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MOUNT SHUKSAN, SEPT. 1, 2, 3

Fine weather featured the first official Club trip to Mt. Shuksan held on the Labour Day week-end, September 1, 2, 3. The Club usually climbs Mt. Baker on this date, but this year, acting upon reports received from a private party which climbed Shuksan last year, the climbing committee decided to put this trip on in place of Mt. Baker.

Seven members motored to Austin Pass and camped Saturday night in the valley of Swift Creek at an elevation of 4200 feet. Camp was left at 5:30 a.m. Sunday and easy going was experienced over to Lake Ann. From here the route led over coarse rock-

slides, scree slopes and polished granite slabs, until the base of Shuksan Arm was reached. Up to this point the route had been plainly marked by the Mt. Baker Club, but from here on the difficult climbing began for a safe route had to be found up the sheer cliffs of Shuksan Arm, to avoid the avalanches falling constantly from the blue green ice cliffs of the Curtis Glacier a thousand feet above.

A succession of narrow gullies, dangerous, both on account of their steepness and the large amount of debris and loose rock accumulated therein, gave access to the summit of the ridge at 7500 feet where first lunch was eaten. Here the ice was badly broken, consequently we followed the rocks to where a suitable place was found to get onto the ice. The steepness of the glacier and the frequency of the crevasses made the ascent slow, for almost two hours were spent picking a route up the ice cliffs to the main snow field above. Although this snow field was split by deep crevasses the going was easy to the base of the final peak. Here the rope was taken off, and after a delightful climb up good firm rock the peak was gained at 2:30 p.m. Altitude 9038 feet.

The view which should have been very fine was spoiled by smoke, but the Canadian and American Tomahi Peaks showed up well, as did the mountains between the head of Chilliwack Lake and the headwaters of the Skagit River. These ranges are glacier-clad and must approach 9000 feet in elevation. Over the jagged peaks forming Shuksan Arm, Mount Baker Lodge was plainly discernible, nestling in meadows dotted with many little lakes. To the north the mountain falls away in great cliffs, clothed with five hanging glaciers, while to the west Mt. Baker's glistening cone was almost invisible in the pall of smoke, which made long-distance photography impossible.

So much care had to be taken on the descent that it was dark before the last cliff was put behind us, and from here two members went on in advance to have hot tea ready for the weary party which arrived in camp shortly after midnight, having been out eighteen and one half hours. This is a far harder and more strenuous climb than Mt. Baker and would

not be suitable for a large party. Camp should be made at Lake Ann, from which the round trip could be made in ten or twelve hours, under good conditions. Those on the trip were Mrs. F. H. Dobson, "Brick" Spouse, Jack Horan, Fred Brownsword, Bill Dobson, Jim Irving, end-man and Arthur Cooper, leader.

A.J.O.C.

EXECUTIVE MEETING, SEPT. 5

The following business came up for discussion at this meeting:

Graduating Member. Mr. Chas. Anderson was admitted to the Club as a Graduating Member.

Annual Banquet. Saturday, October 27th, 1928, at 7 p.m. Hotel Georgia. Tickets, \$1.75 each. Committee: Mrs. Dobson, Mrs. Johnson, Messrs. Lockie, Wallis, A. Taylor, Golman and O'Connor. Tickets from any of the above or members of the Executive. Don't forget the date, folks, and be sure to bring at least one friend. Two, if possible.

Semi-Annual Meeting. Friday, November 9th, 1928, at 8 p.m. Room 132, Hotel Vancouver. Remember this meeting is for your benefit, so be there.

Camp Reunion. Friday, October 19th, 1928, at Charlie Dawson's, 8:30 p.m., 2490-1st Ave. W., corner Larch and 1st Ave. Take No. 4 car to Larch St.

Business. Mr. Ford brought forward the following notice of motion, which was seconded by Mr. Westall and received the entire endorsement of the Executive.

"That the entrance fee be raised from three to six dollars. The extra three dollars to be put in the Club's General Fund."

This will be brought up at the semi-annual meeting for discussion and will also be voted upon.

THE SOUTH PEAK OF THE GOLDEN EARS

Leaving Vancouver about 4:30 p.m. on Saturday afternoon, three members drove out to Allico, the headquarters of the Abernethy Laughed Logging Co. Ltd., arriving there about seven o'clock. After obtaining permission to go over the limits, we started up to Camp "L" where we arrived about 9 p.m. and spent the night.

We were away early the next morning, and with what meagre information we had regarding the trails, etc., we made good time over to Lake Beautiful. From here the going became more open until finally we came out on alpine meadows at an elevation of about three thousand feet. While crossing one of these meadows we had the luck to see a young doe and a minute or two afterwards we ran across a black bear enjoying himself in a blueberry patch. We tried to get pictures of the animals but neither of them would stop to have its picture taken. From this point we got our first good view of the peak which seemed to be about five hours travelling away, but owing to the heavy pall of smoke which clung to the hills the distance was deceiving. We started out on this trip more or less on a view of exploring the country, but we made such good time up to the base of the peak we decided to make the ascent. From where we figured we had five hours to go, we actually made the summit in two. A beautiful ridge, covered with heather and small trees, leads right up to the base of the south face, up which we climbed. This peak is somewhat similar to the Eastern Lion in shape but a good deal steeper. The route up the south face proved fairly difficult, owing to the loose nature of the rocks, but fortunately where

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the rocks were loose we could generally find a clump of trees which afforded good hand holds. We found a small cairn on top, slightly the worse for wear, bearing the records of the two previous ascents. The first was in 1918 by Mr. Munday and party and the second in 1925 by Eric Fuller and party. After a short stay on top we started back making fast time to Camp "L" which we reached about 3 p.m. The cook here was very kind to us, showing us a large pot of coffee, and giving us soup bowls with which to help ourselves. We sure did. This trip would be quite feasible as a Club trip for a week-end, but the party would have to be limited to a certain number, and those going would have to be prepared to keep moving, and not stop to look at the scenery every half hour.

THE WESTERN LION, SEPT. 22—23

Promptly at 3 p.m. the Lorna Doone slipped out of Coal Harbour with a full load of enthusiastic mountaineers. About thirty minutes later another launch pulled away, also with a full load. The trip up to Lion's Beach, on Howe Sound, took about two and one-half hours, and by the time we arrived most of the party were ready for supper. After a good feed we all gathered around a bon-fire and had a good old sing-song followed by an enjoyable feed of corn. At ten o'clock we all turned in to get a good night's rest for the climb the following day. We got away about 6:30 the next morning, and after about three hours of steep hillside climbing we reached the summit ridge leading to the Lion itself. Two lakes on this ridge came in very handy, both for drinking and swimming. The surrounding mountains were shrouded in smoke which had blown up

since the rains of a week ago, consequently the view was very poor. But the smoke helped to check the rays of the sun somewhat, which would have been very hot had it been a clear day. We travelled along the summit ridge for an hour and a half till we came to the neck, where, after a short rest, we dropped over one by one and started up the head. It took us about an hour to reach the summit where we found a new cairn, recently built by Government surveyors. After a short rest the camera brigade got busy taking pictures of the bunch, which numbered thirty-four, a record number to be on the head at one time. Then began the descent which took us about three and one-half hours. The trail down the ridge is in good shape and after our party passed over it, it seemed just like a wagon road. We had three launches to take us back, which left at half-hour intervals, the last getting away at 8:45 p.m. This boat ran into a stiff westerly breeze and was forced to put into Horseshoe Bay, rather than risk the passage around Point Atkinson. From here we took the stage, arriving in the city at 11:20 p.m. We have learned since that the second boat had a bit of fun on the way down also.

Through the courtesy of Mr. Sovereign of St. Mark's Church, we were able to have the use of their large community hall for sleeping quarters, for which the members are very grateful. The trip was led by Frank Johnson with Mr. Ford acting as end-man.

WHITE MOUNTAIN

Five members and two guests made up the party of enthusiastic climbers who gathered around the camp-fire at Lynn Forks Saturday evening, September 7, preparing a wonderful meal of steak and

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onions, which was afterwards washed down with gallons of Grimsgaard's famous Dutch cocoa. To escape the jungle country on the way to White Pass, which had no doubt discouraged some of our climbers, the ascent was made up the gulley at the back of camp. In its dry condition it proved a delightful and easy bit of rock climbing to the south end of the horseshoe which forms the ridge of White Mountain, from where a short stretch of well loaded blueberry bushes brought us to the higher summit of the first peak. From here a grand panorama of mountains accompanied us on the traverse of the summit ridge which leads to the final peak. Here lunch was eaten, and, after a short rest, a route was found down the west side of the peak to White Pass. From here fast time was made back to camp, where another meal was eaten before starting down the road to home. Harold O'Connor was in charge of the trip.

H. O'C.

NEWS BRIEFS

Word has come from the Librarian that the following issues of the Bulletin are missing from the Library. For 1923, January, February, March, June and September. For 1924, April, May, June, October and December. For 1925, January, May, July, August, October, November and December. For 1926, January, February and September. Anyone who has an extra copy they are willing to part with, please get in touch with the librarian.

Information has come to hand which states that William Taylor and H. W. Watts, members of this Club, are candidates for the Parks Board in the forthcoming municipal elections. Let all of us who are eligible to vote at this election, give these two a real boost, as having two of our members on the Parks Board will certainly help the Club a lot. Good luck, fellows.

Everyone is sorry to hear that our Reporter, Bill Dobson, has been removed to Courtenay, where he will carry on his good work with the Royal Bank for some time to come. I have already got word from

Bill that there are some nice looking peaks in the neighborhood, some with glaciers on them, which he is figuring on looking over. We have lost one of our best climbers for a while, but our loss is Bill's gain, as he will be able to do climbing, which probably he would have otherwise been unable to spend the time on. Don't forget, folks, his address is care of The Royal Bank of Canada, Courtenay, B. C.

Don't forget the Banquet, Friday, October 27 at 7 p.m., at the Hotel Georgia. Dancing from 10:30 to 12 midnight.

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