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Federation of Mountain Clubs of British Columbia Newsletter

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K2 - Dreams and Reality

by Jim Haberl

On July 7th, this summer, in the thin air at 8,611 metres and without the aid of bottled oxygen, Dan Culver and I became the first Canadians to reach the notorious and elusive summit of the world's second highest mountain -- K2. Joining us on the peak was one of our American teammates, Phil Powers. On the top we unfurled a Canadian flag as well as banners representing both the Tatshenshini River and Clayoquot Sound. We planned to use our ascent of K2 to raise the profile of these critical environmental issues in British Columbia. Little did we know of the successful creation of a park in the Tatshenshini or the confrontation at Clayoquot. It was an emotional and proud moment for all of us.



With the Concordia and Godwin-Austen Glaciers behind him, Jim Haberl ascends to Camp II.

Photo: Dan Culver

K2 is situated on the border between Pakistan and China in the Karakoram Range, near the western end of Asia's great Himalayan mountains. Only 239 metres lower than the highest peak on earth, Mount Everest, K2 is considered a much more difficult climb due to its overall steepness and atrocious weather.

First climbed in 1954 by a large Italian expedition, the next success on K2's icy slopes had to wait until 1977. Books such as *The Savage Mountain* and *Triumph and Tragedy* recount tales of past attempts on the mountain; as these titles suggest, hardship and death are not uncommon on K2. Fewer than ninety climbers have ever reached the summit, yet thirty men and women have died on its precipitous flanks -- five of them this summer alone. By comparison, Everest has had well over 500 ascents and over forty climbers, well-supported

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FMCBC

The Federation of Mountain Clubs of British Columbia (FMCBC) is the official sport-governing body for mountaineering in BC, representing the interests of hiking, climbing and outdoor clubs in the province. The FMCBC is a non-profit organization addressing mountain related issues, promoting safety and education through courses of instruction, and constructing and maintaining hiking trails throughout BC.

Membership in the FMCBC is open to any individual or group interested in non-mechanized outdoor activities and conservation concerns. Those interested in joining have two options:

Club membership: Please contact the office to receive a free list of clubs that belong to the FMCBC.

Individual Membership: Call the office or clip the form on page 10 and return it to us with a cheque for \$25.00.

FMCBC MEETING DATES

Board of Directors: Wed. 7pm - Rm 106*
Sept. 18, Oct. 20, Nov. 17, Dec. 4
Safety & Education Committee: Wed. 7pm - Rm 201*
Sept. 8, Oct. 13, Nov. 10, Dec. 8
Trails Committee: Mon. 7pm - Rm 201*
Sept. 13, Oct. 25, Dec. 6
Recreation & Conservation Committee: Mon. 7pm
Sept. 20, Oct. 4, Dec. 6
* meetings held at Sports B.C. 1367 W. Broadway,
Vancouver

Wheelchair Accessible Trail

This year the FMCBC is undertaking a slightly different trail building project. We are rebuilding the Yew Lake Trail, at Cypress Provincial Park, to a standard which will make it wheelchair accessible. The project is based on a job-creation grant from the federal government's Canadian Job Strategies office. Other partners and contributors so far include:

Sport & Fitness Council for the Disabled
Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks
Mountain Equipment Co-op
VanCity Credit Union
Construction Aggregates

The trail is heavily used, and is in an ecologically significant subalpine area. The project will not only help protect the area, but will make it accessible to many more people, particularly those with disabilities. The trail, one of only two trails in the Lower Mainland designed to be accessible to people of all abilities, is scheduled to be completed sometime in November.



by Nepalese Sherpas and most using bottled oxygen, reached its summit in a single day this past spring.

Dan, Phil and I were part of a joint American and Canadian expedition composed of seven climbers. Led by Stacy Allison of Portland, Oregon, the first American woman to reach the top of Everest, the remaining members included Americans Steve Steckmyer and John Petroske of Seattle and Canadian John Haigh from Calgary.

For those who seek out and accept the risk of climbing the world's highest peaks, where...the threat of death or injury cannot be argued, the rewards seem worth the peril.

The team spent thirty days climbing and establishing camps on K2's Southeast, or Abruzzi Ridge. Struggling against strong winds, high altitude and stormy weather, we worked supplies up the mountain and established four camps in preparation for a summit bid. Our highest camp at 8050 metres was higher than all but nine mountains on the planet.

On July 4, the summit trio left basecamp at 5000 metres on the Godwin-Austin Glacier at 4:00 a.m. and began their push up the mountain. Following one day behind us in support of our summit bid were Stacy, John and John. Four days later, waking just after midnight on July 7, Dan, Phil and I left Camp 4, guided by the brilliant light of a full moon. Climbing slowly through the thin air, we celebrated success on the summit in the late afternoon, thirteen hours after departing high camp. Less than two hours later, while descending, Dan tragically fell to his death.

The second team had arrived at Camp 4 by this time and joined me in a search for Dan, but the body was never recovered. The team returned to Camp 4 and spent a long, sorrowful night wondering how the euphoria of success could change to the pain of loss so quickly.

The descent from Camp 4 was a struggle against the fury of a storm which was accompanied by 100 kilometre per hour winds and over a metre of snow. Two days later, surviving avalanches and hurricane force winds, the four of us were all safely back in basecamp and thankful that the ordeal of escaping K2's ferocity was over.

We spent the days as we waited for porters to come and help us carry our gear from basecamp to Skardu resting and reflecting on our climb. As well, we cleaned the mountain of our equipment and collected over 300 kilograms of garbage left on the Godwin-Austen Glacier by other expeditions to K2. We paid the porter fees to have the non-burnable portion of this garbage removed to Skardu.

It is evident to me that packing out what you pack in is not practised by every expedition to this and other areas in various corners of the planet that I have visited over the years. At K2 basecamp, we scratched at the surface of a huge problem and hope that this inexcusable custom of walking away from equipment and garbage ends very soon. The part of the Karakoram Range that we travelled through, possibly the most spectacular mountain region in the world, is a cesspool of garbage and human waste -- a poor example of how we mountaineers and hikers treat the environment we profess to enjoy.

K2 provided all of our team with wild highlights and extreme lowpoints in life's rollercoaster of adventures. The events on and around the mountain will affect me forever. Often referred to as "the mountaineer's mountain" and one of climbing's greatest tests, K2 is a place where dreams can surely be realized. For those who seek out and accept the risk of climbing the world's highest peaks, where the hazards are often unavoidable and the threat of death or injury cannot be argued, the rewards seem worth the peril. There are limits, however. As John Haigh said after surviving the frightening, storm-filled descent from 8050 metres, "I think it's time to go sailing".

Jim Haberl will be presenting a slide show of his experiences on K2 sometime this autumn in Vancouver.

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Island Insights

by Chris Barner

Exploring an unblemished wilderness can be a profound experience. The following are some tips to help you get in tune with the wilderness...and preserve the experience.

Fires

Do not light fires except in cases of emergency (ie to aid a victim of hypothermia). Decide whether a fire is wanted or needed and carry a stove for cooking. Fire-lighting is discouraged for the following reasons:

- ❖ You may be unable to put it out.
- ❖ Unnecessary fire-lighting wastes fuel that could later be useful during an emergency.
- ❖ Having industrious wood gatherers tramping about damages the area.

If you must light a fire:

- ❖ Get to lower elevation - out of the alpine.
- ❖ Choose a location on mineral soil rather than duff, vegetation or rock.
- ❖ Avoid trees, roots and overhanging branches.
- ❖ Collect only dead and down wood, and be careful while you do so.
- ❖ Don't leave piles of fire wood when you leave.
- ❖ Keep your fire small, extinguish it thoroughly and remove all trace of it.

Camping

- ❖ Use designated sites where applicable.
- ❖ Choose tent sites that are free of vegetation.
- ❖ Change from boots into booties, sandals or soft-soled shoes around camp.
- ❖ Choose a cooking site that will not disturb vegetation.
- ❖ Keep noise to a minimum.
- ❖ Don't thrash through the woods looking for berries.

Pets

It is best to leave pets at home. They may be carriers of giardia cysts and often disturb wildlife and other outdoor enthusiasts.

Garbage

- ❖ Pack out what you pack in
- ❖ Do not throw away cigarette butts - carry them out.
- ❖ Do not burn or bury trash
- ❖ Carry out any other garbage you may find
- ❖ Carry out orange peels, apple cores etc.

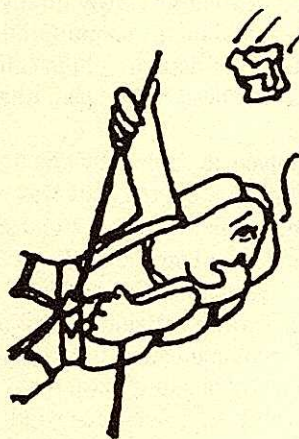
Even biodegradable waste is litter in the wilderness, especially at higher elevations, where it takes much longer to decompose.

Sanitation

It is known that both humans and animals transmit giardia, but here are some things you can do to prevent the disease from becoming common in our area...

- ❖ In areas with no toilet facilities, dig a 6" to 8" hole in mineral soil, choosing a site 70 metres from any water source.
- ❖ When you're finished, ensure that the site is covered with soil and humus.
- ❖ Burn or carry out your toilet paper.
- ❖ Do not wash yourself, your dishes or brush your teeth in or near any water source.

It is recommended that all suspect water be boiled, treated or filtered. Filters are available that screen out giardia cysts as well as other microorganisms. The "Katadyn" brand water filter is particularly effective, and is available from Mountain Equipment Coop for around \$250. That sounds expensive, but a Katadyn purifier is a lifetime investment that guarantees clean water, and weighs less than a full water bottle.



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Northern Perspective

by Mike Nash

After nearly two years and more than 40 meetings, the Herrick Creek Local Resource Use Plan is nearing a successful conclusion. We have reached general agreement on all the key issues, most recently concerning the upper end of the Herrick Valley. Forest harvesting will occur on about 25% of the 190,000 hectares in the Planning Area, or about half the forested lands. The remainder will be recommended either for protection as park land, or to be governed by special management guidelines to preserve and enhance other resource values including soils, water, fish, wildlife, old growth and recreation. An item of interest to members of the FMCBC is an agreement to protect Ovington Creek, which has high scenic and mountaineering values.

Uncertainty still exists about the aboriginal people who withdrew from the Planning Team last summer and who are negotiating separately with government. We still hope to see their participation in our final report.
Herrick Creek Field Trip:

In early August, I spent 6 days in a fly in trip to an alpine location in the upper Herrick. I was accompanied

by 2 other members of the Planning Team and 3 other companions, all of us members of the FMCBC. Past Northern Director, George Evanoff represents North Rockies Ski Tours on the Planning Team and Sandra Kinsey represents the Prince George Naturalists Club and the Federation of BC Naturalists.

Helicopter transportation into the area was donated by Pacific Western Helicopters who were looking at helicopter logging opportunities in the Herrick. We were picked up at the end of the week by Northwood Pulp and Timber, who were surveying beetle killed trees.

We were fortunate to hit the first week of good weather in over 2 months. This helped us make the most of the opportunity to evaluate the mountain recreation potential of the area first hand. We also looked at wildlife, surrounding old growth areas, potential visual quality objectives, and winter avalanche hazards. A report on the bird and wildlife inventories done by Sandra Kinsey and Laird Law will be submitted to the "BC Naturalist", and we will collectively prepare a report to the LRUP and participating members.

BULLETIN

New Books

Hiking the West Kootenay by John Carter

The long-awaited guide to over 80 hikes in the Kootenay area comes with lots of maps and photos of the area. Published by Kalmia Publishing, RR#1, S22, C55, Nelson, B.C. V1L 5P4

The Climber's Guide to Skaha by Kevin McLane

Maps, diagrams, and photographs outlining 260 routes in the area. Published by Merlin Productions, Box 5181, Squamish, B.C. V0N 3G0.

Coming Soon.... a guide to the Chute Lake climbing area near Okanagan Mountain Park. The booklet, put together by the Central Okanagan Climbing Organization will be available September 20th for \$2.50 at the Outdoor Adventure Gear store in Kelowna.

Nahatlatch River

The Outdoor Recreation Council is taking part in an Integrated Resource Management Plan (IRMP) for this valley, west of the Fraser River. The licensee of the area is Cattermole Timber in Chilliwack. For more information, especially about trail development in the area, contact Anders Ourom at the FMCBC office.

Mountain Naming Honours Haig-Browns

A mountain in Strathcona Provincial Park was named Mount Haig-Brown this summer, in honour of the late Roderick and Anne Haig-Brown. Proposed by the Comox District Mountaineering Club, the naming of the 1948 metre mountain near Mount Con Reid recognizes the couple's lifelong dedication to protecting park and wilderness areas.

Slide Shows

K2: Jim Haberl, one of the first Canadians to climb the formidable K2, in the Karakorum Range, will be showing slides of the expedition sometime this autumn. For more information contact the FMCBC office in October.

Patagonia: The Vancouver Section of the Alpine Club of Canada is presenting a Patagonian slide show with Al Kearney, from Bellingham. Wednesday October 13th at 7:30pm at the John Oliver Secondary School Auditorium at 41st and Fraser. Tickets at climbing shops and indoor climbing wall facilities \$6.00 in advance, \$8.00 at the door.

Royal Robbins: Friday November 5 at 7 p.m. at the Robson Square Conference Centre. Tickets available at Coast Mountain Sports.

Banff Mountain Film Festival

Reinhold Messner, a "living mountain legend", will open this year's festival as guest speaker on Friday November 5, 1993. The 3 day festival showcasing films and videos on mountain subjects, includes continuous screenings, guest speakers, an adventure trade fair,

mountain craft sale and art exhibits. For more information contact the Banff Festival of Mountain Films (403) 762-6441.

Best of the Banff Mountain Film Festival

The Alpine Club of Canada, Vancouver Island Section presents the "Best of the Fest" at the **Newcombe Theatre, Victoria November 27, and 28th.** Tickets are \$12 available in Victoria at Ocean River Sports, Jeune Brothers, Sea Trek, Valhalla, and Pacific Trekking. Coast Mountain Sports will host the same show in **Vancouver at the Vogue Theatre, Wed. November 24** at 7 p.m.. Tickets available at Coast Mountain Sports.

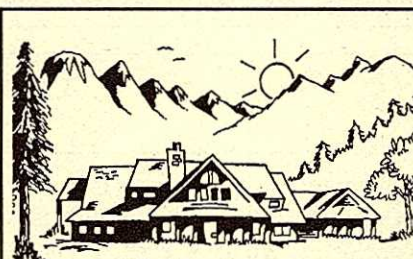
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Trails

Shatford Creek Trail

A new trail was cleared in June this year in an area west of Penticton known as Shatford Creek. Constructed by a volunteer crew of 8 people from the North Shore Hikers and the Okanagan Silmakeen Parks Society, the trail gives access from the Apex road trailhead to the summit of Sheep Rock. Recreation site maps are available from the Ministry of Forests, Penticton District Office, 102 Industrial Place, Penticton, V2A 7C9.



Vancouver Island Backbone Trail

The Western Canada Wilderness Committee has proposed a trail that would link the existing hiking and historical routes and develop connector routes to form continuous north/south hiking route for Vancouver Island. The proposed route would be mostly alpine and has been proposed in the B.C. government's "Parks Plan 1990". For more information, contact: Rosanne Van Shie 756-4016 (Nanaimo) or W.C.W.C. 683-8220 (Vancouver).

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Winter Hazard Evaluation	Jan. 11 Jan. 25 Feb. 8 Feb. 22	Jan. 15-16 Jan 29-30 Feb. 12-13 Feb. 26-27
Snow Camping	Jan. 13 Jan. 27 Feb. 10	Jan. 22-23 Feb. 5-6 Feb. 19-20
Basic Ski Touring	Jan. 19 Feb. 2 Feb. 16	Jan. 29-30 Feb. 12-13 Feb. 26-27
Backcountry Emergency Training	Dec. 7	Dec. 11-12
Garibaldi Neve	Mar. 17 Mar. 31	Mar. 26-28 Apr. 8-10
Pantheons	Feb. 22	Feb. 26-Mar. 6
Rogers Pass	Apr. 5	Apr. 9-13
Spearhead Traverse	Mar. 10	Mar. 19-22
Tetrahedron	Mar. 3	Mar. 12-15
Ice Climbing	Jan. 12	Jan. 15-16
Backcountry Telemark Clinics (Thursday evenings 6:30-10:30)	Jan. 6, 20 Feb. 3, 17 Mar. 3	

This season we will be offering courses to clubs and members at discounted rates on a contract basis only. If you or your club are interested in any program, we will organise one to suit your needs at a discounted rate. These rates will apply to all members and for any program, year round. A minimum number of 4 students will apply to most programs. For more information and to receive a rate sheet for members' courses, please contact the FMCBC office at 737-3053. All members of the FMCBC are still entitled to discounts on all regularly scheduled courses.

Safety and Education

by Ed Spat

PRIDE BEFORE THE FALL

Despite a dismal summer, many of us still have undampened enthusiasm (sic.. or just sick?) for fall trips. Here are some handy tips:

Hiking

If you have been doing a lot of trips this summer, you are probably used to a light packsack, so heed the old-timer's adage: winter comes early in the mountains. In other words, start packing along some more extra clothes. It's a good idea to always take along a map and compass, given the speed with which the mountains can become fogged-in in the fall. What other safety gear should you take? Bring the much touted 'ten essentials':

1. MAP
2. COMPASS
3. FLASHLIGHT/HEAD LAMP (& spare bulb &batteries)
4. EXTRA FOOD
5. EXTRA CLOTHING
6. SUNGLASSES
7. FIRST AID SUPPLIES
8. POCKET KNIFE
9. MATCHES (in water-proof container)
10. FIRE STARTER

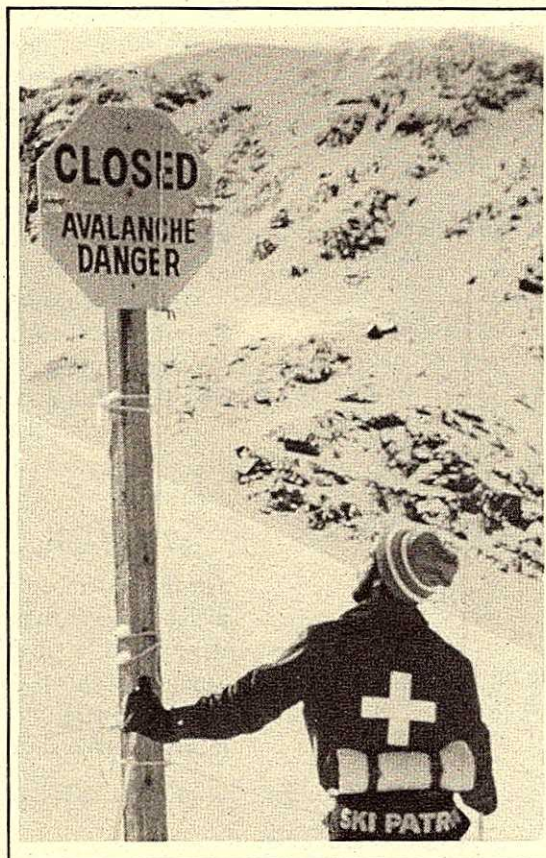
Rock Climbing

This season has seen a sickening rise in accidents at Squamish. More than six people have been admitted to Squamish Hospital this year compared with two in 1992. It is probably worth thinking carefully about how thorough your safety training has been and maybe doing something to improve it. For those who aren't interested in courses, get a good book. John Long's *Anchors* is recommended for top-ropers. If you are relying on someone else to provide the expertise, make sure you can live with that decision (literally)!

Skiing and Winter Mountaineering

The season is still a few months away, but here are a few things you should do to get ready. First, check your avalanche transceiver. Make sure the unit still works; then check the operator! Both can be checked by getting together with some friends for a practice session. Try a game of 'Hide and Pieps' for fun! Be aware of what type of frequency your transceiver is: dual frequency units are compatible with all other units, but old

single frequency (2275 Hz) units and new single frequency (457 Hz) units ARE NOT COMPATIBLE. On a given outing, any party members who have a single frequency unit must all have units with the same frequency. Now is probably a good time to think about an avalanche safety course. Canada West Mountain School (737-3053) has a wide variety of course dates (see facing page). The Canadian Avalanche Association (1-837-2435) also offers courses at many locations around the province.



Did You Know All This, But Read It Anyway?

If you have an interest in mountain safety and education, maybe you should come out to a Safety and Education Committee meeting.

Survey Results

The June Cloudburst questionnaires are in! Thanks for sending in your responses and congratulations to Chris Mills on winning the draw. Anyone who would like more details can contact Ed Spat at 873-2825.

New Chairperson

Simon Austen has taken over the Chair of the Safety and Education Committee. He can be reached at 943-1150 for hot gossip and insider information.

Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

The Federation of Mountain Clubs' Safety and Education Committee offers free lectures on

a wide range of outdoor safety topics. If you are interested, call Simon Austen at 943-1150.

Wilderness First Aid

There are a number of organizations offering first aid courses specifically designed for outdoor enthusiasts. The Wilderness First Aid and Safety Association of B.C. offers courses across the province on a variety of dates. For more information call their Vancouver office at 291-7272. Check your local office of the Canadian Red Cross or St. John Ambulance. They will design courses for groups with special interests if there is sufficient demand. For other organizations, check your local yellow pages under "First Aid Training".

JOIN US

The FMCBC is working on a number of membership promotion initiatives designed to get the word out about the work that you, your clubs and the Federation are doing in the interests of outdoor enthusiasts across the province.

WHY?

New members bring fresh ideas, energy and enthusiasm. They can take your club in new directions, literally and figuratively. They broaden the base of representation of the FMCBC, and guarantee us a seat at the table in land use planning processes. New members are an indication to all of the institutions we deal with of the level of commitment of outdoor enthusiasts to conservation, trail building and safety. While membership dues make up less than 10% of the budget of the FMCBC, we are under increasing pressure from our funders to increase this figure. Rather than increasing dues, we'd like to share the responsibility of supporting this work with all who benefit from it.

GOALS

Our goals are to bring 4 new clubs into the Federation this year along with 300 individual members.

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- If you're a hiker, climber, backpacker, backcountry skier, or snowshoer and you're not already a member, join us now!
- Bring some membership promotion brochures (available at the FMCBC office) to the trailhead next time you go hiking or climbing. Put one on the windshield of each of the other cars there.
- Bring some brochures to your local library, community centre, or fitness centre and ask that they be put on display.
- Invite a friend along on your next club outing, meeting or social gathering.
- If there is a club in your area that may be interested in joining the Federation, let us know.

HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN WIN:

The three members who manage to sign up the most new members between now and March 31, 1994 will each receive a \$100 gift certificate from the Canada West Mountain School. Winners will be announced at the Annual General Meeting in June '94.
(Sorry, membership secretaries are not eligible!)

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Club Feature - Island Mountain Ramblers

by Mike Taylor

In 1958, a small group of Vancouver Island mountaineers and hikers banded together to form the Island Mountain Ramblers. The focus of this new club was to provide an environment for safe and enjoyable exploration of Vancouver Island's alpine delights.

This focus has not changed with the present day Ramblers. The club, now 35 years old, has members from Victoria to Campbell River and offers something for just about anybody. Regular events on the club's schedule include an annual snow-climbing workshop, a couple of week-long backpacking trips, cross-country skiing, mountaineering, rock climbing workshops, canoeing and easy day hikes for all ages.

The Ramblers have been active in introducing new areas of the Island to climbing activity, particularly in Strathcona Park. One of the highest peaks in Strathcona Park, Rambler Peak, is named after the club in recognition of the first ascent party and the club's contributions to the Park. One of the bigger projects undertaken by the Ramblers was the construction of a much needed bridge over Butterworth Creek in 1986, replacing one of those horrible slippery log crossings we've all grown to know! While making a safer crossing was a major reason for doing the project, it was also done in commemoration of Strathcona Park's 75th birthday. Assistance in the form

of materials, tools and helicopter support was provided by B.C. Parks; we supplied the design and muscle to span the 25 metre distance.

The club moved on to adopt the Elk River Trail, on which this bridge is located, under the Adopt-A-Trail program, and has since held a number of work parties to maintain the trail. Another Rambler bridge project, over Puzzle Creek, has also improved the access into this wonderful area of Strathcona Park.

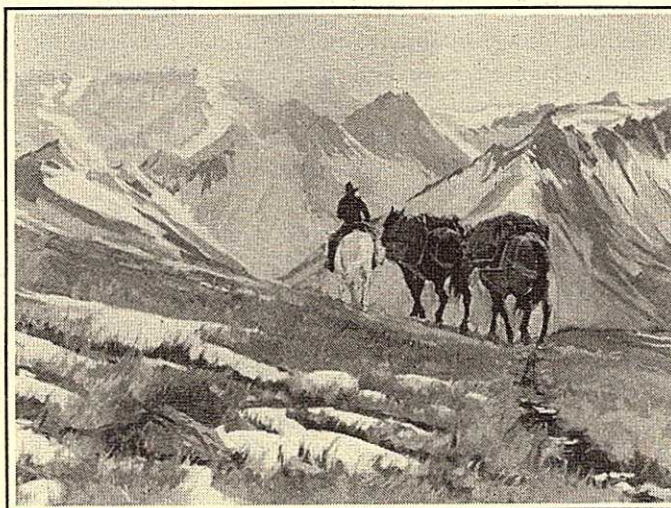
As the club entered the '90's, a redefinition was sought for the identity and purpose of the club. What resulted was a refurbished constitution providing direction to supporting opportunities for all forms of non-motorized outdoor activities, preservation of our Parks and wilderness areas, the development of suitable trails, exploration and appreciation of our mountains, wilderness leadership training and the promotion of healthy lifestyles. The club has also established a list of lifetime objectives, including 16 hiking routes and 20 Island peaks, for club members' goal setting. One look at the club schedule and you'll see something for just about everyone.

For more information about the Island Mountain Ramblers, write to: P.O. Box 691, Nanaimo, B.C. V9R 5M2 or call Nicki Westarp in Nanaimo at 247-8868.

Southern Chilcotin Poster

The Federation of Mountain Clubs of B.C. and the Southern Chilcotin Mountains Wilderness Society are pleased to announce the printing of a poster to promote the protected area proposal for the Southern Chilcotin Mountains. The poster is a reproduction of an oil painting of Deer Pass by North Vancouver artist Kathleen Dawson. The original oil painting was awarded a gold medal at the 1993 art exhibition of "La Societe Nationale des Beaux-Arts" in Paris, France.

B.C. Parks stated in a 1990 report that "The South Chilcotin Mountains are the single most outstanding area of wilderness not presently protected in the southern interior of British Columbia. The area has exceptional scenery and unparalleled wilderness recreation



Deer Pass by Vancouver artist Kathleen Dawson

potential...and...would be one of the most valued parks in the provincial parks system."

A limited number of posters are available for free, thanks to generous donations by the Mountain Equipment Co-op Environment Fund and the World Wildlife Fund. The posters can be picked up at the FMCBC office, 336-1367 West Broadway, Vancouver V6H 4A9 or can be mailed to you for fee of five dollars. In addition to these posters, 100 signed limited edition prints have

been produced. They are available for a donation of \$100 to the Southern Chilcotin Mountains Wilderness Society.

The Southern Chilcotin Mountains are located 200 km north of Vancouver. First proposed as a provincial park in 1937, it is currently being studied as part of the provincial government's Protected Area Strategy.

Recreation and Conservation

by Jay MacArthur

Adopt a Proposed Protected Area

As promised last issue, here is the list of areas in the Cariboo and Chilcotin being studied by the Commission on Resources and Environment's "table". As you can see, most of the areas have been adopted. We need excellent slides of each of the areas to prepare a slide show for CORE. We would really appreciate if you could check your slide library. Please call Jay MacArthur at 987-1232 if you would like further information about the Protected Area Strategy.

Cariboo Region

Proposed Protected Areas	Status	Adopter	Allies
Chilko Lake	study completed	Jay MacArthur, ACC 987-1232	Ordell Steen, Anna Roberts, WLF Naturalists
South Chilcotin	CORE	Jay MacArthur, ACC (needs help), SCMWS	Dennis Perry, SCMWS Williams Lake Field
Niut	CORE	Fritz Mueller, Niut Wilderness Soc.	
Coast Mountains/Waddington	CORE	ACC?/BCMC?	
Coast Mountains/Alplands	CORE	ACC?/BCMC?	
Tweedsmuir Additions	CORE	Dave Neads	
Itcha/Ilgatchuz	CORE	Dave Neads	
Niagra/Matthew River Cariboo Mountains	CORE	Doug Radies	
Churn Creek	CORE		Canadian Parks Service

Vancouver Mainland RPAT Status

The Vancouver Mainland Regional Protected Areas Team is a government committee coordinating studies on proposed protected areas in this large region. The region stretches from Vancouver to Hope and north including the Coast Ranges to Mount Waddington and Mount Monarch on the edge of Tweedsmuir Park. They are presently updating their list of study areas and defining study area boundaries. This is an important time for our interests to be presented since if an area is not accepted by the RPAT for study, there is little chance of the area being protected in the long term. Randy Stoltmann has been hired prepare a report that will summarize our members interests in proposed protected areas in the Vancouver Mainland area. Depending on funding we would like to look at other areas of the province.

C.O.R.E. Update

Three regions of the province are currently being studied by groups called "tables". These regional tables for Vancouver Island, the Cariboo/Chilcotin and the Kootenays are continuing to make "modest progress".

Vancouver Island

The Vancouver Island Outdoor Recreation sector has from its inception planned also to hold a constituency meeting at a point in the proceedings when final agreements on land use allocation were being negotiated so that all segments of the outdoor recreation community involved with Vancouver Island would have the opportunity to receive information on and an understanding of the issues and likely outcomes, and to provide input. Two or three representatives from each of the outdoor recreation clubs on Vancouver Island, plus representatives of provincial outdoor recreation associations would be invited to a one-day meeting to be held at a central location. The likely date of the meeting will be early to mid-October. The meeting will take place if a positive response is received by the following contacts: Les Carter tel/fax: 334-0802 or Ray Pillman tel: 926-0077 fax: 737-3666.

Cariboo/Chilcotins

With only six meetings left before its December deadline, the Regional CORE Table has a long way to go in producing its land use strategy for the Cariboo-Chilcotin. After months and months of preparatory work, the process is finally entering the "negotiation phase". Realistically, the Table is not likely to reach its goal by December 18th. At best, it will have a substantial information base from which good land use decisions can be made in this region. For more information, contact the CORE office in Williams Lake at 398-4643.

Kootenays

This large region has now split into two tables -- East Kootenays and West Kootenays.

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