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TO AUSTIN PASS, WASHINGTON

Four of our energetic club members spent the week end of April 27-28 at Glacier Cabin and Austin Pass. Saturday eve was spent at the Cabin where about 15 members of the Mount Baker Club had gathered for a ski trip to the Pass next day. The weather was damp and continued so most of Sunday but a start was made about 8.15 a.m. The autos were used to Shuskan and then on Shanks' Mare to the Lodge. Some sunshine was enjoyed at times and when it was not snowing too hard some photos were taken of the lower views and as the clouds were riding at about 7,000 feet elevation no view was obtained of the higher peaks.

The caretaker of the Mount Baker Lodge entertained the party at their cabin

and showed some fine winter views of the surrounding district. This section is worthy a visit at any time, especially in its winter garb, and the Club would find it advisable to run a trip into this region next winter to add variety to its programme. The return in the evening was under much more favorable weather conditions. H. Sommerville, D. McKee, A. Simpkins and J. Irving participated.

DOMES MOUNTAIN TRIP

April 20-21st

Saturday evening eight members made the cabin defying the showers which had been the order of the day—and night—for nearly two weeks. Sunday morning seven plucky climbers, under the leadership of A. Lambert, sallied forth on a bright promising day. The heart breaking climb above the cabin being over, the motor road was used to Mosquito Creek, when the climb to Dome Peak really began. Almost a direct route to the summit was taken and arrival was timed at 12.15 p.m. Good time was made in spite of heavy, deep snow; it requiring the party only 3 hours and 15 minutes to reach their objective. An exceptionally fine view of Lynn Valley and distant mountains was obtained and after a hurried lunch a more hurried return was made via the same route, half sliding and half the time floundering, the party's return to the road was exciting and refreshing. Their arrival was announced in the kitchen by endman Harry at 2.45 p.m. Others on the trip were Phoebe and Winnie Chambers, Frankie Riddock, D. McKee and J. Irving, H. Sommerville, endman.

MOUNT COQUITLAM TRIP

May 4-5

The party, numbering 5, motored to Port Coquitlam and proceeded 9 miles farther to the junction of Gold Creek and Coquitlam River, when camp for the night was made. Rain, which had been threatening began in real earnest after 11 p.m. Dawn showed the party afoot ready for the climb, but as the weather

showed signs of growing worse, we decided to abandon the climb, which was for the most part over extremely rough country. After a visit to the dam at Coquitlam Lake the return was made. In view of the early hour the party proceeded to North Vancouver and spent the remainder of the day at the Club Cabin where the warm stove seemed more inviting than a 12 to 15 hour scramble over fallen and burnt trees.

Leader A. O. Cooper; D. McKee, endman.

"WHOOPEE!"

April 26th

According to reports a "Jolly" time was had at "Lockie's," 2148 Gravelly Street, the party not breaking up until 1 a.m. Among others present were the Mesdames Johnson, Worsley, Dodds, Golman; the Misses Chambers, Smith, Farmer, Lockie, Coulson, Claridge, Morris, Siddeley, Watson; Messrs. Johnson, Golman, Hawks-worth, Dodds, Irving, Montgomery, O'Connor, Olsen, Minty, O'Reilly, Lockie and Hastie, Masters of Ceremonies.

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Have you seen our treasurer re dues?

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CLUB TRIPS FOR NEXT MONTH

May 18-19 Traverse of Crown from Cabin via Crown Pass and East Side.
Leader, Don Munday; endman, F. W. Johnson.

May 24-25-26 Mt. Foley—for selected party. Leader, A. Spouse; endman, A. O. Cooper.

May 26 Lynn Forks Peak. Leader W. Westall; endman, R. H. Simmonds.

June 1-2 Western Lion from Howe Sound. Leader, J. Horan; endman, L. Golman.

June 9 Dam Mt. via Alpine Club Trail. Leader, F. Johnson; endman, W. Henderson.

EXECUTIVE MEETING

April 12, 1929

Mr. F. W. Johnson occupied the chair at the initial meeting of the new executive with a full attendance.

It was decided to hold a launch picnic to Brunswick Beach, May 24th.

Mr. C. R. Fripp was elected a graduating member at this meeting.

Letters of appreciation from the respective parents of the young hikers who recently were found in difficulties on the mountain side and were assisted from their perilous positions by some of our members, were read, thanking the Club for their valuable assistance.

The executive decided that the Club withdraw from the membership of the Associated Mountaineering Clubs of America.

It was decided to purchase the book "Mountaineering Craft," as an addition to our library. This book is very highly recommended as an excellent text book.

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THE INDIAN RIVER AND NORTON LAKE DISTRICT

Ten miles north-east from the head of Burrard Inlet (North Arm) rises a fine massive peak known as Indian Chief, or as is listed on government maps Mt. Mesiloet.

Towering to an altitude of 6529 feet, it forms, with its many pointed summit ridge, an imposing rampart as viewed from eastern sections of Vancouver.

Although comparatively easy of access this peak has resisted the repeated attacks of experienced climbers, not because of its difficulty from the climber's standpoint, but because of the heavy complex system of its heavily wooded valleys and ridges surrounding the mountain itself. Another drawback was the two forced fordings of Indian River, both of which might give trouble, but, perhaps, the most alluring feature with regard to the fascinating mountain, is the fact that it is the nearest typically glaciated peak to Vancouver.

The best view of Indian Chief is to be had from the Sawteeth Range, for a full panorama is disclosed of the extensive icefield of its North face. The ice extends for two miles before tumbling over a 2000 foot rampart of cliffs in a broken wall of ice.

The country surrounding the mountain is alone worth the trip. The historic old Lilloet trail up the Indian River is good travelling up to the first ford, from whence an old timber cruiser's trail, blazed anew by a survey party last year, climbs up and down the shoulders of the various ridges along the way. The vistas along the nine mile trail from the Wigwam, disclose odd views of the swirling river framed

with a "background of dark evergreens," the whole scene blending most uniquely with the bare black bluffs of the encircling ridges. Higher up entrancing glimpses are obtained, of the gray granite crags of the loftier peaks clothed with patches of everlasting snow.

Norton Lake, at an elevation of 2300 feet, is the purest gem of the mountain, its clear placid waters reflect the views of rugged peaks on every side. The old cabin uniquely situated on the top of an enormous rock, alone tells a tale of desolation.

There are no less than a dozen lakes in the district, of which Norton is the largest, being over a mile long. It would be well worth while for the club to invade this beautiful district, but the mountain itself would require three strenuous days to conquer, from the city as a starting point.

—A. O. Cooper

Editor's Note:

The trips taken into Norton Lake district and to Indian Chief by the survey party of last summer were of a most interesting character. Excellent trout fishing in the Indian River added variety to the daily routine as well as supplying fresh meat for our larder. The trail, to the botanist, would be interesting and to the mountaineer with such a variety of scenery and trail, passing waterfalls and vari-coloured lakes, with a paddle or poling of a raft up Norton Lake (cutting off the worst mile of the trail) with a good camp site on the north side of Joseph Lake (3100 feet) and the main peak (2½ hours by going up the south-west face), few places more interesting could be found.

Our first climb was in cloud and by way of the saddle to the north and a

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traverse of the glacier behind the massif, all of which required 4½ hours from the camp at Joseph Lake. This is by far the most interesting but certainly the longest route to the summit of Indian Chief, which is composed of five peaks and in cloud was hard to locate readily. Surely a delightful location for a mountaineering holiday.

1929 SUMMER CAMP, GARIBALDI PARK

Fees for the camp have been set as follows: Two weeks \$25.00
One week \$18.00

Non-members \$25.00 plus \$3.00 registration fee.

The regular meeting of the executive henceforth will take place on the third Thursday of each month.

**LYNN PEAKS
April 28th**

In good weather this trip usually proves a popular one. Sunday dawned fair and sunny. Thirty-four members completed the party and assembled at the foot of the main gulley leading up to Lynn Peaks.

After a short rest a long line of good-natured mountaineers entered the gully and prepared for the waterfall frolic. However, the day was cool, therefore, little trouble was experienced on passing "through" the waterfall. Steady progress was made to the "col," where a halt was called. After a brief respite of 15 minutes attention was turned to the first and second peaks. The rope was used descending off the first peak purely as a reassurance. At 3 p.m. the party left the second peak and on their return enjoyed some excellent glissading. The city was reached between 6 and 7 p.m. Chas. Dawson and P. Lockie respectively had charge of the trip.

The Editor will appreciate it if a list of those attending be handed in with the story of each club outing for publication.

**ANNUAL SPRING DANCE AT
PETER PAN BALLROOM**

The Club's Easter Dance was the most successful ever held in the points of numbers and financially.

Music was supplied by Garden's 5-piece orchestra and everyone seemed happy and a real good time was had by the eighty couples present.

The special committee on decorations consisting of Miss Evelyn Baynes, Messrs. F. W. Johnson, Harold O'Connor, L. G. Golman and C. Dawson are to be congratulated, on the very effective manner in which the stage was decorated, with ice-axes and ropes and in the hanging of the Club's colours from the ceiling, and "thanks" are due "them" for their time and efforts in producing such an appropriate setting for a very delightful and happy occasion.

Note—Selling tickets is no joke and those who assisted are to be congratulated in producing such gratifying results.—Ed.

**LAUNCH PARTY
May 24, 1929**

The Club will hold a basket picnic by launch to Brunswick Beach, Howe Sound, on Friday, May 24th. All club members are asked to support this new innovation on our summer schedule. Climbing will be forgotten for once and a day of leisure and frolic will be spent in the open. It will be a real picnic in community style and everybody should be happy.

Bring your bathing suits, musical instruments and cameras. It is expected the approximate cost will be \$1.00 or \$1.25. See Camera and Arts (Mountaineering Drawer) for particulars and list your names there.

The launch (or launches) will leave at 9 a.m. from Turner's Boat Works, 1963 West Georgia, with the Club flag and colours streaming from the masthead.

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