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**THE CLUB'S NEW CABIN ON
GROUSE MOUNTAIN**

As the new building takes shape, it looks too good to be called a "cabin." We may, perhaps call it the "Club House."

It has been hard but healthy work for the limited number of self-sacrificing members who have given up their week ends to keep the contractor supplied with peeled logs, poles, roof shakes and cedar planks, but heroic work has been done, in which some of the girls have assisted. But just wait till we open the new Club House with a real satisfying and tasty community dinner!

The Mount Wrottesley trip, scheduled for May 8th, had to be postponed, and on that day the boys were again hard at it, hauling in logs and carrying in poles, and some of the girls lent a hand to peel off the bark, as none but peeled logs and poles are being used in the building. The Club had obtained

a fire permit, and one of our members remained up at the cabin for the next three days and burnt up a lot of the dangerous and unsightly slash with which the ground was strewn. All wood, however, which could be used as firewood in the new Club House was carefully preserved, for firewood will be a "burning question" in the future in more ways than one.

The Seymour trip was cancelled and the Mount Bishop trip also was postponed, and on the week ends of May 15th and 22nd, the boys again turned out, and went on with the good work, the girls again helping with the peeling. On the Monday following, the 23rd, in spite of rain, one member was busy burning slash and peeling poles, and on Tuesday, Empire Day, several members came up to work, regardless of a showery day; a cedar was felled and bucked for shakes, and some poles were peeled. A number of window jambs were also carried up from Mosquito Creek. Sunday, May 29th, was fine and warm, the members enjoyed their work and made great progress. One of the side attractions was a grouse sitting on a nest of eggs.

The work is nearly done, and now let every member ask himself and herself the question: "What have I done to help build the new club house, and on what ground can I claim to have my name recorded in its foundation stone?"

**HOLLYBURN RIDGE AS A PUBLIC
PARK**

As reported in our April number, your Executive appointed a sub-committee consisting of Messrs. L. C. Ford, A. G. Harvey and Adam Taylor, to endeavor to obtain the dedication of Hollyburn Ridge as a public park. The Club's Hon.-President, Mr. J. Porter (who, by the way, started the agitation which resulted in the dedication of Garibaldi Park), got in touch with this sub-committee, with the result that they gave an illustrated lecture on Hollyburn Ridge in the name of the club to a large meeting in Ambleside Hall, West Vancouver, on Monday night, May 16th.

The lantern used belonged to and was operated by Mr. Porter, and he personally printed all the slides from a number of

beautiful negatives which were kindly loaned by various climbers.

The lecture was given under the auspices of the West Vancouver Board of Trade, and was presided over by Colonel Savory, president of the board. He called upon our president, Mr. F. W. Johnson, who introduced the subject in a few opening remarks. Mr. Adam Taylor then exhibited the slides and Mr. L. C. Ford followed with a short address advocating the dedication of Hollyburn Ridge, Hollyburn Peak, Black Mountain and Strachan Mountain as a Public Park.

For the benefit of some who had come in late on account of the heavy downpour of rain which was descending, Mr. Taylor, at the request of Colonel Savory, showed the pictures all over again, and so interested was the audience that most of them remained to see them a second time.

Mr. Herbert Selwood, an old time member of the club, came to the meeting armed with a scale model of the ridge and its mountains in plaster of paris, and exhibited it to the audience before the meeting opened.

The "West Van News" published a lengthy report of the lecture.

Your sub-committee is now preparing a petition for presentation to the West Vancouver Municipal Council on the subject.

CAMP FIRE PERMITS

The close season for fires is from May 1st to October 1st, and a recent amendment to the Forest Act forbids anyone to light a camp fire in the woods during that period without first obtaining a Camp Fire permit. One may not even light a fire to boil a pot of tea. Permits can, however, be obtained free of charge from a number of places. Mrs. J. S. Purchase of the Grouse Mountain Tea Rooms, and our old friend Tom Drury on the way to the Cabin, can both issue them. Our own member, Elliott Henderson of the Forest Department, at the Court House is always ready to oblige, and you can also get them at the Hudson's Bay Store and at Spencers.

CLIMBING SCHEDULE

Owing to the new cabin building requirements upsetting the climbing schedule the following rearrangement is made:

June 11-12—Mount Brunswick. Details as before for this trip. This takes the place of the Social Evening.

June 25-26—Mount Bishop. Details as before for this trip. This takes the place of the Strachan trip.

July 1-2-3—As train service this year is not suitable for the Black Tusk, Mount Baker may be substituted. Details later. Keep in touch.

July 23-24—Mount Wrottesley. Details as before for this trip.

Note—The schedule for week-ends intermediate to the above has not been altered.

The executive committee have hired the S.S. "Samina" licensed to carry forty people and the S.S. "Sanie II," licensed to carry twenty-five people. These boats carry life belts for the number of passengers stated above, and we can have one or both boats, it depends on the party that goes. The fare will be \$1.50 for each person. These boats leave from foot of Bidwell St., Coal Harbour, three o'clock p.m. Come, and make these boat trips a success.

THE SUMMER CAMP

The annual Summer Camp will be held at Black Tusk Meadows in Garibaldi Park, from August 14th to 28th. Now that the Government have made this area a park, by Act, as well as in name, and appointed Commissioners, we want to see a good turn out of Club members and their friends at our Camp, which will, incidentally, have the effect of showing the Government that we appreciate what they have done. There are several experienced climbers going to the Camp who have been there one or more times already, so, we can guarantee plenty of climbing of all sorts, hikes up Desolation Valley and Panorama Ridge, scrambles on the Tusk, and the real thing on Mt. Garibaldi itself. Don't forget to send in your name along with a deposit of \$10 any time from now until the end June, NOT LATER.—this is only fair to the Executive Committee in order that they may make arrangements for your comfort in camp, such

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as EATS, cook, packing, etc. Napoleon said an army marches on its stomach—when we are camping on ours we shall wish to have it lined with something more than beans and biscuit, milkless tea and sugarless coffee. This undesired diet may easily be avoided by prompt action on the part of those intending coming to camp getting their names and deposit listed, when the committee will know how many to provide for. Final details will be issued later.

THE LIBRARY

Since our last issue we have received in addition to the regular monthly exchanges which have been placed in the Club Cabin, the following: "Supplement to Bulletin Appalachian Mountain Club," May, 1927; being a Register of that club's members, committees, by-laws, etc., and "Sierra Club Bulletin," Vol. XII, No. 4, containing several accounts of climbs and much other information and illustrated by splendid reproductions of photos. These two publications are placed in the Club's library.

EXECUTIVE MEETING, MAY 18th

It was reported to the meeting that the finances of the Dance held on the 4th of May showed a profit of \$19.43, and the deficit from the Dance held on the 4th of March was \$9.73.

It was re-affirmed that Club equipment should not be loaned to members making individual or private-party trips, and that lantern slides, if loaned, be required to be returned within three days after the event for which they have been obtained.

That our Librarian, Haz. Nunn, be allowed absence for the summer and that our Treasurer, George Wallis, act as librarian during such absence.

The application of Mrs. John Spouse was voted on, and she was accepted an active member.

The resignation from membership of Mr. R. H. Wheatley was received and accepted.

The Treasurer was authorized to pay accounts not to exceed the sum of \$135 for materials for the Club's new cabin.

HINTS ON THE USE OF THE ROPE IN MOUNTAIN CLIMBING

(Continued from May Number)

TEST THE ROPE AT FREQUENT INTERVALS, PARTICULARLY BEFORE TRUSTING YOUR WEIGHT TO IT. I have known a rope to be injured by a falling rock, so that only a portion of one strand was left whole, and yet, though the cut was within six feet of me, there was no sign of any damage having been done until fully ten minutes afterwards.

WHEN A PARTY IS MOVING STEADILY CARRY A SMALL LOOP OF ROPE IN ONE HAND. This will prevent the pulls which will otherwise be felt on account of different members of the party moving at different speeds. It will also take up some of the slack and lessen the chance of the rope being cut by sharp rocks or of becoming entangled among your feet.

WHEN MAKING A TRAVERSE WHERE A SLIP MIGHT PROVE SERIOUS DO NOT ALLOW ANY SLACK TO HANG IN THE ROPE. If this rule is neglected and a slip occurs the inevitable jerk may result very seriously.

WHEN ASCENDING OR DESCENDING A STEEP COULOIR WHERE LOOSE ROCK IS LYING, KEEP AS

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CLOSE TOGETHER AS POSSIBLE. If this is done rocks which may be dislodged can be arrested in their downward course before gaining a dangerous momentum.

On snow or ice the same care is necessary as on rocks, but somewhat different rules apply at times, and we shall now deal with some of them.

USE THE ROPE ON A DRY GLACIER, IF CREVASSED. A slip on the edge of a crevasse is always possible, and if the rope is not in use may prove serious.

ALWAYS USE THE ROPE WHEN ON A NEVE. There is no exception to this rule. Snow may mask dangerous crevasses and yet not be strong enough to carry a person. Crevasses are generally indicated by a slight concavity in the surface of the snow, which is of a somewhat darker shade than on the ice, but it is possible to overlook one, in which case one of the party may break through.

BEFORE JUMPING AN OPEN CREVASSE MAKE SURE THAT THERE IS ENOUGH SLACK ROPE BEHIND YOU TO ALLOW YOU TO REACH THE OPPOSITE SIDE. This may seem too obvious a rule to be given, but I have seen it overlooked.

NEVER TRAVEL OVER A GLACIER WITH A PARTY OF LESS THAN THREE. If one falls into a crevasse another can hold him up, but it is very difficult, if not impossible for one man to pull another out. The same friction on the edge of the crevasse which makes it easy to prevent a man from slipping further down prevents the pulling of him up. If two or more are on top it is a comparatively easy matter, especially if the handle of an ice axe is laid close to the edge for the rope to slip on.

IF ONE OF A PARTY FALLS INTO A CREVASSE RAISE HIM BY PULLING ON THE ROPE FROM ONE SIDE OF THE CREVASSE ONLY. If the rope is pulled on from both sides there is a certain amount of effort wasted in an incipient tug-of-war.

WHEN ASCENDING OR DESCENDING A STEEP SNOW SLOPE, PASS A LOOP OF THE ROPE AROUND THE HANDLE OF YOUR ICE AXE AND STICK THE POINT OF THE HANDLE HARD INTO THE SNOW AT EVERY STEP. The friction of the rope around the handle will greatly assist in arresting the progress of anyone who slips.

WHEN CROSSING A NEVE KEEP ALL SLACK OUT OF THE ROPE. You should always be prepared to take a strain on the rope and if this is properly watched a person who breaks through a snow bridge will be checked before they go down further than their waist and will be able to assist in getting themselves out.

WHEN IT IS NECESSARY TO CROSS A STEEP SNOW OR ICE COULOIR WHERE STEPS ARE NECESSARY, LET THE LEADER GO TO THE FULL LENGTH OF THE ROPE BY HIMSELF TO CUT THE STEPS. As many of the party as are necessary to secure his safety can hold the rope while on good footing.

DO NOT LEAN TOWARDS THE BANK WHEN CROSSING SUCH A SLOPE. If you do so you are liable to overbalance and fall against the slope and are also certain to lose your footing. Stand perfectly straight; it is not only safer but is easier.

AFTER COMING OFF THE ROCKY PORTION OF A MOUNTAIN, WHERE IT HAS BEEN NECESSARY TO UNROPE TO CROSS THE BERGSHRUND, RE-ROPE BEFORE CROSSING THE NEVE. This is following the rule already given to never cross a neve without using the rope.

The above rules are almost entirely confined to the use of the rope, as a full list of rules to be observed while climbing would fill a book, but in addition to the above a few short additional rules are given which should always be remembered by climbers. They are as follows:

PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO YOUR EQUIPMENT. See that it is of the best quality and in perfect order. This includes your boots and the nails in them. Never climb with darned stockings if you can avoid it. A climber, like a soldier, is only as good as his feet.

WHEN ON AN ASCENT ALWAYS BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR THE MEANS OF DESCENT. To quote Mummery again: "If a place cannot be descended it should not be ascended. If it is, the result may be that the party may be forced into difficulties from which they have neither the time nor the ability to extricate themselves."

(To be continued)

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