

CLOUDBURST

Federation of Mountain Clubs of British Columbia Newsletter September 1992

Member Services

Protect Yourself

The FMCBC receives frequent inquiries from clubs and individuals regarding their potential liability for injuries. We plan to circulate a discussion paper on this to all clubs in the near future, including the FMCBC waiver and a report on whether our clubs can in some way be insured through the FMCBC. In the meantime a few words of wisdom.

- If anyone is injured while participating in a club activity, you should assume that the person may sue anyone who had anything to do with the injury. This includes all the other participants, the organizer/leader, the club, the club's executive and anyone else even remotely connected - especially if they have insurance.

- If a person is not injured, they cannot sue. Therefore, all aspects of all activities should be conducted in a prudent, reasonable, responsible manner. This is critical.

- All participants, without exception, should be required to read and sign a comprehensive waiver of their rights to sue in the event of injury. There are many waivers floating around; you should see a personal injury lawyer for assistance in getting a good one drafted. Your waiver should clearly set out all the risks the participant is assuming.

- Don't assume the waiver will stand up in court. If the participant is under 19, it almost certainly will not.

- Everybody should have whatever insurance they can obtain. In the case of individuals, this includes car insurance (third party liability limit of at least \$2 million, and preferably \$5 million) and homeowner's/tenant's insurance.

Ask your agent whether your policy would cover you in these circumstances - unfortunately, this may cause your agent conniptions, as no insurance company likes this kind of risk.

- If you car pool, do not take gas money until after the trip is safely over and you're home. Refer to such monies as 'donations', not payment.

- Obviously, a sense of healthy paranoia helps in dealing with these matters. However, it should be noted that even in the litigation crazy United States, most climbing-related lawsuits are based on product liability, not negligence.

Canada West Mountain School

1992-93 Winter Brochure (Free!)

Available late October at all outdoor sports stores or by mail from the FMCBC office, #336 - 1367 West Broadway, Vancouver, V6H 4A9 or (604) 737-3053. Don't miss out on the NEW courses and club rates!

Geology of British Columbia

The Geological Survey of Canada will be presenting two free lectures on the geology of B.C. this autumn.

Dr. Chris Yorath, with the GSC for 24 years, will be speaking on "How the West Was Made" on October 5 (7 pm) at the Vancouver Museum Auditorium (736-4431) and on November 30 (7:30 pm) at Victoria's Newcombe Theatre (387-2118).

Dr. Hugh Gabrielse, a geologist for 44 years, will be speaking on "Tales of a Cordilleran Geologist", the history of the early GSC. His lecture will be on October 8 (10 am) at Matsqui-Abbotsford Community Services (859-7681) and on October 30 (7:30 pm) at Victoria's Newcombe Theatre (387-2118).

Garibaldi Lake

The wood stoves at the shelters at the west end of Garibaldi Lake have been removed. There will continue to be propane at Garibaldi Lake and Taylor Meadows, and both propane and wood at Diamond Head (Elfin Lakes).

FMCBC Annual Party!

November 6th, 1992

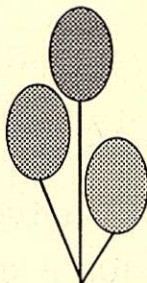
At Heritage Hall, 3102 Main Street, Vancouver

8 - 10 pm snacks, small talk, large tales

10 - 12 pm tunes, dancing, larger tales

Admission: \$5

Note: There will be a no-host bar; any proceeds will be for FMCBC Conservation Fund.



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 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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CANADA WEST MOUNTAIN SCHOOL

(A DIVISION OF THE FMCBC)

CWMS is once again offering courses at discounted rates to members of the Federation of Mountain Club of B.C.! These courses are open to any current member of the FMCBC or a member of a club belonging to the FMCBC. The courses that are listed below are identical in content to the same courses offered in our **Winter 1993 course brochure**, except that they are only being offered to club members through this newsletter, Cloudburst.

To ensure that all clubs are equally represented, two people from each club will initially be allowed to sign up for any one course. Two weeks prior to the course lecture date, any remaining, unfilled spaces will be opened up for sale to anyone, regardless of their affiliation with the FMCBC.

The following is for scheduling purposes only. Please consult the Winter '93 Brochure for course descriptions, information and booking conditions.

COURSE	COST	LECTURE DATE	FIELD DATES
Introduction to Winter Snow Camping	\$ 70.00 (plus GST)	Jan. 6	Jan. 16 & 17
Winter Hazard Evaluation	\$ 90.00 (plus GST)	Jan. 20	Jan. 23 & 24
Backcountry Emergency Training	\$ 90.00 (plus GST)	Feb. 17	Feb. 20 & 21
Introduction to Avalanche Safety	\$ 75.00 (plus GST)	Dec. 16 & 21 Feb. 17 & 23	Dec. 19 Feb. 23

**** IMPORTANT NOTES ****

- Any member of the FMCBC is eligible, providing they meet the specific requirements for each course.
- All courses are booked on a "first come, first serve" basis.
- All lectures are held at 1367 West Broadway, Vancouver, B.C., at 7:00 pm.
- Pre-payment in full is required for reservation of any space.
- Please consult the **Winter 1993 course brochure** for more details and booking conditions.

DON'T MISS OUT ON THESE SAFETY COURSES AT CLUB RATES !

For more information, to request a brochure or to book a space, please phone:

737-3053

Executive Director's Report

by Anders Ourom

It has been another busy summer. In addition to the CWMS program, we have had four job creation projects, and the FMCBC has continued to be active in a variety of conservation and access issues.

The CWMS winter brochure should be out soon. A number of copies will be sent to each club for distribution to members, or call the office for a copy. Some course information is also contained in Cloudburst.

Our job creation projects included two trail building projects, at Bralorne (with the Hurley Restoration Society) and at Belcarra (with the GVRD). We have also had six people in an instructor's/assistant guide's training program. Finally, two individuals have been working on revising our draft Backcountry Leader's Training Manual, and one person on a fund-raising strategy and projects for the FMCBC.

The reduced grant, and decreased job creation projects, have generally made life more difficult. Any further reduction in our funding will likely lead to elimination of significant activities. However, a number of initiatives are being pursued, including:

- a) a bingo licence application;
- b) applications to suitable charitable foundations;
- c) a film festival;
- d) sale of quality T-shirts/sweat shirts
- e) increasing the size of Cloudburst, revising its format and content, and selling at least enough advertising so that it becomes self-financing.

We welcome suggestions (and volunteers) for effective fund-raising activities. Please continue (or begin) to use your Toronto Dominion VISA Pursuit card. The FMCBC has ranked several times as the top earner in this program, and we hope to improve on the \$2,000 raised this year. The application form on page 7 can be filled out and taken (or mailed) to any branch of the Toronto Dominion Bank. Christmas is an excellent season for fund-raising, you don't pay any extra to use the card, but the FMCBC benefits from the Christmas spirit. Apply for your card soon!

FMCBC Member Clubs - Contact List

Alpine Club of Canada
c/o FMCBC 336-1367 W. Broadway
Vancouver, B.C. V6H 4A9
Contact: Helen Habgood 327-6302

B.C. Mountaineering Club
c/o FMCBC 336-1367 West Broadway
Vancouver, B.C. V6H 4A9
Contact: Karin Rolfes 876-0764

Chilliwack Outdoor Club
P.O. Box 706
Vedder Crossing, B.C. V0X 1Z0
Contact: Don Corbett 792-1660

Fraser Valley Hikers
Box 3511
Mission, B.C. V2V 4L1
Contact: Merna Richter 856-5666

Klister Outdoor Klub
301 - 7030 Hall Avenue
Burnaby, B.C. V5E 3A9
Contact: Ann Gytenbeek 433-2537
Don Williams 521-1482

N.V.R.C. Outdoor Club
#1104 - 444 Lonsdale Avenue
North Vancouver, B.C. V7M 3H5
Contact: Lesley Chandler 985-8123

North Shore Hikers
P.O. Box 4535
Vancouver B.C. V6B 4A1
Contact: Annie Danielson 929-2807

Outsetters Club
P.O. Box 33903, Station D
Vancouver, B.C. V6J 4L7
Contact: Stephanie Dykstra 275-1459

Vanc. XC Skiers & Touring Club
P.O. Box 34165, Station D
Vancouver, B.C. V6J 4N1
Contact: Neil England 590-1778

Varsity Outdoor Club
Student Union Building, U.B.C.
Vancouver, B.C. V6T 1W5
Contact: Judy Needham 731-8857

Richmond Outdoors Club
7191 Granville Avenue
Richmond, B.C. V6Y 1N9
Contact: Margaret Dixon 272-2583
Alice Chan 940-3323

Valley Outdoor Association
12-12915 16th Avenue
White Rock, B.C. V4A 1N8
Contact: Marj Rodwell 538-7883

Alberni Valley Outdoor Club
4487 Elizabeth Street
Port Alberni, B.C. V9Y 6L4
Contact: Douglas Clifford 723-9930

Alpine Club of Canada (Vanc. Island)
Box 863, Station E
Victoria, B.C. V8W 2R9
Contact: Murrough O'Brien 479-9127

Comox District Mountaineering Club
Box 3842
Countenay, B.C. V9N 7P2
Contact: Don Apps 338-5130
Scott Larson 338-7377
Ruth Masters 334-2270

Heathens Outdoor Club
307-324 Cedar Street
Campbell River, B.C. V9W 2V2
Contact: Paul Rydeen 286-0098

Island Mountain Ramblers
P.O. Box 691
Nanaimo, B.C. V9R 5M2
Contact: Nicola Westarp 247-8868

Outdoor Club of Victoria
c/o 681 Fairway Avenue
Victoria, B.C. V9B 2R6
Contact: Richard Keltie 388-4584

Caledonia Ramblers (Prince George)
P.O. Box 26, Station A
Prince George, B.C. V2L 4R9
Contact: Dave King 564-8887

Kootenay Mountaineering Club
Box 3195, Castlegar, B.C. V1N 3H5
Contact: Peter McIver 362-9523

There is an ulterior motive to all this begging. The provincial government has established a 'Protected Areas Strategy', to continue Parks and Wilderness for the 90's. It has made a commitment to set aside a representative 12% of B.C. as protected areas: parks, wilderness, ecological reserves, etc. by AD 2000. Under the Protected Areas Strategy, about 200 areas will be studied over the next 8 years, and decisions made on their status. Many of the 200 areas are of interest to the FMCBC. Decisions on protected areas seem likely to be made on a regional basis by round tables established by the Commission on

Resources and the Environment. We will want to make submissions regarding many areas, and participate in the decision making process to the extent possible, probably in conjunction with other conservation groups.

Somehow the FMCBC has to find the resources to do this. There will not be a second chance. Once the Protected Areas Strategy process concludes, there may not be any significant additions to B.C.'s parks and wilderness - ever!

Board of Directors' Report *by Beth Wark, President*

Due to job creation grants not being available, we will for the near future not have temporary office support staff. Anders, Sara and Brian will be here as usual and working harder than ever. This means that only essential matters will be dealt with immediately - other matters will be delayed at best. We will do our best to maintain service levels, but please be understanding if we cannot be as responsive as you might like.

A Development Committee has been formed to focus on fund-raising initiatives. Its members are Margaret Ellis (chair), Larry Lowden, Judy Needham, Beth Wark, and Anders Ourom. This committee has a difficult task as the FMCBC is short of resources (cash or staff) to invest in fund raising projects. However, this is a priority for the Board, and the committee would appreciate assistance in the form of ideas for effective fund-raising, help with its initiatives, and of course cash contributions (tax receipts will be issued).

The Board has also continued its member promotions committee, whose members are now Taylor Jackson and Joy Davidson. They welcome suggestions for increasing FMCBC membership, particularly names of potential new member clubs. Contact the office with any details.

The Board welcomes Bob Dempsey C.A., our new Treasurer. He takes the place of Simon Anderson C.A., who the Board thanks for his service as Treasurer/acting Treasurer over the last three years. Simon will continue to act as a director. Thanks also to Len Dudley, who will continue to act as our legal advisor, and to Doug White, who because of work commitments has had to step down as a director and vice-president.

We have now obtained reduced mailing rates for Cloudburst. We need more articles to fill it, and contributions are welcome. Also, an ad hoc editorial committee has been formed, and anyone with editing/writing experience would be welcome to help us work on the content and format of Cloudburst. Contact Sara Kammerzell at the office.

Also, we now have space for paid

advertisements. If you are interested in purchasing advertising space, or know of someone who might be, please contact us.

Thank you to Kathryn Cuming for her work on producing this edition of Cloudburst. Kathryn was with us to mid-August on a job creation grant, and returned as a volunteer for this edition. Thanks also to Ken Butler, who was with us on the same grant, and to Joanne Ashdown, who recently left us after working on the backcountry leadership training manual.

The FMCBC has had good media coverage this summer. Both the Vancouver Sun and the Vancouver Courier carried our press release on the 'Bus to Hiking Trails' brochure in prominent locations. This publicity led to our receiving some hundreds of calls requesting a copy of the brochure. Doug White was interviewed on CBC radio's 'Afternoon Show' on his favourite outdoor spot (the Howe Sound Crest trail), and Charles Clapham was interviewed by both the Vancouver Sun and CBC radio about the Centennial Trail. Charles is coordinator of the FMCBC's Adopt-a-Trail program and a member of the Centennial Trail Trust. Anders Ourom was interviewed by Rogers Cable TV (North Shore) about the FMCBC for a program on non-profit organizations. Brian Jones discussed the West Coast Trail with CBC Radio, was interviewed by both Squamish FM Outdoors Show and KISS-FM, and gave a public talk for the Burnaby Recreation Centre.

Banff Film Festival

The 17th annual Banff Festival of Mountain Films will be held on November 6-8, 1992 at the Banff Centre. It will showcase the world's best films and videos on mountain subjects, which will be judged under the categories of 'Best Film on Mountain Environment', 'Mountain Sports', and 'Climbing'. The weekend will feature continuous film screenings, presentations by Canadian climbers Peter Croft and Barry Blanchard, the Canadian premiere of the movie 'Alive', an adventure trade fair, seminars, an exhibition of work by Canadian nature photographer Bruno Engler, and the Ecotourism '92 conference. For more information, write: Box 1020 / Station 45, Banff,

Alberta, T0L 0C0 (phone 403-762-6349, fax 403-762-6422).

The 'Best of the Festival' tour will begin on November 15, and will include stops in Victoria and Vancouver. The Victoria showings, sponsored by the Vancouver Island section of the Alpine Club of Canada, will be November 28 & 29, 7:30 pm, at the Newcombe Theatre. Tickets are \$12 and are available at Ocean River Sports, Pacific Trekking and at the door. The Vancouver showing will be November 25 & 26, 7 pm at the Robson Square Conference Centre. Tickets are \$8 advance and are available at Coast Mountain Sports (731-6181) or \$10 at the door.

Outdoor Club of Victoria

1992 marks the 50th anniversary of the Outdoor Club of Victoria. At the FMCBC Annual General Meeting in June, OCV President Stan Buxcey gave a fascinating slide presentation on the club's history. The club has also prepared an interesting booklet to commemorate its 50th anniversary. A copy can be seen at the FMCBC office, or contact the OCV for a copy.

Wanted: Advertisements, Articles, Photographs and New Clubs!

We have now obtained a bulk mail postage rate for Cloudburst. As a result, the December edition will expand to twelve pages. We need the following to help fill it:

Articles: On any subject which is likely to be of interest to FMCBC members. We particularly would appreciate regular articles (like Northern Perspective) from clubs outside the lower mainland.

Photographs: Again, on any subjects likely to interest FMCBC members. Any format will do, as long as the photos are crisp and have good contrast.

Advertisements: Would you like to advertise in Cloudburst? Do you know someone (e.g. an outdoor business) who could benefit by advertising in Cloudburst? Some advertising space will now be available - contact the office for details.

New Clubs: Do you know of a club which should be in the FMCBC, but isn't? Tell us who they are and how we can contact them - we'll do the rest.

Safety & Education Committee

by Ed Spat

The Safety and Education Committee needs you. If you are an active climber or mountaineer interested in discussing safety topics, come on out to our meetings. In addition, we are looking for people who are interested in helping to develop or give presentations on hiking or mountaineering.

Do you need the Safety and Education Committee? If your club is interested in having a presentation on hiking, mountaineering or safety, then perhaps we can help you. The Safety and Education Committee is interested in broadening its services to clubs and club members.

The Safety and Education Committee is working on a curriculum for a one weekend course on basic mountain rescue techniques. If you want more information call Ed Spat at 873-2825.

Smoke Bluffs Committee

by Anders Ourom

Little Smoke Bluffs

Summer 1992 saw the opening of a new Little Smoke Bluffs parking lot at the north end of the bluffs, near Crag X. The lot is on land obtained by the District of Squamish in an exchange with Pat Morgan. It opened in late July, after a culvert was installed and the lot graded by Mike Beaubien, a Squamish Rockclimber's Association volunteer. The lot provides parking for about 25 vehicles. Toilets are now being installed.

The FMCBC is currently negotiating with the District of Squamish regarding expansion of the lot onto land owned by Pacific Granistone. The existence of a B.C. Hydro right-of-way has complicated matters. Other issues include grading, berms/fencing, signage and gating. With continued cooperation from all parties, these matters should be resolved and a reasonably permanent arrangement finalized.

There have been reports of climbers camping in the Little Smoke Bluffs, disregarding parking signs, and failing to be as hygienic as they might be. We hope to install a third toilet, near 'Neat and Cool'. Otherwise, please behave in a considerate manner.

Trails Committee by Louise Irwin



Centennial Trails Trust

The Centennial Trails Trust, a non-profit society, has recently been formed to further the interests of the National Trail Association of Canada within B.C. Its mandate is to establish a 1,400 kilometre footpath across B.C., extending from Victoria to the Rockies, where it will join with the Trans-Alberta Trail. This will form the most westerly section of the National Trail of Canada, which starts (or finishes) in St. John's, Newfoundland.

The proposed route starts at Victoria and runs to Nanaimo, along the Baden-Powell Trail, then through the eastern GVRD to join the Centennial Trail. From there it continues through Manning and Cathedral Parks, then the Dewdney Heritage Trail (where possible) through to Fort Steele. Existing trails then lead from Fort Steele to Palliser Pass. Many parts of the route follow old historic trails.

The Centennial Trails Trust in B.C. and parallel groups across Canada hope to realize a dream that began in the 1960's with the National Trail Association of Canada: to blaze a national trail across the country. Many trails in B.C. were built in the 1960's and early '70's to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the union of the Crown colonies of Vancouver Island and B.C. in 1866, the 100th anniversary of Canada's Confederation in 1967, and B.C.'s 100th anniversary as a Canadian province in 1971 - hence the name, "Centennial Trails Trust". The project largely entails improving, extending and linking these and other existing trails together along the designated route.

For more information on the project, or how you can help or become involved, please contact:

The Centennial Trails Trust
#203 - 1646 West 7th Avenue
Vancouver, B.C.
V6J 1S5
Phone: (604) 731-9195

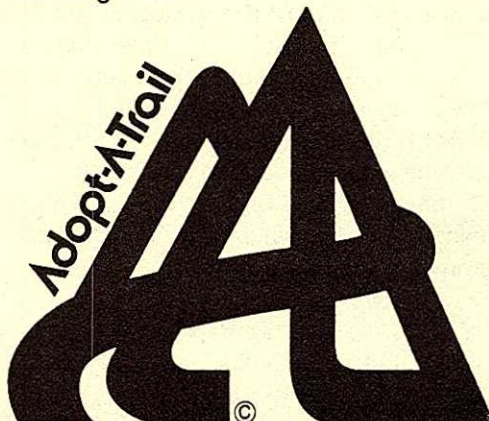
Trail Builders and Maintainers Conference

The Trails Committee proposes to hold a one or two day meeting for volunteers participating in or interested in the building and maintaining of hiking trails. The purpose would be to introduce trail builders and maintainers to each other, offer stimulating and useful education, promote plans for new, revised and rehabilitated trails, and to encourage a little-known form of volunteerism among the general public. Speakers would be invited from B.C. Parks, Forest Service, FMCBC, etc., with workshops to be held on chainsaw and tool user safety, trail standards, Adopt-A-Trail, water control and other topics of interest. Discussion and debate on these subjects and others such as mountain bikes and hiker conflicts should contribute to an interesting and lively conference. FMCBC directors have approved of this outline, and the Trails Committee would like to receive some input from club members, as the agenda is currently at the planning stage only. The meeting would be in Spring '93.

The "Bus to Hiking Trails" brochure distributed in July has been an instant success. Thanks to the work of Mary Macaree, Gabriel Mazoret, Uta Arais and a grant from B.C. Transit, 3000 were printed and placed in tourist locations. The committee is discussing a further printing. Meanwhile, the FMCBC office still have some available.

Adopt-A-Trail

The Port Renfrew Community Association has agreed to adopt ten short trails, the first to be adopted in that area. Also, Sev Heiberg of the BCMC has agreed to adopt the Silverdaisy trail in Manning Park.



Stawamus Chief park proposal:

In 1989 the FMCBC produced a report, "The Granite Monoliths of Squamish", which advocated protection of the Squamish Chief and environs because of its outstanding hiking, rock climbing, and scenic values. The Recreation and Conservation Committee met with the Honourable John Cashore, Minister of Environment, Lands and Parks in February, and as a result of these efforts the Stawamus Chief has been added to the list of areas to be studied for protected status.

Anders Ourom, the FMCBC's executive director, attended a meeting on 10 August at which the study process was discussed and the study area defined. We will continue to participate in this study.

Provincial Government Protected Areas Strategy:

This was formerly known as 'Parks and Wilderness for the 90s'. This spring the provincial government published a map showing all 200 areas which it had accepted for study as protected areas, consistent with its commitment to protected status for a representative 12% of the provincial land base. The areas are divided into areas where there will be a decision on the status by 1993, by 1995 and by 1998. A number of the areas to be studied were proposed by the FMCBC, and many more of them are of interest to FMCBC members. It appears that the study process will vary from area to area, but the FMCBC expects it will be asked to participate in a number of the studies on behalf of its members. We need volunteers who are familiar with various aspects of the study areas to participate in the studies.

Pinecone Lake/Burke Mountain:

This high divide, running south from Mt. Mamquam to Coquitlam, was proposed for wilderness status by the FMCBC, the Burke Mountain Naturalists, and the Western Canada Wilderness Committee. Boise Creek is an unlogged middle elevation watershed draining east from the divide into the Pitt River. Courtesy of Fletcher Challenge, the area's licensee, FMCBC representatives have toured (by air) the entire area, including Boise Creek. There appear to be significant old growth and wilderness values in

Boise Creek, which should be studied before any harvesting proceeds. It is unsure whether upper Boise Creek will be included in the study area, although it ought to be. Also, it appears that the study team will be chaired by a representative of the Ministry of Forests; its district office favours logging Boise Creek. For these reasons Boise Creek may be logged before possible wilderness status is resolved, thus bisecting the existing wilderness. The BMN and WCWC recently published a tabloid on the proposed wilderness which has been widely distributed.

Goat Range Study Area:

The Goat Range, also known as White Grizzly, is just north of Kokanee Glacier Provincial Park in southeast B.C. It is being studied for protected status, with a decision to be made by 1995. The Kootenay Mountaineering Club is particularly interested in the area. A volunteer is needed to work on a Ministry of Forests/Ministry of Parks study team. Contact Peter McIver (362-9513) or Jay MacArthur (987-1232).

Chilko Lake study:

This study team continues to meet monthly. Since April, rapid progress has been made in moving through the issue development and resolution steps of the process, assisted by consultant/facilitator Gordon Erlandson. A draft report, for public review, should be ready late this year or early in 1993.

We need members' involvement in this issue, particularly in reviewing the report. Please write to B.C. Parks, ask to be put on the study team's mailing list, and comment on the draft recommendations. Address: B.C. Parks, Chilko Study, 430-1011 4th Avenue, Prince George, B.C. V2M 5N3.

Cypress Provincial Park:

The FMCBC has been actively involved throughout the master planning process for the very popular park. We have attended a number of meetings put on by B.C. Parks which have involved the historic user groups. The FMCBC has submitted a detailed brief setting out its views on the master planning process and all the issues it must address, including a response to Cypress Bowl Recreations Ltd.'s 'Master Concept Plan'.

The FMCBC is opposed to expansion of the commercial permit area, in particular the construction of a chairlift and downhill runs on Mt. Hollyburn. Copies of the FMCBC submission were circulated to all lower mainland clubs; it can be seen at the FMCBC office.

This issue has also been sympathetically covered by the Vancouver Sun. The FMCBC is cooperating with a number of other groups in writing and producing a newsletter on Cypress Provincial Park, to be circulated in early October. In late October, there will be public meetings at which B.C. Parks will present what it sees as the options for park planning, and invite public comment. It is essential that FMCBC members participate in these and following meetings.

Lions Bay Update

We are at a bit of an impasse here. In the spring, representatives of the FMCBC met with Lions Bay council and with John Tisdale (Recreation Officer, Squamish Forest District). This was a very positive step, as in all the previous eight years, we had never met with the council. After the first meeting, Mr. Tisdale prepared a report on all the options for parking and for trails from the vicinity of Lions Bay. At the second meeting, some of those options were eliminated, and Mr. Tisdale agreed to examine those remaining in more detail. We expected to see his final report by late June, but it has not yet appeared.

The preliminary report suggested that the most likely option was to build a parking area about 1 km up the existing Lions trail from the gate on Sunset Drive. We believe it is likely that the final report will confirm this, subject to a suitable management strategy. The FMCBC, having patiently worked through the process, can then press for implementation of the report. Despite the delay, we cannot in good faith abandon the process before it concludes.

We thank Lions Bay for their meetings with us. Also, the village cooperatively marked the existing parking area, at the head of Sunset Drive, to allow more parking, and permitted overflow parking at the elementary school this summer. The parking situation is still far from adequate, but at least there is some progress towards a solution.

Club Feature - Chilliwack Outdoor Club by Lydia deGroot

I have been asked to write a short report on our Outdoor Club but am having a problem knowing where to start. I could start at the beginning but we have no information as to when, where or why the club was originally formed. Records date back to 1980. Presently the club has sixty members and is growing rapidly.

Located at the eastern end of the Fraser Valley, we are very fortunate to have a wilderness playground at our doorstep. Our day trips are usually in the Manning, Coquihalla, Skagit, Chilliwack River Valley or Mt. Baker areas. Our members are active in hiking, downhill, telemark and cross-country skiing, cycling, canoeing, backpacking, mountaineering as well as the social activities that go with these sports.

Last winter we held an avalanche course that was very well received. Basic canoe skills is an ongoing course, a wilderness first aid course was held a few years ago and is something we will be looking at doing again soon.

Our club meets once a month to deal with business and organize trips. Our meetings end with entertainment; usually a slide show by one of our members on trips to local or exotic destinations.

We are very fortunate to have a wonderful Search and Rescue organization in the area. We have given them very limited business over the years and they have come to our meetings with a lot of useful tips for safe travel in the bush.

Our environment committee, namely Jim Bowman, Neil Grainger and Susan Hainstock, has been very active in the last few years putting together an extensive report on ten proposed Pocket Wilderness Areas. This report was very well received with the Regional District. Since then the Ministry of Forests have reviewed our proposal. Cheam Peak/Ling Lake, Chehalis/Statlu/Tretheway Creeks and Lindeman/Greendrop/Flora Lakes are under study for Parks and Wilderness for the 90's. Radium/Hanging Lake is under study in the same report to be included in the Chilliwack Lake Park. Liumchen Lake is recognized by the Chilliwack Forest District for its value as a recreation area.

Clear Creek Hot Springs is a small ecological reserve that the Ministry of Forests is considering enlarging. All of these areas are within a two hour drive of Chilliwack. It is our hope that these as well as the three other areas that are unofficially recognized for their value as recreation areas will be preserved as is.

CWMS Report by Brian Jones

The Mountain School has completed yet another season of instruction. Many backpackers, rock climbers and mountaineers have completed one or more of our programs this past summer, helping to boost the overall level of safety in the mountains. I would like to extend a sincere "Thank you!!" to all of the staff and instructors who have helped make these courses run smoothly. Students have spoken all summer of the enthusiasm and level of commitment to safety that our instructors have. We are looking forward to the winter of 1992/93 with the production of our winter brochure, due out in late October. Make sure you get to one of the local outdoor stores to pick one up soon. Check out the new ski touring trips that we are running this winter; we have added a number of new destinations for these courses that may be of interest to our members. Also, make sure to book early, as a lot of courses fill to capacity and if we know in advance we can book second courses. On a final note, I would like to remind everyone that when you get your skis out this winter, take a moment to think about how to make your ski trips as safe as possible. Training, coupled with experience, is the best recipe for safety, but we all have to watch that we don't let complacency or lack of experience lead us to make mistakes in the hills. Get out, have a good time, and keep your fingers crossed for plenty of snow.

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A highlight of the summer was a walk up Mount Terry Fox, my third trip to the mountain, but the first in clear conditions. I recommend this hike for its truly spectacular views of the Premier Range and Mount Robson, although there is an elevation gain of over 6,000 feet on a dry trail. The best way to do the hike is to camp at the trailhead and get an early start. This is also a great equalizer for otherwise strong hikers who can't climb on a full stomach. There are at least 4 false peaks along the summit ridge, and another 2,000 feet to reach the Terry Fox monument ridge to the north. We have never understood why the monument was placed on a different ridge when it was installed 10 years ago. Prevailing snow conditions may have been a deciding factor. The trailhead is close to the Terry Fox highway viewpoint at Valemount. Unfortunately, the large picture sign shows the wrong location for the real summit. We amused ourselves by trying to explain this to two tourists, who weren't too fluent in English and couldn't quite fathom what we were trying to tell them, or indeed the motives of our scruffy group.

Recently, six Caledonia Ramblers spent a week in the Tchaikazan Valley in the heart of the proposed Chilko Provincial Park. It's a spectacular glaciated valley, abounding in wildlife and with a good horse trail for most of its length. We had added adventures getting there. Our driver seemed disappointed that his 4WD and nerves weren't seriously tested; we disagreed. However, with large packs we were thankful for the ride. We took 2 days to hike in and find a good base camp. The next 2 days were spent hiking in the scenic Spectrum Pass area, followed by a day to visit the glaciated head of the valley, and a day to hike out. On the way in and out, we camped at Tuzcha Lake near the entrance to Yohetta Valley, and were serenaded by loons, pack horse bells on the far shore, and by what we took to be distant wolves.

Two of our group took detailed field notes of birds observed during the week. These included immature golden eagles, a peregrine falcon, northern harriers, and many Clark's nutcrackers. There was some fresh grizzly and wolf sign in the valley near our camp and along the horse trail, and we saw two goats and lots of hoary marmots. We saw many mule

deer, who paraded along the marsh flats of the Tchaikazan River every evening. They grazed on the alpine slopes above and walked through our camp.

On the subject of bears, I spent \$50 on a can of 'Counter Assault' to carry when hiking. This spring, a local forestry contractor encountered a grizzly bear with cubs. The bear charged, and he sprayed it directly in the face from a distance of a meter. It retreated and was in apparent respiratory distress for some time before gathering up its cubs and leaving the area. There aren't any guarantees, but weighing less than half a kilogram it seems to be worth the weight.

We have been generally pleased with progress in the Herrick Creek Local Resource Use Plan. The process has been fascinating, and it has been a good opportunity to influence local land issues. Although nearly a year old, and at times excruciatingly slow, it has never been dull. We are finding support for most of the issues that affect us. Our key concern is high elevation logging, where we seem to have successfully drawn a line at 4,500 feet elevation. We are also making good progress on the other issues: 1. Aesthetics: Landscape design will be used on mountain slopes in this area. We have also asked for public consultation on the location of man-made structures on mountain tops. 2. Access: Planning to provide appropriate recreation access and restrict inappropriate (mechanized) access. 3. Recreation Planning: Zoning of compatible and incompatible activities. 4. Harvesting: Consideration given to alternative harvesting methods on steep slopes. 5. Fire Suppression: Fire suppression in non-commercial forest, particularly sub-alpine.

The big disappointment is that the Lheit Lit'en people recently withdrew from the planning team, and have resorted to the land claim process for the land surrounding Ice Mountain. This is the

central mountain in the Herrick Valley, and is a prominent landmark throughout the ranges east of Prince George. We expect that the Herrick Creek LRUP will form the basis of future forest planning in this area, and gains made for mountain users will have a wide effect. We have always enjoyed a good relationship with the northern forest industry in this area, and hope to build on that.

Other notes of interest: The Commercial Backcountry Recreation Policy Proposal has been available now for nearly 2 months and there are only a few weeks left for final input. BC Parks have received our proposal for the historic Grand Canyon of the Fraser River. They are applying for a UREP (Use, Recreation and Enjoyment of the Public) reserve, and are adding the proposal as a study area under the Protected Areas Strategy. They are looking for a representative Rocky Mountain Trench site, and we are hopeful that this will be it.

FMCBC Meetings

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Oct. 21
Nov. 18
Sat. Dec. 5

Safety and Education Committee
2nd Wednesday of each month at 7 pm.
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Mondays at 7 pm
Oct. 19
Nov. 16
Dec. 14

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Wed. Oct. 7
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