB

Proudly announces...

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**Diamond Jubilee**

**Saturday, March 27, 1993**  
at the UBC Faculty Club.

For further information: Julie McCauley at 224-2377

**Tickets are \$30; mail cheque to:**

VOC Anniversary Committee, Box 98  
Student Union Building - Zone 1  
Vancouver, B.C. V6T 1W5

## CLUB FEATURE

*Fern Heikamp*

### VARSIY OUTDOOR CLUB

Have you ever wondered how many mountaineers in BC started with the Varsity Outdoor Club at UBC? Or how many of the rock climbers, kayakers, back country skiers or parapenters began with this humble club? Come to our 75th reunion and find out! What's so great about this little organization?

The club traces its beginnings to 1917; likely the oldest on campus. Despite the lack of money or time, it's 250 members manage (with considerable inspiration and humour) to get themselves into some pretty exotic places. From Brew Hut to Denali, from Mt. Seymour to Khumbakarna, from the Gulf Islands to Malaysia, VOCers can frequently be sighted on their challenging adventures.

What's really special about these VOCers is their diversity - often, they don't care where they are or what they're doing, as long as they're in it together. Trips usually consist of a good mix of experienced and new members so that new members learn the skills necessary. The **weekly VOCene** carries a list of activities, including slide shows. Many trips are a tradition - the annual Longhike in September, climbing at Leavenworth and Smith Rocks, Olympic Beach hike, Glacier and Tele mark clinics, an Avalanche course....and VOC members are involved in the outdoors in other ways too. Some participate in FMCBC committees (Recreation and Conservation, Smoke Bluffs); we've adopted a few trails on the North Shore, built a number of cabins and have recently been involved in CORE.

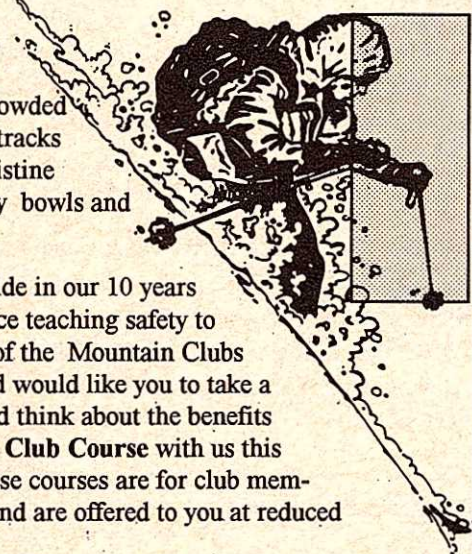


## WINTER COURSES

Have you been wondering how to find out more about avalanche safety, ski touring and winter camping?

Learning about mountain safety in the season of snow from the friendly and professional instructors of Canada West Mountain School can help lead to a world of pure enjoyment away from the crowded slopes and tracks and into pristine backcountry bowls and ridges.

We take pride in our 10 years of experience teaching safety to the people of the Mountain Clubs of B.C., and would like you to take a moment and think about the benefits of taking a **Club Course** with us this winter. These courses are for club members only, and are offered to you at reduced rates!



COURSE	COST	DATES
Introduction to Snow Camping	\$ 70.00 (plus gst)	Jan. 6*, 16 -17
Winter Hazard Evaluation	\$ 90.00 (plus gst)	Jan. 20*, 23 -24
Emergency Training	\$ 90.00 (plus gst)	Feb. 17*, 20 - 21
Introduction to Avalanche Safety	\$ 75.00 (plus gst)	Dec. 15* & 21*, 19 Feb. 17* & 20*, 23

- Dates with a (\*) are pre-trip lectures at 7:00 pm at 1367 W. Broadway, Vancouver.
- Only members of the FMCBC and member clubs are eligible.
- Please consult the winter 1993 brochure for more information and booking details.

## CANADA WEST MOUNTAIN SCHOOL

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## CANADIANS TO CLIMB K2

Jim Haberl, Team Member

*Jim Haberl is a long-time guide for Canada West Mountain School and is currently also working for his own company, North Star Adventures - Ed*

In June of 1993, a joint American and Canadian team will be flying to Pakistan to attempt an ascent of the world's second highest peak, K2. Included on the team are local Vancouver climbers Dan Culver and myself. It is an exciting and challenging venture, one that is certain to generate many wild moments and lasting memories. I thought I'd share the adventure with you during the next issues of Cloubrust. We are destined to bring home scores of tales, hopefully a summit account of the first Canadian to climb K2. Watch for more coverage as this epic unfolds.

The expedition has three main objectives. Our first goal is to safely climb the mountain and have all members return uninjured from our journey. Secondly, we would like to work as a team and develop new friendships. Our final, stated goal is to leave as little trace of our passing as possible, both on the mountain and in the communities we travel through.

The Canadian contingent of the team has one further dream;

***We will use the increased 'exposure' from climbing K2 to raise awareness for a cause dear to our hearts...the Tatshenshini River***

1993 is a critical year for the Tatshenshini River. The wilderness values of this great river in northwestern BC have been well documented in recent times; the threat to those values by a huge open-pit copper mine on Windy Craggy Mountain is very real and imminent. We are currently selling high quality T-shirts and splitting the profits with Tatshenshini Wild. Please wear one and share the challenge of climbing K2 and preserving this river.

An ascent of K2 (28,244) is a major undertaking and the team is already busy preparing for the challenge. Food, equipment, logistics, budget and training are the main stumbling blocks to be solved before we even reach the mountain. We expect to be busy between now and June...

***For more information, or to send a donation to this worthy cause:***

1993 American-Canadian K2 Expedition  
7003 SE Reed College Place  
Portland, OR 97202  
(503) 788-9407



## RECREATION AND CONSERVATION

### Cypress Provincial Park:

The first public meeting on planning for Cypress Provincial Park was on 28 October. It was very well attended, and quite lively and entertaining, but not very informative. Both the FMCBC and some of its clubs spoke on the three alternatives presented by B.C. Parks. The FMCBC had already presented a lengthy submission to B.C. Parks on planning for the entire park, including a response to Cypress Bowl Recreation's Master Concept Plan. We will also make an additional written submission on the three options. With reservations, the FMCBC can agree with Option X. However, the underlying issues include: a lack of resources for effective planning for, and management of, the Park; how Parks' mandate of a balance between conservation and recreation should be determined; and the proper role of commercial, mechanized recreation in parks. An additional, site-specific issue, is whether the outstanding (and accessible) old growth forest on the west side of Hollyburn should in any way be compromised. Deadline for comments on the master plan options is 31 December.

### Bicycles and Aircraft in Parks:

Currently the B.C. Parks policy on bicycling in provincial parks is quite simple: bicycling is prohibited unless expressly permitted. If you encounter cyclists where they shouldn't be, or riding in an irresponsible manner, tell them (politely). In any case, note where and when you saw them, and write to the local Parks office, with a copy to the FMCBC. If we don't know there is a problem, we can't do anything about it. Much the same applies to aircraft flying over, or landing in, parks, although how aircraft overflights or landings are regulated varies from park to park. Regardless of regulations, if you experience a problem, you may not have a chance to tell the aircraft about it. However, try to record the aircraft's registration number, and write to Parks (and us) with the details. We do not yet have results from the B.C. Parks summer 1992 user survey of aviation in and around Garibaldi Lake.

### Pinecone Lake/Burke Mountain:

The FMCBC, as the original proponent of this wilderness area, will be participating in the study team. It will be run by the Ministry of Forests - Chilliwack District. Michael Feller and Randy Stoltmann, both of the B.C. Mountaineering Club, will be attending on our behalf. Terms of reference for the study are now being drafted. Some of the concerns include: should the study be subdivided, given that issues in the area of Burke Mountain are different from those around Pinecone Lake;

should Fletcher Challenge, the licensee, be allowed to proceed with cutting a block in upper Boise Creek, in the centre of the proposed wilderness, before the study team reports in autumn 1993; and should the Forest Service chair the study team.

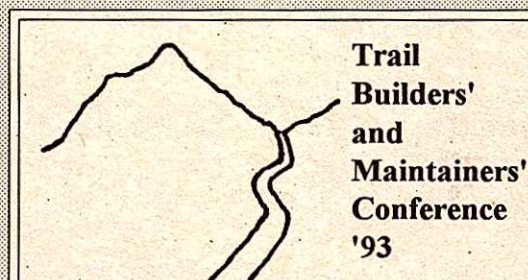
### Herrick Creek:

This forested, mountainous valley, northeast of Prince George, has been the subject of a Local Resource Use Plan for the last year. Because Mike Nash (Caledonia Ramblers) has participated on our behalf, many FMCBC concerns have been addressed.

## EXPOSURE....

**Gabriel Mazoret** (NSH) represented the FMCBC on Cypress Provincial Park to the Georgia Straight and on Radio Canada, October 30, 1992.

**Mike Nash** of the Caledonia Ramblers spoke on the Almanac program of CBC Radio on behalf of the FMCBC regarding Commercial Backcountry Recreation.



A 0700 breakfast meeting on **Sunday, May 2** at the **Best Western Hotel in Maple Ridge** will be followed by:

- chainsaw safety, maintenance, and operation instruction by Wayne LeBlanc, provincial specialist
- a manual skills workshop in the field,
- a guest speaker, and
- an informal dinner.

This is an opportunity to meet other 'trails people' and officials from provincial parks and forests.

Please call 737-3053 for up-dated information. Registration deadline is April 8, 1993.

**Cost \$5.00 includes Breakfast.**

*A service from the Federation of Mountain Clubs of BC to all people who work on hiking trails*



## TRAILS

### TRAILS MAINTENANCE UPDATE

Adopt-A Trail groups have been busy during the fall; the following update is a summary of reports received by the Trails Committee.

#### Baden-Powell:

At the eastern end bridges have been repaired, and the stairs on the west side of the Seymour river crossing rebuilt.

**The bridge across Furry Creek** has been removed by the developers. This will stop access to Phyllis and Marion Lakes, Beth Lake and Capilano Mtn. There are no plans to rebuild this bridge at present.

#### Wedgemount Lake Trail:

A new bridge and parking lot with a connecting trail has greatly improved access.

#### Brandywine Meadows:

The road to the trailhead is now open.

**International Ridge:** (Chilliwack) Cleared.

**Silver Daisy and Skagit Trails:** Cleared

**Centennial Trail** (Manning Park): Monument 83 to Pasayten River, and Pasayten bridge to Centennial Trail was cleared.

**Cascade Wilderness:** Punch Bowl trail was cleared.

**Paradise Meadows to Hope Pass:** to be developed.

**Hope Pass to Skaist Creek:** a new bridge is in place.

**Grainger Creek to Nicomen Lake:** cleared.

*Please use the trail condition report cards (available at FMC office) to keep the committee current.*

### NEW TRAILS

Burke Mountain and Boise Valley trails (Pitt Lake to Squamish): New trails have been constructed and old trails rebuilt by the Burke Mountain Naturalists. Maps of these trails can be obtained from the society at Box 52540, 1102-Barnet Highway, Coquitlam BC V3B 7J4

The Western Canada Wilderness Committee has cleared and rebuilt the historic Boise trail, an 8 km trail connecting the Mamquam Valley logging road near Squamish to the logging roads at the head of Pitt Lake. Maps and guides may be obtained from their office. Future plans are to connect this trail with the Widgeon Creek trail on the west side of Pitt Lake, and eventually to the Burke Mountain trails. Information may be obtained from either society.

WCWC, 20 Water St. Van. BC V6B 1A4

#### Eastern Falls Trail (Golden Ears)

This trail has been extended by the Haney Horsemen Association and the Sweat 92 group. A Section 25

Grant and BC Parks technical assistance has made it possible for hikers, horse riders and mountain bikers to take advantage of impressive views of the Golden Ears Range. The trail runs north along Gold Creek and turns west at the 11 km mark taking the park visitor through the majestic old growth forest stand in Hector Ferguson Valley. There are no facilities along this trail, but camping is permitted.

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- 1. Get a friend to join your club.
- 2. Donate to the Mountain Wilderness Conservation Fund. Your donation is tax-deductible, and will be used to assist volunteers with expenses for their participation in the Protected Areas Strategy/CORE process.
- 3. Take a course, or get someone you know a gift certificate for a course with CWMS



## HIKE BC

May 15 and 16, 1993

The FMCBC is sponsoring its First Annual provincial hiking event to:

- promote hiking in BC,
- increase club membership,
- raise the profile of the FMCBC

Information and registration forms have been sent to all club executives, and are available to others, as requested. Please call the office to register your organization, or recommend one we may have missed.

We want Hike BC Day to be a province-wide success and welcome the participation of any group or individual who wishes to sponsor a hike or volunteer in another capacity

***Get out in the Mountains....  
and take a friend!***

## KOOTENAY CORNER

Laurie Charlton

*Summer hiking camp...* The words describe one of the most popular activities organized by the Kootenay Mountaineering Club (the KMC). The camp started as a joint hiking and climbing camp in the late sixties. In the early seventies, separate camps were arranged for climbers and hikers. Hiking camp started as a one week outing for twenty people, but has grown to three consecutive one week camps. Sixty hikers now have an opportunity to enjoy the mountains - and another dozen or so wish they had sent their applications in earlier.

Hiking camp for 1992 was held in Edourd Pass (Map 82K/10), about 15 km SW of Bugaboo Glacier Provincial Park. Edourd Pass lies between the headwaters of Howser Creek, which flows west into the Duncan River, and Edourd Creek, which flows east into Stockdale and Horsethief Creeks and into the Columbia River. The pass is in the Taurus Group of mountains. Taurus Mtn. (9750') provided a spectacular view to the north of the campsite. To the east, Mt. Galloway (9750') tempted several hikers. To the west and south were several unnamed 9000' peaks.

Access to the area was gained by driving north from Nelson to Kaslo then up the Duncan River and Howser Creek to rendezvous with a chartered helicopter. From the parking lot in an old logging landing, it was a short 7 to 8 minutes flight to the campsite. Two hardy souls, Jim Klenholz and Joe Arcovio, decided to hike in. Eleven hours of severe bushwacking through devil's club, stinging nettle, and alder will likely have them flying in next year.

Hikers and climbers enjoyed exploring the area and at one point ran into another group of KMC'ers from the climbing camp.

A new hut was built in 1990 by the forestry service on the edge of the Catamount Glacier on the western slopes of the Scotch Peaks. Funds for the cabin were donated by Rosalie Northrup of St. John, NB, in memory of her two children, Brenda and Peter Olive, who died in separate climbing accidents in the 1980's. The hut is beautifully constructed of native stone and wood and can accommodate six people. A plaque at the cabin reads:

*In climbing beyond the realm of mortality  
There is no disgrace in defeat.  
In the winds of space  
There is no dishonour in death.*

Hikers identified at least 77 different species of flowers, 13 species of birds, and 11 different animals. Included among the birds was a group of sandpiper chicks which developed from hatchlings to swimmers during the camp. A cow moose and calf were spotted several times.

Several small lakes close to camp provided an opportunity for a refreshing swim after a long hot day of hiking. Each day's activities were brought to a close after a hearty meal around a campfire with readings, singalongs, and many discussions. Now its time to start thinking about next year's camp,

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Wednesday, 7 pm

Jan. 20, Feb. 17, Apr. 21, May 19

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Mar. 20

**AGM: June 1993**

**Island Delegates**

Saturday, April 3

**Lower Mainland Delegates**

Wednesday, March 24

**Trails Committee:**

January 18, March 1, April 19, May 31

**Recreation and Conservation Committee:**

Jan. 18, Feb. 15, March 22, April 19

**Safety and Education:**

2nd Wednesday of each month at 7 pm.

For dates, contact Ed Spat 873-2825

**Smoke Bluffs Committee:**

As necessary

Contact Office



## NORTHERN PERSPECTIVE

*When I started this column 3 years ago, I had hoped to include contributions from other Northerners. So, on the eve of the bicentennial, it is with pleasure that I introduce the following article by Kent Sedgwick, well known Prince George geographer, and President of the Alexander MacKenzie Trail Association (AMTA)*

*Michael Nash*

### THE MACKENZIE BICENTENNIAL

*Kent Sedgwick, President AMTA*

*(Note: This article has been edited for length)*

Almost 200 years ago, in July 1793, Alexander Mackenzie completed the first recorded crossing of North America.

On a bedrock promontory near Bella Coola, which is now Sir Alexander Mackenzie Provincial Park, Mackenzie painted his renowned graffiti: "Alexander Mackenzie from Canada by land 22nd July 1793." It recorded the history of the founding of Canada from sea to sea along the waterways of the fur traders.

Since 1989, students from Lakehead University in Thunder Bay, Ontario have been retracing Mackenzie's voyages. In 1993, the culmination of the Sea-to-Sea Expeditions will take place when the students leave Fort Fork near Peace River Alberta and travel to Mackenzie's Rock, arriving July 22nd.

The Alexander Mackenzie Trail Association has been arranging for communities along the Sea-to-Sea route to commemorate this historic event. The Association hopes that Aboriginal Peoples along the route will rendezvous with the brigade in recognition of the first contact between the indigenous people and Europeans in the interior of B.C.

For those interested in hiking and mountaineering, several portions of the Mackenzie Voyageur Route in B.C. may have appeal.

Logging roads approach the south side of the continental divide 100 km northeast of Prince George. From the roads, several mountain trails developed by the Caledonia Ramblers Hiking Club access alpine country above Pass Lake

The Mackenzie Heritage Trail from the Fraser River above Quesnel to the Bella Coola River is used by hikers, skiers, horses, mechanized users, as well as by native

residents, ranchers and commercial outfitters. The eastern 80 km is relatively accessible by vehicle, and day or overnight use predominates. For wilderness hiking, the western 265 km of the trail is inaccessible by road, and backpackers are advised to arrange supplies with the four commercial operators on the trail. They are listed in the Cariboo Tourist Association travel guide. There is also a trail guide written by John Woodworth, complete with topographical maps, available from the Association or from local bookstores.

*We invite you to participate in this historical event by joining a community event or by hiking a section of the trail*

The westernmost 90 km of the trail lies in Tweedsmuir Provincial Park. This is the most scenic and appealing part of the trail because it crosses through the Rainbow Mountains of the Coast Range. There are 2 historic cabins along the route in the park which can be used by hikers. Access is from Highway 20, after a drive of nearly 400 km west from Williams Lake to the eastern boundary of the park. About 2/3 of the distance is paved. The best contact for this section is BC Parks. The Quesnel Tourist Office will serve as a check point for trail users in the bicentennial year. There is concern about overuse, particularly by horse parties, and the checkpoint will serve to monitor use. Please advise the office if you are serious about hiking the trail in 1993.

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