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SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

The semi-annual meeting of the Club will be held in the Sports Room of the Hotel Vancouver on Friday, November 6th at 8 P.M. As there are many important items of business to be discussed, it is hoped that there will be a good attendance.

The Sports Room in the Hotel is downstairs just off the Billiard Room.

THE ANNUAL BANQUET

Tickets are now ready for the Annual Banquet, to be held in Spencer's dining room on October 24th. They may be had from members of the Executive or Banquet Committee, consisting of Mrs. W. E. Martin, Miss Peggie East, Mr. Harold O'Connor, Mr. Chas. Dawson, Mr. Bev. Cayley, Mr. Bruce Clegg, and Miss Jo Spence.

The price is \$1.50 each.

The Annual Banquet offers the best opportunity of the year for all members of the Club to get together in a social way and discuss the mountains. In addition to the slides, depicting the season's activities and the Summer Camp, the committee has arranged for interesting speakers, who will make this year's Banquet the biggest yet. Let's all go and bring our friends!

THE WINTER SCHEDULE

The Trips Committee has drawn up a most interesting winter climbing programme as shown below, which should give our ambitious members an active winter.

Oct. 31—Nov. 1—Goat Mountain and Kennedy Lake from the Club Cabin.

Leader: F. W. Johnson.

Nov. 7-8-9 (Thanksgiving)—Capilano Peak from Howe Sound.

Leader: Neal Carter.

Nov. 22—Hollyburn Peak from West Vancouver, return by Brothers Creek.

Leader: Ted Taylor.

Dec. 12-13—Dam Mountain via Alpine Club Trail, spending the night at the Club Cabin and returning via Grouse Mountain.

Leader: Tom Fyles.

Jan. 9-10—Lynn Lake, Snowshoe Trip.

Leader: H. D. Foster.

Jan. 23-24—Mount Bishop, from Bishop Beach.

Leader: H. Nunn.

Feb. 6-7—Crown from the Club Cabin.

Leader: M. M. Dodds.

Feb. 21—The Lynn Peaks.

Leader: B. C. Cayley.

March 6-7—The Most Northern Peak of Crown, from Lynn Valley.

Leader: A. J. O. Cooper.

March 20-21—Mount Strachan from Capilano, returning via Hollyburn Ridge and West Vancouver.

Leader: E. A. Fuller.

April 10-11—The Lions from Howe Sound.

Leader: W. G. Wheatley.

It will be necessary to use a boat on the trips up Howe Sound and the North Arm; viz.: Capilano Peak, Mount Bishop and The Lions, so remember to get your names on the list at Camera and Arts by the Thursday preceding the trip.

Mount Capilano is a new trip on the Club schedule and should prove a most interesting one. The mountain, situated as it is at the head of Capilano Valley should provide a new and interesting view of the peaks nearer town. It is proposed to reach it by way of South Valley, which lies immediately south of the Britannia Valley.

Most of the other trips are familiar to Club Members under Spring or Summer conditions, but are altogether different in the winter. Although some of them may be somewhat strenuous, they are all well worth while and should provide some excellent climbing.

NOTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING

The Executive held its monthly meeting on October first, a summary of which follows.

The Annual Banquet mentioned elsewhere. All arrangements for the Banquet are well under way and indications point to a very successful affair.

A Mountaineering Club dance is being arranged to take place early in December. Full particulars will be given in the next issue of the "B. C. Mountaineer."

A motion was passed giving the Cabin Committee the necessary funds to buy a new lamp to replace the old gasoline lamp. Some wedges are also being purchased for use at the wood bee on October 18th. It is hoped that a good crowd will be on hand at the cabin on that date.

The winter programme was discussed and passed by the Executive. In that connection arrangements were made to have, in addition to a leader, an end man whose duty it is to keep the party together. Members will please remember this and give the

end man their help by staying with the main party and not wandering around. While this practice may appear quite harmless, there are times when it can be a menace to others through people getting away from the main party and accidentally knocking rocks down from above.

Believing in getting away to an early start for next year's Summer Camp, a strong committee was formed to commence making arrangements. As members know, the Camp is to be held in our own Garibaldi Park Reserve. The dates of the Camp will be announced as soon as possible but in the meantime, make up your mind to be there, and boost for "The biggest and best Camp yet" at Garibaldi in 1926.

PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION

Now is the time to get your pictures together and lined up for the photographic exhibition next Spring. It is surprising how soon the winter goes, and by making a start now, you can be sure of getting your entries ready without that last minute rush.

MOUNT BAKER TRIP

We were again fortunate in getting almost perfect weather for this year's trip to Mount Baker, over the Labor Day weekend. As usual, the trip was very popular, about thirty people taking part.

One feature greatly appreciated this year was the fact that all packs were taken right to Heliotrope Ridge by pack horse, and also packed out, although, through some misunderstanding some of the packs did not arrive at Glacier early enough to accompany their owners to town.

Mr. Tom Fyles was again in charge of the trip. From Heliotrope Ridge the party ascended over the moraine to the glacier directly west of the ridge, from which point a route was followed along the base of the Black Buttes. It was found necessary to cross the glacier from the Black Buttes directly to the other side at the bottom of

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the cliffs right under the peak of Baker. This was due to the presence of a huge crevasse which extended right across the glacier. After this difficulty was surmounted, it was not long before the party found themselves on the final ridge, where lunch was eaten and a much-needed rest enjoyed. It is on this ridge that one begins to notice a shortness of breath, due to the altitude.

From the ridge it did not take long to reach the peak, but not much time was spent there, as the usual bitter wind was making itself felt. Steam could be observed coming from the crater this year, and the strong smell of sulphur reminded one that Baker, although classed as a dead volcano, still may have some kick left. The latest eruption of the mountain is reported as having taken place in 1870.

The town of Glacier, Wash., from which the ascent of Baker is commenced, is becoming more widely known since the highway has been commenced to Austin Pass. When completed, this road will make it possible to take automobiles to Austin Pass Meadows, at an altitude of 5,000 feet. The distance will be twenty-one miles from Glacier.

At the present time it is possible to go 18 miles by car and the remaining three miles by good trail, but the road is not in good condition for the last three miles.

When completed this highway should make it possible to climb Mount Shuksan in a long week-end.

TRAIL CUTTING WEEK-END

The week-end of Sept. 19-20 was set aside for the purpose of cutting a trail up to the base of the Lions snowfield from Capilano.

An enthusiastic party under the leadership of Mr. Neal Carter made this proposed trail an accomplished fact. Leaving Vancouver Saturday afternoon, the party proceeded to the Capilano Intake by automobiles and from there a short hike brought them to their camping place at the junction of Strachan and Sisters Creek. From that point an old trail follows Sisters Creek for a short distance but it crosses the creek in several places. The new trail follows the old trail at times but does not cross the creek, keeping on the right side all the way up; the idea of this being that it would be a much more practical route in the winter and spring, when high water makes the possibility of crossing the creek very doubtful.

It is now possible to go by trail to within about one mile of the foot of the northern gully coming from the snowfield of the Lions. The trail at that point connects with the creek bed, from which point the route to be taken is quite obvious.

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INVADING THE MOUNTAINS OF BUTE INLET

Led by Don Munday, a party recently made a trip into the mountains at the head of Bute Inlet, about one hundred and fifty miles from Vancouver.

On account of the nature of the country the trip was a most strenuous one, it being necessary to pack from the water's edge to the camping place at 5,500 feet, first through the dense coastal bush, and then over 3,000 feet of rockslide. Those who were fortunate enough to be there report that their labor was well repaid by the climbs that were taken and the views obtained.

From the peak of Mount Rodney, which is about 8,000 feet high, a sea of mountains could be seen stretching in a northeasterly direction to Chilco Lake about 40 miles distant. Mr. Munday states that the panorama from this peak is the finest he has ever seen. In addition to the ascent of Mount Rodney, a first ascent was made up Blade Mountain, the name being suggested by the final arete which was a most spectacular knife edge.

Although the individual peaks in this district are very fine, the members of the party state that the district would not be practical for a Summer Camp, there being no central point from which a number of climbs could be made. The members of the party were Mr. and Mrs. Don Munday, Messrs. T. H. Ingram and A. E. Agur.

HAVE YOU LOST YOUR JOB?

The Secretary is pleased to report that he has recently been the means of placing at least one Club member in line for a much-needed job; and wishes to announce that he might be able to play godfather again to anyone caring to leave their name with him.

THE CALL OF GARIBALDI

In the song sheet used at Summer Camp, there is a song entitled "Carry me Back to Garibaldi," which was effectively rendered by Bill Wheatley. Bill must have had in mind next Summer's Camp to be held there. Start boosting for it now, and get everyone wanting to go, so when the time comes for deposits, the treasurer will be kept busy signing receipts. Mickey Dodds was there this Summer and reports that it was better than ever.

THAT ROPE YOU BORROWED

It seems that there are several Club ropes still outstanding that have been borrowed for official or private trips. These ropes are not well adapted for clothes lines, and would be of much more use if returned to the Secretary as soon as possible.

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If a party of Club members wish to hire an auto to take them up to the Capilano intake on private or Club trips in that direction, they would be well advised to phone our old friend Mr. Weese (North Van. 703) who will meet them at the Ferry wharf. His charge from there is more reasonable than that of other cars, and he has an interest in the Club. The ferries getting in at North Van. at 3.00, 3.20, or 5.00 p.m., are most convenient for him on Saturday afternoons; for Saturday evenings and Sunday, it is best to make arrangements by phone.

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