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*****GRAND SWAP MEET -- JANUARY SOCIAL (See inside for details).

SCHEDULED TRIPS

Jan 11 Coquitlam Mtn. Exploratory ski trip close to town.	C2/5193' (1588m)	Leader: Paul Kubik	298 - 4275
Jan 18 Mt. McGuire Chiliiwack Lake valley.	B2/6620' (2024m)	Leader: Roseann Konrad	321 - 8502
Jan 24/25 Metaldome Lots of good skiing, W of Whistler highway.	B2/6600' (2018m)	Leader: Margriet Wyborn	462 - 9204
Feb 1 Mt. Strachan Pleasant Sunday morning trip, close to town.	B1/4769' (1454m)	Leader: Susan Leslie	228 - 8517
Feb 8 Little Diamond Head Suitable for X-C skis...fairly long trip.	C2/6800' (2080m)	Leader: Jan St. Amand	873 - 9409
Feb 14/15 Tricouni Pk. Another exploratory trip to an impressive looking mountain.	C3/7000' (2140m)	Leader: Dave Hughes Mountaineering skis only.	980 - 6484

Feb 21/22
 Mt. Tomyhoi B3/7451' (2278m) Leader:
 Beautiful viewpoint N of Mt. Baker. John Gray 980 - 5227

Feb 28
 Annual Ski Races. Exciting Uphill and Downhill Course. Organizer:
 Meet at 11.00 A.M. at the little rope tow, Cypress Bowl. Ed Zenger 434 - 3095
 Mountaineering skis, Long skis, Short skis, Water-skis. X-C skis, D/hill skis + skins, etc.

Mar 1
 Alouette Mtn. B2/4421' (1352m) Leader:
 Golden Ears area. Daniella Bates 856 - 5818

Mar 7/8
 Mt. Snass B3/7580' (2318m) Leader:
 Manning Park Area. Expect light powder snow. Brian Vezina 669 - 2004

Annual General Meeting.

Thirty-one members attended the AGM on November 14th. The Club's Executive is as follows:

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| Elected, November 14th. | Honourary President: | Paul Binkert |
| | President: | Rick Sheppard |
| | Vice-President: | Sally Tatlow |
| | Treasurer: | Louis Semproni |
| | Secretary: | Glenn Woodsworth |
| | Climbing Chairman: | Ed Zenger |
| | Hiking Chairman: | Peter Parrotta |
| | Editor: | J. A. C. Derham - Reid |
| | Membership Chairman: | Ian Arnot |
| | Social: | Susan Leslie |
| | Conservation: | John Halliday |
| | Camp: | ? |

The Extraordinary Resolution to raise the Dues (see last Newsletter) was passed after thorough discussion. A second motion, exempting those who had paid their dues by November 14th., from the fee increase for this year only, was also passed. The Financial statement will be printed in the next Newsletter.

EXECUTOPICS.

At the December Executive meeting the executive

- 1) discussed the poor attendance at the monthly socials. Susan reported on alternative halls, some of which have liquor licences. Discussed hiring someone (\$20/month) to do the tea and cookies for the social.
- 2) discussed the possibility of running two camps -- one predominantly for hikers and one mainly for climbers. Jack Bachrich is still looking for a permanent Camp Chairman (any volunteers out there?). The executive approved a motion that the organizer of a "fully serviced" Club camp (with cook, etc.,) be given free attendance at the camp.
- 3) appointed Sally as our delegate to the Federation of Mountain Clubs. We decided that we do not wish to take over the Federation Basic Mountaineering Course; the present system is fine.
- 4) discussed the \$2/member/club levy proposed by the Federation. The executive voted to support the proposed levy.
- 5) discussed membership. Ian outlined his proposals for increasing membership to 500 (from 330) by the end of 1981.

Glenn Woodsworth.

SOCIALS.

Tuesday, January 13th.*****

The January meeting is a 'Swap, Trade, Dicker, Bargain and Buy' night. Bring your old and used outdoor gear (climbing, skiing, hiking, etc.) and swap it for someone else's. If you are tired of your regular climbing/hiking partner/s, bring him/her/them along and go home with someone else's partner/s??

Special Attraction: Representatives from the Mountain Equipment Co-op will be showing this year's range of X-Country and Mountaineering (Ski) equipment.

David Hughes will be showing slides from the 1974 BCMC Ski-mountaineering trip into the head of North Creek (about 50 miles NW of Pemberton).

Tuesday, February 10th.

Mike Feller will show slides from the 1980 BCMC Expedition to the Brooks Range in Arctic Alaska.

MEMBERSHIP. [Socials are held at Kitsilano United Church, 2490 W. 2nd. Avenue., 8 PM.]

The Club welcomes the following new members:

John Stinson	112, 6695 McKay Ave., Burnaby	V5H 2X4	435 - 3835
Binny Van Bergen	104, 145 W. 18th. St., North Vancouver	V5Y 2A6	

Change of Address:

Jack Bryceland	47397 Extrom Rd. RR2., Sardis. B.C.	V0X 1Y0	858 - 6601
Jack Geddes	1756 148A Ave., White Rock. B.C.	V4A 6G5	
Arnold Shives	803, 4665 W. 10th. Ave., Vancouver.	V6R 2J4	
Fred H. Smith	9012 Darwin St., Chilliwack. B.C.	V2P 6W8	972 - 0852

THE RUCKSACK

Congratulations to Paul Binkert, who was presented with a very excellent chain-saw at the FMCBC Annual Meeting. Maybe some clubs and individuals are feeling guilty about their (lack of) participation in trail clearing, and are trying to buy Paul off?

Many thanks to Frank and Sonja Ward for storing the Club ropes, tents, and Peips for all those years. The equipment is now in the care of Ed Zenger. [I hear Ed is looking for a larger house? Ed. JDR.]

And a vote of thanks to Dick Chambers who is retiring from the always-needed but thankless task of addressing the envelopes for the Newsletters.

"In the recently published second edition of 103 Hikes, issued on behalf of the BCMC, Mary and I described a route to International Ridge (No. 75) that has been rendered impossible by a massive landslide near the beginning of the logging road approach. The B.C. Forest Service has now indicated an alternate route, using an old trail that had become overgrown through disuse, and this has been cleared out by a small party of North Shore Hikers, led by Bob Harris.

Though this trail is rather longer and a good deal steeper than the one described, it does give fine views of the Columbia and Liumchen Valleys, with peaks north of the Fraser as a bonus. Hikers, therefore, may be interested in a brief description of the new approach.

This trail begins as before on Sleepy Hollow Road reached from Columbia Valley Road 1.3 km (0.8 mi) beyond Cultus Lake Information Centre. Next, go right on Vance Road and stay right at Liumchen Creek fork. Drive past a large Vehicle Assembly Centre, then go right at the new sign to International Ridge 1.2 km (0.75 mi) beyond that installation, just where the road becomes very steep and unsuitable for cars. Walk up the road following tapes and markers, then go steeply left uphill on a narrow foot trail that leads to the ridge crest and Mount Amadis."

David and Mary Macaree.

TRIP REPORT

Mt. Tatlow -- Labour Day Weekend.

George Hamilton drove Chris Haines and I to Williams Lake, leaving early Friday afternoon of the long weekend. We stayed the night with our Guide, Neil Andrews, and then met up with Ross and Marlene on the way to the trail-head.

As the trail starts on private property, we checked-in with the owners, Mr. and Mrs. Perdue. Neil asked for directions on where to cross Tsolass Creek, as on previous trips it had been difficult to find the trail. Mr. Perdue told us not to walk more than 1/4 mile along the trail once the creek was in sight, and to watch for a large boulder, 6 ft. by 6 ft., just across the creek. Well, it must have been some time since he had been up that way as we didn't see the 'large boulder' until we had crossed the creek and walked 5 minutes through about 10 years of thick growth.

It took us 6 hours of easy walking to reach our proposed campsite -- a lake at 6,500 ft. We climbed 2,500 ft. in about 8 miles of old wagon road, then horse trails, and finally over open meadows. The lake is in a valley SE of Mt. Tatlow, fed by glaciers on the S side of the mountain. This body of water is full of hungry trout, and a couple of people who were camped at the spot with fishing gear, found that they could catch all the fish necessary for one meal, in just a few minutes. (As the water is not warm enough for swimming, and is shallow and full of rocks, bring some extra hooks if you plan to fish).

We went to bed early and hoped for a day without rain, but weren't overly optimistic. Sunday morning and we still weren't afforded a glimpse of the mountain. We decided to go anyway and set off at 0930 after a hurried breakfast in a shower of hail. We went straight up the side of the ridge N of the lake and followed it to the first peak at 9,200 ft., running into snow at about 8,000 ft., which made our ascent very slippery on the rocky slope. We stopped for lunch at the first peak (2.30) and did not continue any further. There was a lot of fresh snow built into unstable drifts in exposed places, and only Ross - who is Training Instructor with a Mountain Rescue group - had sufficient experience to proceed.

As it was cold and we were in the clouds, we set off, glissading about 1,000 ft., and were rewarded (?) with a view of sorts, as the clouds broke. The mountain, when viewed from that side is just a great rock pyramid. The view from the north is spectacular, with the glacier spilling down between two ridges.

It took us two hours to descend, and we spent the rest of the day exploring the surrounding ridges and plateaus. That night a terrific wind storm blew up, just to ensure we didn't have another go at Mt. Tatlow, and left us with a bent tent pole as a souvenir. Taking the hint, we didn't dawdle on Monday morning, leaving camp at 0730. Four hours brought us back to the cars, and nine hours, to Vancouver.

The trip was a little disappointing as we never had a really good view of our objective, except from the back. The area is beautiful though, and I'm hoping for better weather next year on attempt number 3. Score: Sally Tatlow 0, Mt. Tatlow 2.

Tatlow-ites: Chris Haines, George Hamilton (father of BCMC member, Tom), Marlene McLennan, Ross Montgomery, Neil "Ironman" Andrews - Guide, and Sally Tatlow -

L & R. [Marlene, Ross and Neil - 'The Hollyburn Connection', are friends and/or cabin-mates of the Editor, on Hollyburn Ridge, and appeared on this expedition with his kind permission.]