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SCHEDULED TRIPS -- 1980.

Jan. 13	B2/2724'	Leader:	
Cheakamus Lake	X-C ski	Kate Allen	689 - 8552
Jan. 20	A1		
Nooksack Cirque	X-C ski	Sally Tatlow	733 - 9048
Easy X-C near Shuksan.			
Jan. 20	B2/5700'		
Black Tusk	X-C ski	Roseann Konrad	873 - 9409
Jan. 26/27	B3/8050'		
Outram	Ski	Wayne Saunders	434 - 5725
Jan. 27	A1		
Dog Mtn. (Seymour)	X-C ski & Snowshoe	Erika Hobeck	596 - 7264
Feb. 2/3	B4/5401'		
West Lion	Ski	Phil Kubik	922 - 3407
Approach via Howe Sound Crest if weather permits. Bring Ice axes and crampons.			
Feb. 3	A1/5200'		
Diamond Head Lodge	Ski	Theo Mosterman	270 - 3407
Easy ski via Paul Ridge.			
Feb. 9/10	B2/6891'		
Goat Mtn. (Baker area)	Ski	Brian Wood	263 - 9407

Feb. 10	A1		
Callaghan Lake	Ski	Louis Semproni	736 - 4084
Enjoyable ski terrain near Whistler...X-C.			
Feb. 16/17			
Baker area	ski & Snowshoe	Frank Ward	872 - 2279
Phone early, leader will be arranging accommodation.			
Feb. 16/17	B3/8000'		
Singing Pass	Ski	Andreas Schneider	467 - 1651
Feb. 23	A2/4900'		
Rainbow Lake	Ski	Mark Force	435 - 1044
Intermed. ski terrain W. of Whistler.			
Feb. 23/24	C3/7900'		
Sphinx	Ski (Ice axes!)	Gernot Walter	941 - 3310
Mar. 1/2			
Manning Park	X-C ski	Theo Mosterman	270 - 3407
Phone leader for details.			
Mar. 8/9	B2/5300'		
Ben Lomond	X-C ski	Jan St. Almand	873 - 9409
Mar. 9	B2		
Borden Ridge	Ski	Hugo Stead	734 - 3664
Chilliwack area near Border Peaks.			

NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY RESOLUTIONS

The following Extraordinary Resolutions will be discussed and voted on at the Social Meeting of the Club to be held on January 8th. (Tuesday) 1980., at Kitsilano United Church, 2490 W. 2nd. Avenue, Vancouver, commencing at 8 P.M.

1. Proposed by Sally Tatlow: "...that the sum of \$1,327.00, representing the full purchase price of the Club's SBX-11 radio, be transferred from the Literary and Reserve Fund to the General Account."
2. Proposed by Sally Tatlow: "...that Clause 23c of the By-Laws be deleted and replaced by the following: 'The Literary and Reserve Fund shall be placed in a separate interest-bearing account and/or in securities authorized for the investment of Trust Funds. All interest accruing from the fund shall be transferred to the General Fund where it may be used at the discretion of the Executive Committee.' "

SOCIALS

Tuesday, January 8th., 1980.

There will be a short meeting to vote on a couple of Extraordinary Resolutions, after which Fred Brownsword, who has recently returned from trekking in Nepal (Annapurna and Everest regions), will present a program entitled "Trekking in Nepal (Annapurna and Everest regions)."

Tuesday, February 12th., 1980.

"Avalanche Mountain Safety." presented by Capilano College.

[Socials are held at Kitsilano United Church, 2490 W. 2nd. Ave., beginning at 8 p.m.]

Annual Dinner and Ski Races this year will be a joint BCMC--ACC effort. All that is clear at this time is the date: Sunday, March 2nd. The place may be either Grouse or Hollyburn (Cypress Bowl). Details later..

Annual General Meeting -- 1979.

The Annual General Meeting was held at Cecil Green (UBC) on November 14th. The plea for a quorum of 25 was answered, and resulted in a roomfull of members by 7 P.M., when the meeting got under way. The members of the 1979 Executive submitted oral reports on their activities and then fielded questions from the floor. The meeting ended with the appointment of Paul Binkert as Honorary President of the B.C.M.C. He thus becomes the fifth Hon. President that the Club has had since its inception in 1907. The list is as follows:

J. C. Bishop	1910 - 1913 (Died on Mt. Baker 1913, Mt. Bishop is named for him).
J. E. Porter	1913 - 1933
L. C. Ford	1933 - 1952
Charles Chapman	1952 - 1959
Paul Binkert	1979

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Trails Chairman:	Rick Sheppard	669 - 4051

Executive Meetings are held the first week of the month. Members are welcome to attend... please phone Glenn Woodsworth for time & place information.

MEMBERSHIP

The Club welcomes the following new members:

Jody Charbonneau	595 W. 23rd. Avenue, Vancouver	874 - 3364
Patricia Hobley	No. 306, 2166 W. 8th. Avenue, Vancouver V6K 2A4	736 - 4084
Paul Krainer	4066 W. 12th. Avenue, Vancouver	224 - 1142
Paul Kubik	1520 Taylor Way, West Vancouver V7S 1N4	922 - 3407
Howard Moore	645 W. 13th. Avenue, Vancouver V5Z 1N8	876 - 7003
Mark Spencer	2902 Old Clayburn Rd. Abbotsford V2S 4G7	853 - 1572

AVALANCHE SAFETY!

1. The Club now owns a number of PIEPS Avalanche Beacons that members may use for:
a) Club trips, and b) Private trips if they are not needed for Club trips. FRANK WARD is the custodian: 872 - 2279.
2. The Squamish School Board is offering a 2 - day course on BASIC AVALANCHE SAFETY. This excellent course includes both a classroom presentation and study in the field. The date is FEBRUARY 2/3, 1980, and the cost is approx. \$20.00, which includes a Whistler Lift ticket for the first 25 lucky applicants. All students must supply their own skis or snowshoes. Phone MRS. CANDY at 112 - 892 - 5228 for registration, or call the instructor, FRANK BAUMANN for more information, at 112 - 898 - 5751. [That \$20 could save your life!.....think about it.]

TRAILS REPORT -- Year End Review of the FMCBC Trails Committee.

1. Trails maintenance and clearing -- several clubs took on additional trails this year, with the end-result that, generally speaking, Lower Mainland clubs are more involved in this kind of work than before. The BCMC is responsible for the Pierce Lake, Lions, Stawamus Chief, Wedgemount Lake and, to some extent, Singing Pass Trails. The fact that we are responsible for all these trails does NOT mean that the response from members is enthusiastic. It generally is not! Many volunteers are from other clubs or are private individuals. Hopefully, the club will produce more people for Trailwork in 1980 -- we cannot continue to rely on the unstinting efforts of Paul Binkert. We ALL use trails and should give a little time for this important work.

Considerable trail work was done by member clubs in 1979 involving clearing, bridging creeks, grading, re-routing and removing blowdowns, as the following list attests: Rainbow Lake Trail, Elk-Thurston Trail, Sumas Mtn. Trail, Howe Sound Crest Trail, Baden-Powell Trail, Stawamus Trail, Lions Trail, Deeks Lake Trail, Beth Lake Trail, Mt. Fromme Trail and Mt. Brew Trail.

Significant improvements were made to the Lions Trail under the auspices of the BCMC through a Young Canada Works grant, as well as the extension of the Howe Sound Crest Trail by the VOC, again with the assistance of Young Canada Works.

The Parks Branch made significant improvements to Mt. Seymour and Singing Pass trails. In the case of the former, an entire committee meeting was devoted to the problems occurring due to real and perceived hazards on the trail leading to the summit. Several representatives of the Parks Br. were present and the whole 'can of worms' got a thorough going over. Hopefully, this played a part in the improvements made to the trail this summer by the PB.

The BCFS worked with the Young Canada Works and the Chilliwack Search and Rescue Group in the Chilliwack area this summer, and did work on the Hanging Lake, Radium Creek, Williams Ridge, Williamson Lake, Baby Munday and Custer Ridge trails.

This work will continue into 1980, hopefully with more trails work being done by all concerned.

2. Legal Responsibility of Trails -- a general concern was discussed over several meetings about the extent of responsibility any club or group has when carrying out trail improvements. Although no definitive answer was forthcoming, an analysis by lawyer Jim Craig (BCMC) gave some direction to those doing trails work. (This was covered in the May-June BCMC Newsletter).

3. A general conflict began to emerge early in the year between hikers and bikers, particularly in the Fraser Valley area. The situation was most virulent in the Elk-Thurston area where bikers were found in the alpine regions. Several meetings were held on this matter within the Trails Committee and between representatives of the FMCBC, ORC, BCFS, Parks Br., and various recreational vehicle clubs. Consensus was reached between all groups resulting in the following conclusions:

- Elk-Thurston.....off-limits to bikers. The entrance is being blocked by the BCFS and a sign erected.
- Vedder Mtn.....as the Army is giving up the lease for this area it would be a good site for recreational biking.
- Other areas.....if bikers stick to the roads and stay off the trails there should be no problems.

More generally, the whole issue has been put under study by the GVRD, with Eagle Ridge, Burke Mountain, and Elk-Thurston designated as priority areas for first consideration.

On a Province-wide basis, the new off-highway vehicle legislation has been drafted by Parks and Recreation for future presentation to the House, and this will eventually direct and guide RV use in the Province's outdoors. Furthermore, the new Forest Act has the mechanism for restricting the use of an area or trail, although this has not been used as yet.

4. The Trails Committee, with assistance from the Outdoor Recreational Council, assembled a trails slide show with a script which covers the history of trails and the need for maintenance and improvement of them. The purpose of this show is to encourage people to get out and work on

trails, and is available to any club which wants to show it to members. (ORC has it available for use).

5. Regarding recreational trails in active logging areas, Mary Macaree led a subcommittee that addressed the problem which resulted in a Forest Land Use Liaison Committee (FLULC) statement of policy being issued in June. It basically stated that trails be signed and marked during logging activity by the company concerned, and that they be re-established at the conclusion of active logging. The FMCBC, ORC, clubs or individuals should notify the BCFS of the existence of any known trails so that they can be recorded on forestry maps. If any BCFS members is aware of any trail(s) being obliterated by logging, please notify the Trails and Access Chairman so that action can be taken.
6. Recreation sites and trails on Crown land can now be designated by the Chief Forester under the new Forest Act. This does not mean the trails will be protected but they will be on maps and listed in the Gazette. The Trails Committee at this moment is beginning to look at this subject and will, in the new year, present a list of major trails with priority ratings for each one based on incidence of use, impact on the trail and destination of each one. All clubs in the FMCBC will be considering this matter and will submit lists either through the Trails Committee or through their executives directly to the BCFS. While the trails are not actually protected, legal action can be taken against those misusing designated trails so that all or most major trails should be designated as soon as possible.
7. The Trails Committee in 1979 was also involved in miscellaneous problem areas such as the mining near Tenquille Lake and the Brandywine Trail; logging over existing trails in the Airplane Creek and Mt. Laughington areas; and snowmobiling in sections of some Provincial Parks.

Rick Sheppard -- Trails Chairman.

CONSERVATION REPORT

Southern Chilcotin Mountains

A coalition is being formed to attempt to get protection of a wilderness area Northwest of Bralorne (the Gun Creek and upper Tyaughton Creek watersheds). The area is principally composed of alpine meadows in broad U-shaped valleys, ideal country for gentle alpine rambles in summer and backcountry skiing in winter. The area immediately surrounding the alpine country contains a fair amount of forest which, it is understood, is planned to be logged (starting soon -- plans for use will be made in the coming year). There are also significant mineral deposits nearby; a road has been built into one corner of the area by one of the larger mining corporations; mining could begin shortly. There is obviously some urgency facing the coalition. The more help it can get, the more chance there is of success. The coalition is just being formed; as yet there is no permanent contact address. Temporarily, contact DENNIS PERRY, 'phone 681 - 0111 (office), Save the Southern Chilcotin Mountains, 7652 Clayton Court, Burnaby, B.C., V5E 3M8. Unfortunately, the contact person is moving soon. Contact Lee Bruch for more information and updated address.

Stein Valley

Although the Save the Stein Coalition has not as yet achieved its objective of getting Class A Provincial Park protection for the Stein, it has succeeded in having an impact on the way in which the government views the area.

Unfortunately, a miner who has had a long-standing claim on Antimony Mountain, staked a series of new claims from Van Horlick Creek, across some of the Stein's alpine country for 32 miles to Antimony Mountain. This seems to have been an attempt to circumvent prohibitions on construction of a road from Van Horlick to his mine. (An alternative already exists for him: there is presently a road within a few miles of his mine to the Southeast; he has been encouraged to build his access from there). Late this summer he started logging and building a road from Van Horlick

illegally! Several attempts have been made to stop him. The BCFS issued a suspension order: He did not obey it. Eventually, the BCFS seized some of his cut timber and threatened to seize some of his equipment. He still continued, so an injunction was obtained (during November). The situation is still not resolved; a significant part of the Stein's alpine area is in danger.

Mining

This whole situation brings up the legal tools available to miners. Historically, the law has given them nearly carte blanche. (In extreme cases, a miner has a legal right to construct a road across private property -- without permission -- to get access to his mine!). The Federation of Mountain Clubs and ORC will sponsor a symposium on mines and mining this coming February. Details have not yet been worked out; contact Lee Bruch for further information. The symposium should be valuable and enlightening.

Sierra Club

The Sierra Club is one of the more effective conservation organizations. One of its activities is to sponsor interesting and informative lectures on conservation topics. The next two lectures: B.C.'s Future Demand for Electric Power: Who's Right? ... Jan 28th., and The Wildlife of Northern B.C. ... Feb 25th. Both lectures will be at the Robson Square Theatre, commencing at 8P.M., with admission: \$1.00

A Variety of Souls

The conservation committee desperately needs a variety of souls to form an effective working force. Obviously, we need some people with an overriding interest in conservation and the willingness to expend a tremendous amount of energy. HOWEVER, there are other types of people also needed: (1) Resource persons (people with expertise in certain fields, be it forestry, mining, knowledge of certain areas, etc.) who would be willing to contribute their knowledge and skill when it might be needed. (2) People who would be willing to contribute some amount of work on specific topics of concern. (3) People who have just a casual interest, but would like to at least be aware of the various pressing issues.

An organizational meeting will be held in January, tentatively on Thurs., Jan 24th., at 8 P.M. at 2265 East Pender St. (1 block West of Nanaimo St.) Contact Lee Bruch for more info and for final arrangements.

Lee Bruch, Conservation Committee Chairman. 'phone 685 - 6312 (Off) 251 - 4571 (home).

Trailwork, October 13/14, 1979. Lions Trail 1972.

A foggy weekend and some rain on Saturday night may have kept some timid souls away, despite promises! Luckily their missing numbers were replaced by others who came without previous announcements, Bless their souls! There were also a dozen or so hikers who let themselves be persuaded to lend a hand, after they were turned back from the heights prematurely by the fog. The BCFS Recreational Branch had provided us with a 4-wheel drive and driver (Alan Jones) to take the crew and tools up on Saturday. Peter Parotta very generously, after slaving away on Sunday, took the whole bunch down in his vehicle. Absolutely beautiful!

Work was done on the section which was constructed earlier by the Young Canada Works Project crew, and which needed some more steps and general shoring-up. Furthermore, we continued on the next part of this now so popular, and almost overused, trail which had been marked out by another BCMC party on May 20 this year. The weather turned a bit more friendly, humour ran high and the final output was entirely good. Special mention goes to Ray and Monique who, after that enormous chainsaw, lent to us by the Parks Br. mysteriously gave-out, volunteered to run down to North Vancouver and returned in darkness, Saturday night, with a rental saw. This saved the

situation on Sunday! [One fellow, whose name shall not be mentioned, ended up in the emergency room of St. Paul's Hospital for some stitching after having had an entirely unscheduled encounter with the aforementioned rental saw, luckily near quitting time! His shirt has not yet been mended, besides that there is only another scar on his old skin. No further consequences.]

There will be more work-parties on this trail, 1980.....1981.....it is undoubtedly the most popular one near Vancouver. I have counted over 180 people on one single day during the summer!

Now for the Honour List:

Ray Perrault, Judy Coulman, Earl Johnson, Monique Latrille-Brun were there both days. Bill and Erika Hobek, Donna Goy and Mike Feller stayed with us on Saturday. Peter Parotta, Theo Mosterman, Carl Ricker, Rich Maloney and June Binkert bolstered up the party on Sunday. I hope I have this right. I forgot to mention Mike Holt, who was us on an earlier party.

Paul Binkert.

[If any member has a repair kit suitable for mending rips and tears in old skin, please contact the Editor, who will see that the nameless fellow receives it as soon as possible.]

ACC TRIP SCHEDULE

Jan 5/6	Mt. Lindeman	C3	Don Serl	733 - 0107
6	Diamond Head (Ski)	A1	Jack Bussell	922 - 3128
13	Hat Mtn. (Snowshoe)	A1	Frank Foster	987 - 7684
19/20	Mt. Garibaldi (Ski)	C2	Blair Griffiths	685 - 2879
26/27	Amicus Mtn. (Ski)	B2	Bob Brusse	738 - 1316
27	Blackcomb Mtn. (Ski)	A2	Norm Pursell	922 - 7992
Feb 2/3	West Lion via Cypress Bowl	B4	PhilKubik	922 - 3407
9/10	Jorgenson Pk. (Ski)	B2	Ross Wyborn	462 - 9204
10	Diamond Head (Ski)	A1	Ian Kay	921 - 7169
16/17	Ruth Mtn. (Ski)	B2	Bruce Fairley	224 - 0466
23/24	Snass Crk./Dewdney Trail (Ski)	A1	Doug Herchmer	733 - 9219
Mar 1/2	Singing Pass (Ski)	B1	Jay M ^{ac} Arthur	277 - 9305
8/9	Sky Pilot	B4	Davey Jones	224 - 1255
9	Blackcomb Mtn. (Ski)	A2	Peter Ravensbergen	876 - 1035

For Sale:

Pair of Meindl Climbing Boots. Beautiful shape, worn once. Size 8 Ladies - narrow. Price \$75. or offer. Contact J. Derham - Reid 224 - 1503. (Owner has gone to live in India).

Silvretta Ski Bindings. Cable and Plate model. As new...price \$25. David Macaree 738 - 5362.

Ski Holiday?

Anyone interested in a ski holiday in mid-March please contact Frank or Sonia Ward 872 - 2279.

TRIP REPORT

Howe Sound Crest Trail -- November 11

This is NOT the official trip report. The leader, having been prevented from leading through unavoidable business commitments, gave permission for including this report as a substitute.

On Sunday, November 10th., 3 climbers left Lions Bay - Sunset Rd. at 0745 hrs., and were on top of Western Lion at 12 noon, then hiked out over Unnecessary Mtn. towards Cypress Bowl, arriving there at 1700 hrs. They were met by this reporter's wife June, somewhere along the Western slope of Mt. Strachan, she having driven up a vehicle from the S. end of the hike.

THE BRITISH COLUMBIA MOUNTAINEERING CLUB
General Fund

Statement of Revenue, Expenses and Members' Equity
Year ended September 30, 1979
(With comparative figures for 1978)

	<u>1979</u>	<u>1978</u>
Revenue:-		
Membership dues	\$ 2,042	1,999
Interest income	2,067	1,797
Cabin rental and other	<u>217</u>	<u>5</u>
Total revenue	4,326	3,801
Expenses:		
Publications:		
B.C. Mountaineer	-	1,175
General information brochure	1,024	733
Newsletter	<u>552</u>	<u>590</u>
Total publications	1,576	2,498
Social activities, net:		
Monthly socials	401	455
Cecil Green Park, net	269	181
Annual banquet, net	<u>(19)</u>	<u>76</u>
Total social activities, net	651	712
Postage and stationery	789	967
Depreciation	661	456
Insurance	122	113
Federation of Mountain Clubs of British Columbia	50	350
Miscellaneous	31	33
Trail signs	-	82
Total expenses	<u>3,880</u>	<u>5,211</u>
Summer camp, net (Schedule)	446	(1,410)
Excess of revenue over expenses (expenses over revenue)	<u>(7)</u>	<u>222</u>
Members' equity, beginning of year	439	(1,188)
Members' equity, end of year	<u>6,425</u>	<u>7,613</u>
	<u>\$ 6,864</u>	<u>6,425</u>

The constructed trail is now finished to almost the foot of the S. slope of Unnecessary Mtn. with the exception of a short unfinished stretch inbetween, roughly 2½ hrs. N. of Cypress Bowl. The rest of the trail, while marked, is somewhat rough and steep, though well-trodden.

The weather was superb, which accounted for the numerous parties we met along the same trail. Donna Goy and Judy Coulman dragged along Paul Binkert (Reporter) on this memorable late Fall day.

Trail from old BCMC Cabin to Grouse Mtn.

This old trail has been recently marked again. It is a nice 2½ to 3 hrs. hike, fairly steep in some parts and with a few good viewpoints. From the bottom station of the Skyride go slightly downhill and E. up the open slope where you will find the first white marker post with an orange square. Follow this section of the (Baden-Powell) trail for 35 minutes, and turn Left at fork (Aluminium markers) and up W. to the old Club cabin. There the trail turns Right again and up E. It passes a couple of cabin ruins and comes eventually to the steel rail of the "Mtn. Shute." Follow this to the Lodge.
Paul Binkert

[I think this trail, the portion from the old BCMC cabin - up, was known as Larsen's Trail in the heyday of the Club cabin, so we might as well call it that again. Are there any old-time members who know who Larsen was??? Ed.]

[Just barely room here to wish a Happy New Year to those members who survived Christmas, say again that we need input for the MOUNTAINEER. This 'Annual' can only be produced if there is enough material forthcoming! No material -- no publish! Coming in next Newsletter is fabulous Trip report, full of humour, romance, adventure, wild animals, etc. No room to include in this N/L. Financial Rept. is included here in this form due to space requirements. Turn sideways to read.]