

# CLOUDBURST

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## Smoke Bluffs Update

by Anders Ourom

Committee activities have focused on obtaining and preparing a parking area for the 1992 season. A number of meetings of a "Smoke Bluffs Steering Committee" have been held to consider this and related issues, as well as longer term management. The committee is comprised of Garth McGreedy and Tom Bruusgaard (Squamish aldermen), Perry Beckham and Grant Dickey (Squamish Parks and Recreation), Kevin McLane (Squamish Rockclimber's Association), Anders Ourom (FMCBC). There are two real possibilities for a new parking area. The first is on land owned by Pacific Granistone, immediately northwest of Crag X. The land would be available subject to a restrictive covenant and some relatively modest requirements - fencing, some filling and grading. The District is approaching Mr. Morgan, owner of a sliver of land between Logger's Lane and Pacific Granistone's land, to see if a suitable agreement can be reached with him. If it cannot, the alternative would be parking on District land, across Logger's Lane from Crag X. This would require quite a lot of fill, and fencing.

Either way, we hope to know shortly, so that a 100+ car parking lot is ready for April. Associated developments may include fencing and a gate; portable toilets; some trail work; closure of the current (Vista Crescent) parking area; and appropriate signage. Keep your eyes open!

Looking at the longer term, this summer the Sea-to-Sky Economic Development Commission will conduct a Squamish recreation user's survey. The FMCBC will contribute to the survey's development. Both the Steering

Committee and FMCBC's Smoke Bluffs Committee are looking at options for longer term management of our lands if they do not immediately become a municipal/provincial park. We also keep an eye on all other climbing related developments at Squamish eg. the proposed quarrying of DL 4266. A survey showing the enormous economic impact of climbing in Squamish can only help us.



## Adopt-A-Trail Week

April 6 - 12

The Adopt-A-Trail Program has been running for several years. The program encourages volunteer groups to take on the maintenance and care of a hiking trail or part of a trail in communities throughout the province.

For information about the Adopt-A-Trail Program, contact The Federation of Mountain Clubs of British Columbia, #336-1367 West Broadway, Vancouver, B.C., V6H 4A9 Phone 737-3053

## Nahmint Watershed Review - Follow Up Committee

The FMC has been invited to nominate a participant on the Follow-Up Committee that has been established by the Ministry of Forest's Port Alberni district office. The Committee will "watch dog" the recommendations, including forest harvesting practices. Membership includes the various stakeholders interested in the watershed located southwest of Port Alberni.

## Cypress Provincial Park Master Plan

The planning process for Cypress Provincial Park is well under way. On December 7 representatives of various historic user groups attended a meeting with Cypress Bowl Recreations, who presented its plans for development within their Park Use Permit area and asked for feedback. On January 30, these same groups met with Ministry of Parks staff, for a presentation and discussion of a draft "Background Document" on which the park master plan will be based. The FMCBC later made a written submission regarding the Background Document and the planning process. One notable weakness is the lack of emphasis on the historical importance of hiking and trails in the Park. We understand the next step in the process will be public meetings where the information in the background document will be presented. The format and timing of those meetings is unknown, but they should be announced in local papers and we encourage members to attend. A preliminary master plan may also be presented. Cypress Bowl Recreations' final plan should be available at about the same time. The whole process should be finished by the summer. If any member wants to review Cypress Bowl Recreations' current Park Use Permit (with maps), the FMCBC has a copy.

## Strathcona Park Master Plan

The penultimate draft plan is expected to be available for final public comment in early spring, hopefully by mid April. Last year, all the Island clubs and other FMC members spent considerable time and effort in reviewing, commenting and participating in an endless parade of meetings on the master plan for B.C.'s oldest park.



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 B.C. Membership in the FMCBC is open to any individual or group involved or interested in non-mechanized outdoor activities and conservation concerns. Membership includes a subscription to CLOUDBURST.

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# President's Report

by Suzanne Mazoret

As I will be stepping down in June, this will be my last President's Column. These two years have been interesting, with two matters in particular engaging the Board over the last year: the selection of a new Executive Director and consideration of an office move. Completion of many other diverse projects have kept us challenged and busy.

The FMCBC is a volunteer based organization, and this is both our strength and weakness. Without them, the FMCBC would achieve little, and might not exist. The contributions of volunteers are considerable, creative and enthusiastic. Their work, especially on the Board and standing committees, is effective and complements the work of the FMCBC's staff. The complexity and variety of the FMCBC's activities is impressive.

The FMCBC's weakness is also its dependency on volunteers. Often we are not represented at meetings or planning sessions because staff are committed to other tasks and there are no volunteers available. Our efforts to have a voice and be heard in land use planning issues mean that we are asked to participate in more of these processes than we can with the available resources.

When I hear the question "What does the FMCBC do for members?" I'm always amazed. The scope and variety of our activities is frequently detailed in Cloudburst. The main function of the FMCBC is to provide our members with a united voice. When our staff or volunteers write a letter, go to a meeting or respond to a Master Plan, they do so on behalf of all 4,000 members. In this way, the FMCBC supports our clubs' and members' common interests in conservation, access, safety and trail issues.

The increased opportunities for public participation in land use planning has in part resulted from the efforts of the FMCBC. The FMCBC has chosen its style of consultation and cooperation in participating in the resolution of land use issues.

Sometimes our participation does not lead to immediate results, but we work to protect and enhance our members' activities and interests, especially over the long term. Indeed, the Lions Bay access issue remains unresolved, although I think our persistence and patience will eventually wear down the politicians. The protection of the Little Smoke Bluffs was a major FMCBC success. The volunteer and club support, especially for fund raising, was tremendous. The work to create a dedicated rock climbing park is ongoing, and will not be easily or quickly resolved. Working with the other parties, and trying to be responsive to their concerns without losing track of our own goals, takes time and effort.

The Adopt-A-Trail Program has provided the FMCBC's clubs with an effective and visible program for trail maintenance and access. The support of the members for the program give it and the FMCBC much credibility and it has been highly successful.

Canada West Mountain School, as a division of the FMCBC, provides quality mountain skills training, and is also important as a source of revenue. As a leader in the provision of such courses, we have become in part victims of our own success, as others are now offering competing programs.

My main regret is that the FMCBC has not attained more financial security. We spend a lot of energy dealing with funding, and this reduces our ability to do those things the FMCBC was created to do. Our dependency on the government has not lessened, and although each year we have maintained or increased our grant, with the present government and economy we have no assurances for the future. We have had fewer projects this year than in the past, and so they have generated less revenue. The returns do not justify hiring a project manager, but the responsibilities are too great for a volunteer.

At its February meeting, the Board

reluctantly decided not to proceed with the office move. Unfortunately, our current financial picture and the projected costs of the move indicated this would be an unwise commitment. The considerable advantages of the move were outweighed by the financial risk that we would assume. We need to have stronger finances before we can again consider moving. Unfortunately, it is relatively easy to obtain funding for projects or short term activities related to trails or recreation and conservation, but much more difficult to get funding for capital expenses and operating costs.

Due in part to the above, the Board is recommending a fee increase. The increase, by a \$1.00 increment each year for three years, will be ratified or rejected by the members at the AGM. The Directors see no option, as the GST and inflation have also taken their toll on the FMCBC. It is easier to take the FMCBC's message to government and industry if we can demonstrate that our members are behind us in tangible as well as intangible ways.

I hope that when the time comes in June, you and your club will support the fee increase. The current \$9.00 per member per year FMCBC fee is a bargain considering the variety and scope of what the FMCBC does for you. You are the Federation as much as the Board, committees and volunteers. As an organization of clubs we must collectively stand together if we wish to protect and preserve our activities and the wilderness in which we do them both for ourselves and for future generations. The Federation has worked to be in a position where it can effectively express its members' concerns to industry and government. We need your support to continue doing so.



# Executive Director's Report

by Anders Ourom

Members must occasionally wonder what exactly it is that I do. It's a question I've sometimes asked myself in the last few months, but not one which is simply answered. I'm always very busy, but the variety and complexity of the FMCBC and my activities makes it difficult to easily describe what I do.

For its size the FMCBC is a complex society, and has evolved to encompass many activities, the volunteers and staff who carry them out, and the organization to support them. Much of my time and energy is devoted to ensuring that the FMCBC's operations are well managed. There are innumerable short meetings and telephone calls for this purpose. My administrative duties include ensuring the office is managed in a business like manner, and supports all our other activities (e.g. the Board and committees); managing our projects (trail building, conservation, guides training, and office staff); and overseeing management of Canada West Mountain School.

In the eyes of the media and government, we are considered a credible authority on mountain related subjects. Once or twice a week we are asked for our views on such subjects, and so part of my work is speaking on behalf of the FMCBC and the self propelled mountain travel community. I also spend a fair amount of time ensuring our internal communications are effective, and the resources devoted to this purpose are astonishing.

It should be no surprise that I attend and participate in innumerable meetings, including Board of Directors, delegates, and committees (Trails, Recreation & Conservation, Safety & Education, and Smoke Bluffs). There are one or two of these each week, mostly on evenings or weekends; during February 1992 I attended two Board and three committee meetings. I report on my relevant activities, listen to and participate in the group's discussions, and receive direction from it. This can range from a request that I write a letter or make a call regarding an

issue, to my involvement for the FMCBC in a decision making process, to a direction to undertake a certain activity (e.g. fund raising projects, office move).

Many of my activities relate to government decision making processes. These range from planning for provincial parks (e.g. Cypress), to Forest Service recreation inventories, to meeting the Minister of Parks and briefing him on our concerns, to narrow but important issues (e.g. landings on Garibaldi Lake or Lions Bay parking). We try to contribute in a constructive, co-operative manner, whether the process relates to trails, access, safety or conservation issues. The decisions are sometimes not quite to our liking, but we at least develop working relationships with the decision makers. These and related activities are often time consuming daytime commitments, and I find I attend two or three such meetings each week (eight in February 1992). Despite all the energy put in by our unflagging volunteers and the staff, there are still many such processes which we cannot be involved in for lack of resources. Given the growing number and complexity of land use and access issues, the demands on my time can only increase.

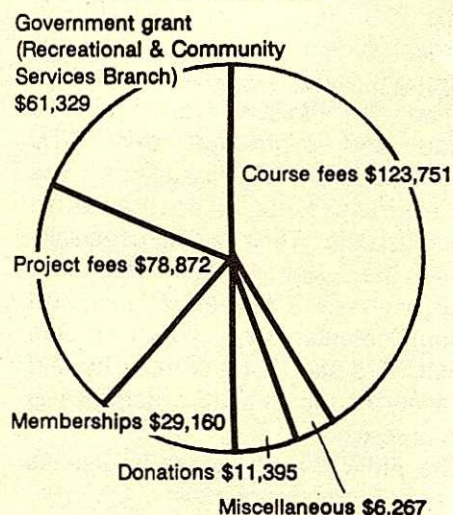
I also attend club meetings (four in February) to meet our members, speak on behalf of the FMCBC, and hear their concerns. Over my first year I hope to meet all FMCBC clubs, as despite the voluminous correspondence between the FMCBC, clubs, and members, I believe this personal contact is essential. Club members are often the first to hear of a developing issue, and I try to work in coordination with them. Sometimes on a specific issue a club member will represent not only her club but also the FMCBC, thus adding weight of numbers to local knowledge.

In the welter of sometimes conflicting demands on my time and energy, it would be easy to lose sight of my priorities, which are to ensure the FMCBC continues to be a viable, effective organization and that it

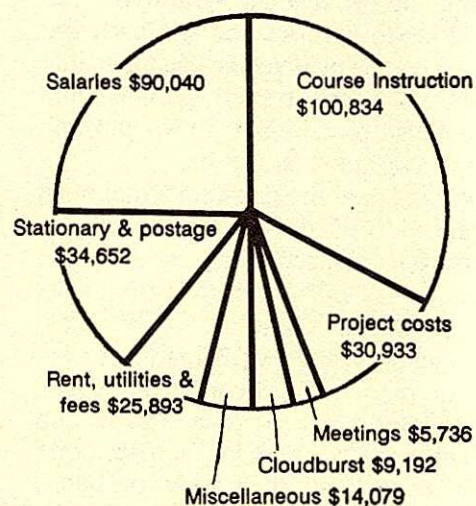
responds to changing demands on it. Any advice or assistance from the members in meeting those challenges is always appreciated.

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The Trails Committee holds meetings approximately every 6 weeks except in summer, and frequently invites guests from the Forest Service, Parks Branch or others with concerns involving trail use and access. The following is a brief outline of the many items discussed at last winter's meetings.

**B.C. Forest Service trail designation.** The categories of trails which appear on the BCFS inventories include managed trails and others. There are five criteria for trail designation: (1) marked by FS sign, (2) meets FS standards (a copy of their manual is in the FMCBC office) (3) entered on FS maps as a recreational trail (4) inspected annually (5) receives minimal routine maintenance. Any of these trails may be on the Adopt-A-Trail list. The Chilliwack Forest District has 12 trails up for management contracts. These are: Flora Lake, Elk Mtn., Mt. Cheam, Radium Lake, Lindeman-Greendrop, Vedder Mtn., Sumas Mtn., Campbell Lake, Harrison lookout, Eaton Lake, Mt. Outram and Weaver Lake.

**Access.** This is of increasing concern, and is discussed at every meeting. In particular, Howe Sound trails are located near an increasingly populated region. The continuing issues of Lions/Brunswick/Howe Sound Crest trail access and parking difficulties remain unresolved. Furry Creek and future B.C. Rail Deeks Lake trail developments, as well as Squamish municipality expansions, may become future access issues. In addition, development of Highway #99 is likely to affect access in this area.

**Trail maintenance coordination.** Adopt-A-Trail section coordinators (see June/91 Cloudburst) report on trails in their zones at each meeting. The annual reports of each trail adoptee are filed in the FMCBC office. Cards for reporting and mailing in trail condition information have now been revised, reprinted and distributed. Those cards will be directed from the office to the zone coordinator for action as required. Parks Branch staff are updating their safety standards for working with

chain saws and power tools in Provincial parks, and will in future require volunteers to contact parks staff, prior to commencing trail clearing. The Trails Committee is still adding to the FMCBC tool and safety equipment collection, bought with the donation from the Y Outdoor Club. Paul Binkert (263-4360) maintains these for the FMCBC.

**Trail maps.** Maps and trail descriptions of the Centennial Trail from Vancouver to Ft. Langley, by Charles Clapham, will be published shortly with a grant obtained from the Canadian Hostelling Association - B.C. Region. The Bus-To-Trails brochure is still undergoing revision by Mary Macaree.

**Bicycle organizations liaison.** This is becoming an important part of the business of the committee as a means to mitigate conflicts on multiple use trails and off-road cycling on hiking trails. Marilyn Pollard, the enthusiastic promoter of the Arbutus railway line as a future bicycle/walking path corridor, has sought the support of the committee for the plan. She has produced a brochure and is lobbying for this urban Rails-To-Trails pathway in the heart of Vancouver.

**Goals and Objectives.** These are being reworked to provide a framework for 1992 achievements, as well as stating the overall purpose of the committee. Current objectives will include the Bus-to-Trails brochure, an updated trails inventory, trails mapping and promotion of the Adopt-A-Trail program beyond the Lower Mainland in British Columbia.

**Recently Adopted Trails.** Several organizations have recently offered to adopt trails:

**Meadow Ridge Indep. School** - Pitt River Mountainside  
**9th Port Coquitlam Scouting** - Munro/Dennett Lakes  
**Fraser Valley Hikers** - Sumas Mountain-East & West  
**Valley Outdoor Association** - Diaz Vistas  
**Valley Outdoor Wed. Group** - Vedder Ridge  
**Richmond Outdoor Club** - Widgeon Creek (Pitt Lake)

In addition, Hal Meier and his daughter, who adopted the trail around Mike Lake, have volunteered for a longer trail. Halvor Lunden has rerouted a portion of the Old Centennial Trail to follow Stoney Creek to reach the Brunette River. The trail used to pass through salmonberries close to a RV site on Cariboo Road but it was often overgrown and littered. The Canadian Hostelling Association has produced a pamphlet on the National Centennial Trail from Vancouver to Keremeos. It is now publicly available and may be obtained by calling 244-7177.



**HIKING TRAILS III**, covering central and northern Vancouver Island, is being revised. The publisher is the Outdoor Club of Victoria Trails Information Society, an FMCBC member club. This volunteer group is asking those who know the trails of northern Vancouver Island to contact them with any corrections or suggestions.

Because the production deadline is immediate, please contact The Editor, Hiking Trails III, 1076 Holmes St. Victoria, V8X 2S5 as soon as possible. Any help you can give this worthwhile project will be appreciated.

## Lions Bay Update

On April 6, several representatives of the FMCBC will meet with Lions Bay Council to discuss the parking situation for the Lions, Harvey and Brunswick trails. Limited parking at the trail head still causes occasional friction with residents. John Tisdale, the new Squamish Forest Service recreation officer, has been exploring possible solutions and will also attend the meeting. In addition, he plans to map the trail itself and then designate it under the Forest Act so it can be adopted.



The Kootenay Mountaineering Club has some 250 members, most living in or around the West Kootenay communities of Trail, Castlegar and Nelson. We are surrounded by enticing mountains, and many of us moved here just because of that.

During the summer and fall, the club schedules hikes and climbs each weekend, as well as Wednesday outings. Weekly winter ski touring trips use local ski hills and active logging roads to access the high country and good powder. During "down time" in November the club schedules slide shows and AGMs.

Each summer the KMC organizes climbing and hiking camps. The hiking camp has been extended to three week-long sessions to accommodate more hikers (20 per week). The popularity of the hiking camp with out-of-Kootenay residents is such that the KMC has had to change its constitution to allow only Kootenay residents to become new members. Otherwise locals (who do most of the organizing) wouldn't get a place in camp. As it is there are always waiting lists.

We also run an annual Mountaineering School with lectures, rock climbing instruction, and sessions on snow and ice. The course attracts a good many younger folk, who always seem to evaporate once it is over. The scarcity of young members in the club corresponds with the overall demographics of back-country use these days, but is rather sad.

The history of the KMC goes back to 1964 when it was established as the Kootenay Section of the Alpine Club of Canada. In 1969 it contravened ACC by-laws by electing executive members who were not full ACC members. Dissolved by the ACC, the club was immediately reborn as the KMC. That formative experience with "parent" groups may help explain why some KMCers grouch about our need for the FMCBC umbrella today. In the early years the club worked hard to preserve Kootenay Provincial Park, restore the park's Slocan Chief Cabin, and build the Mulvey trail and

hut in the Valhallas. The KMC lobbied for a park in the Valhallas back in 1970, and later worked to preserve the Fry Creek - Purcell Wilderness area.

More recently the KMC's submission to Parks Plan '90 called for an extension of the Purcell Wilderness Conservancy boundaries, and for preservation of the Lake of the Hanging Glacier. The submission also recommended establishing an alpine corridor, which would include MacBeth Icefield and Horseshoe Glacier, to link the Lake of the Hanging Glacier with the Purcell Wilderness.

The KMC has opposed the proposed ski development in Jumbo Pass, and has expressed concern about commercial development in and restricted public access to Crown land. The club has recommended the government prepare a comprehensive bio-physical inventory of the province. Another local club issue is our continued access to Kinnaird Bluffs, an excellent rock climbing area that is the Kootenay version of the Smoke Bluffs. It is privately owned, and we are looking into ways to ensure we can keep using it.

The KMC has built and maintains ski-touring cabins on crown land in the Bonnington Range of the West Kootenays. We liaise frequently with regional Parks and Forestry personnel, as well as local forest companies, about issues that concern our continued use and enjoyment of the mountains. Like most clubs, we worry about liability, and see the same faces doing most of the club work year after year.

But most of the time we are in the mountains, or at least wishing we were - rambling through the meadows, scrambling up to the peaks, schussing through the powder, or foraging for wild huckleberries.

If you are in the area, give us a call and join a trip. (For trip information you can call me at 825-4392).

## FMCBC Meetings

### Board of Directors

Wednesdays at 7 pm:

April 15

May 20

June 20 (AGM)

### Safety and Education Committee

Wednesdays at 7 pm:

April 8

May 13

June 10

### Trails Committee

Mondays at 7 pm:

April 6

May 25

June 22

### Recreation and Conservation Committee

Mondays, at 7:30 pm:

April 6

May 4

June 1 (tentative)

July/August out of session

### Delegates

Island: Sat., March 28, 9-5

Lower Mainland:

March 18, 7 - 10 pm

### Smoke Bluffs Committee

Monday at 6:30

March 30

April 27

May 25

## FAREWELL TO A FRIEND.

On Feb. 26, 1992, an avalanche swept **Derek Boekwyd** off of an ice climb near Field, B.C. Derek, an instructor with the FMCBC, was killed while he was doing what he loved the most - climbing in the mountains with his companions and close friends. Derek had an affinity with the mountains that prompted him to share his experiences with others through teaching and leading people in the outdoors. Everyone at CWMS and the FMC valued Derek's mellow, easygoing attitude and his confidence while in the mountains. We extend our sympathy to all who knew and loved Derek, and reflect again on the power of the mountains. Dan Redford, a friend of Derek's and fellow guide, was also injured in the avalanche and is recovering.



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## Outdoor Survey Findings

From Ministry of Forests Survey

British Columbians use provincial forests far more than was previously estimated: more than 40 million Recreation User Days (RUDs) per year for the province. Recreation use was estimated at 15 million RUDs in 1984. Forests have approximately twice the usage of Provincial Parks. 41% of B.C. residents participate in recreation activities in the forests an average of 15 days per year. Residents spend more than \$1.5 billion on activities and \$113 to protect and maintain recreation resources each year in provincial forests.

## TATSHENSHINI EARTH SUMMIT.

Save this magnificent river from the destruction of a copper mine. Support the Tatshenshini Earth Summit, and expedition to the mountains of the Tatshenshini in the spring of 1992.

Pledging your pennies to the climbers will help the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society raise funds and awareness for the Tatshenshini and Endangered Spaces Campaign.

The climbers will attempt to reach the summits of Mt. St. Elias and Mt. Fairweather on World Environment Day, June 8, 1992.

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Yes! Count me in to pledge my coppers for the Tatshenshini Earth Summit!

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Our small group tours are ideal for outdoor enthusiasts. Tour participants will see lots of wildlife such as orangutans, ocelots and a variety of birds. Also there will be visits to archaeological sites, villages and more. For information contact: **Gina** at

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## Wild Chilcotin Slide Presentation by Jay MacArthur.

The Chilcotin Mountains, 200 km southwest of Williams Lake, have spectacular scenery and great wilderness recreation. Their central jewel is Chilko Lake, which is 70 km long and attracts tourists from around the world. This area is being studied to see if it merits designation as a provincial recreation area, with a report from the study team expected late this year. Jay MacArthur representing the FMCBC and the Outdoor Recreation Council on the study team and is available to show slides to interested groups or clubs. Contact Jay 987-1232. The southern Chilcotin Mountains southeast of Chilko Lake, are also separately being considered for wilderness or recreational area status.

## Photography Workshops

April 5-8, 1992. Mile High Adventure: Photography and ski mountaineering on Blackcomb Mountain. Instructor: Pat Morrow. Canada's premier outdoor adventure photographer leads a small group on day trips into the magnificent backcountry terrain on Blackcomb and surrounding mountains. For information: Whistler Centre for Business and the Arts, (604) 932-8310 Fax (604) 932-4461

## Peter Croft Slide Show

The Squamish Rockclimbers Association and the Alpine Club of Canada are pleased to host a slide presentation by Peter Croft. Monday, May 4th, John Oliver Highschool auditorium, 41st and Fraser. Tix \$8 at the door.

## Wilderness Conservation Fund

Did you know that the FMCBC is a registered non-profit society? Donors receive an income tax receipt.

The FMCBC currently needs funding to continue representing its clubs on the Chilko Lake Study team.

## FMCBC 2nd ANNUAL PARTY!

Please join the FMC on October 17th to eat, drink, dance and tell tales of the high summer adventure.

## Free! Press Release to Clubs

Club 'items of interest' should be circulated to the media! Contact Kathryn (737-3053) with your news. Sport B.C. offers a free service to its members, and the FMC would like to extend this privilege to member clubs.



by Brian Jones

Outdoor and wilderness recreation in B.C. continues to attract people from all walks of life. At the FMCBC and through CWMS we have noticed that families, school kids and seniors alike are interested in the activities and courses that we offer. More and more schools and community centres are coming to us for assistance in developing programs that emphasize backcountry travel and environmental awareness. The FMCBC has been addressing these and other issues for many years, and through the instructional programs of CWMS we meet the needs of B.C. by providing safe, educational programs.

While CWMS programs are open to anyone, all FMC members benefit from the courses as a whole. Every person that enrolls in a course is exposed to far more than just "skills"; while CWMS instructors teach skills they also educate students about areas such as the FMCBC, mountain ethics and environmental issues. A quality mountain school operating at a provincial level will help to bring recognition and acceptance to the FMCBC.

On a more practical level, CWMS offers a huge selection of course and opportunities to anyone that is interested in mountain travel, at any level. A quick glance at our 1992 brochure will show a variety of year round courses from **Navigation to Backcountry Emergency Training**. In addition, club members can choose from a few selected fee-reduced courses reserved for members only.

The FMCBC has evolved over the years, with the instructional programs changing dramatically. These changes have produced a mountain school of high calibre, yet one that is still growing. If you are interested in becoming involved with the school in any capacity or know of areas that CWMS could offer services, give us a call. We would like to hear from our members.

### **Report on the Commercial Backcountry Recreation Workshop Kelowna - November 29th to December 1st, 1991**

Over fifty people attended this busy weekend: thirty representing public and commercial interests; fifteen Provincial government staff; four Facilitators, four Recorders and a logistics person. Invitations had been extended to Provincial organizations such as ours; to selected commercial interests, mostly recreation oriented, and to a small number of individuals selected on the basis of the quality of their written submissions. Invitations were also made to native groups, but unfortunately only a single representative turned up, and then only for the final plenary session on Sunday afternoon. The workshop alternated between plenary sessions and working groups, with participants having ample opportunity to present their views, as well as to look at each situation from others' perspectives. During the opening session on Friday evening, the air was charged with potential conflict as we each put our concerns on the table. But the opportunity for debate was kept short, and by early Saturday morning we had broken into the first working groups to explore issues in detail. By Saturday lunch, we were functioning well as a team, and the early tensions had gone.

I was assigned to one of the working groups examining the industry perspective. There were some strong participants and dynamics in this group and I was able to represent the public view more effectively than I could have in the public interest group. I was also cognizant of the FMCBC's commercial interests with respect to courses and guided backcountry tours. Having reached

a level of agreement, each group presented to, and debated with its counterpart group; this being later summarized in general session. In short, they put us to work, which more than anything else helped bring the differing perspectives closer together.

The themes that received the most emphasis were: Environment: carrying capacity; maintenance of wilderness character; ecological integrity and bio-diversity. Public Interest: nature of public rights, particularly public access to trails and scenic destination sites; advertising of proposals; public and local involvement in proposals; government promotion of opportunities; domestic versus international investment and control; community economic development and stability; alternative values. Industry: allocation and definition of rights; compatibilities and rights with respect to layering of tenures; recognition of 'sweat equity' and goodwill values during transfer of title. Integration: comprehensive land use planning; inter-agency coordination; compatibility of overlapping activities; locally based integrated planning similar to the existing L.R.U.P.'s or the proposed locally convened 'Round Tables'. Probably the two most discussed topics throughout the weekend were public access and the need for province wide Integrated Resource Inventories and Planning. The thing that I found most disturbing during the workshop was the apparent strength of Tourism BC's perceived mission to promote the use and/or sale of our backcountry assets to outside and offshore interests. The workshop proceedings were published in late December, and a copy is available at the Federation office.

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