



May 8  
Mt. Mercer (ski?) A1/1675 m Louis Semproni 433-9007  
Distance - 21 km, elevation gain - 1200 m, estimated time - 8 hrs., guide - Culbert, p. 97,  
103 Hikes, p. 170, map - Chilliwack 92H/4 (1:50,000).  
Approach from Chilliwack valley via logging road and trail. If snow conditions permit,  
skiing will be possible at the higher elevations. Suitable for x-country or alpine skiers.

May 14-15  
Anderson Lake A1 Ian Arnot 987-9718  
From a base camp at a private cabin near D'Arcy, day hikes will be undertaken in the  
surrounding area. Possibilities include Birkenhead Lake and Haylmore Ck. areas. Call  
leader for further details.

May 14-15  
Mt. Matier B3/2775 m Doug Herchmer 733-9219  
Distance - 16 km, elevation gain - 1550 m, estimated time - 3+6 hrs., guide - Culbert, p.  
177, map - Duffey Lake 92J/8 (1:50,000).  
Approach from Duffey Lake road via Cerise Ck. Depending on the strength of the party,  
Joffre may also be climbed. Ice axes and crampons required. Trip limited to 8 people.  
Phone leader before Wednesday, 11th May.

May 14-15  
Mamquam Mt. B3/2585 m Ross Wyborn 462-9204  
Distance - 16 km, elevation gain - 1530 m, estimated time - 4+8 hrs., guide - Culbert, p.  
257, map - Mamquam Mountain 92G/15 (1:50,000).  
Approach from logging roads to the east via narrow valley. Summit will be climbed from  
Mamquam Glacier. Suitable for alpine and strong x-country skiers.

May 21-23  
Mt. Adams (ski) B3/3740 m Jane Weller 732-0947  
Distance - 16 km, elevation gain - 1760 m, estimated time - 12 hrs., guide - Beckey  
(brown), p. 55.  
Approach via road no. 1 to climb mountain via the south spur route. There will be one or  
two car camps.

May 21-23  
Mt. Samson (ski) C3/2865 m Wayne Saunders 434-5125  
Distance - 16 km, elevation gain - 1615 m, estimated time - 8+10 hrs., guide - Culbert, p.  
201, map - North Creek 92J/11 (1:50,000).  
Approach via Railroad Pass, Train Glacier and Glacier Pass. Suitable for alpine and strong  
x-country skiers.

May 28-29  
Ruth Mtn. (ski) B2/2165 m Tricia Daum 434-3095  
Distance - 19 km, elevation gain - 1220 m, estimated time - 4+8 hrs., guide - Beckey (red),  
p. 50, map - Green Trails Mt. Shuksan (No. 14).  
Approach via Ruth Ck. and Hannegan Pass where camp will be established. Summit will be  
ascended from the north.

May 28-29  
Mt. Baker (ski) B3/3285 m Gerard Clement 321-4296  
Distance - 21 km, elevation gain - 2130 m, estimated time - 4+10 hrs., guide - Beckey  
(red), p. 25, map - Green Trails Mt. Baker (No. 13).  
Approach from the south via Baker Pass trail and Easton Glacier. Suitable for alpine and  
strong x-country skiers.

May 29

Mt. Seymour (ski) A1/1450 m Roberta Sciarretta 873-9151  
Distance - 10 km, elevation gain - 440 m, estimated time - 6 hrs., guide - Culbert, p. 34,  
103 Hikes, p. 44, map - Coquitlam 92G/7W (1:50,000).  
Easy day trip close to Vancouver.

June 4-5

Baby Munday Pk. B3/2195 m Margriete Wyborn 462-9204  
Distance - 16 km, elevation gain 1520 m, estimated time - 3+6 hrs., guide - Culbert, p.  
102, Beckey (red), p. 120, map - Chilliwack 92H/4 (1:50,000).  
Approach via Airplane Ck. Summit will be ascended from the south.

June 4-5

Early Winter Spires/  
Liberty Bell B5/2380 m Randy Enomoto 224-6184  
Distance - 6 km, elevation gain - 730+680 m, estimated time - 5+5 hrs., guide - Beckey  
(red), p. 245, 260, map - Green Trails Washington Pass (No. 50).  
Car camping to climb South Early Winter Spire one day and Beckey route on Liberty Bell the  
second day. Rock climbing to 5.6

June 5

Baker Area A Michael Holt 437-6538  
Estimated time - 10-12 hrs., guide - Beckey (red), p. 25-36, map - Green Trails, WA nos.  
13+14.  
A moderate day hike in the Mt. Baker area. Contact leader for further details.

June 10-11

Mt. Hozameen (ski?) B3/2460 m Jane Weller 732-0947  
Distance - 10 km, elevation gain - 1520 m, estimated time - 3+4 hrs., guide - Culbert, p.  
142, map - Green Trails Ross Lake (no. 16).  
Approach via camp at Hozameen Lake, skiing if possible to just below the ridge. Ice axes  
required. Suitable for alpine or strong x-country skiers.

June 12

Hanging Lake A1/1370 m Günter Hörnig 688-9301  
Distance - 8 km, elevation gain - 750 m, estimated time - 7 hrs., guide - Culbert, p. 120,  
Beckey (red), p. 122, map - Skagit River 92/H3 (1:50,000).  
Approach via trail from south end of Chilliwack Lake to this lake just below Mt. Lindeman.

#### SOCIALS/SLIDE NIGHTS:

- Tuesday, 10th May in the Vancouver Energy Centre, 2150 Maple (near 6th Avenue), commencing at 8 p.m. Klaus Streckmann will present a film "River of Grizzlies and Glaciers" depicting an epic hiking and kayaking traverse from the Alsek to the Tatshenshini River in Alaska. Don't miss it.
- Tuesday, 21st June at a venue to be announced. An illustrated talk on "What Makes a Summitter" given by Bob Schoene, a doctor and member of the 1981 American Medical Research expedition to Mt. Everest. This is a joint social with the A.C.C. Vancouver Section and replaces the previously scheduled Cecil Green social. It promises to be a very interesting evening, particularly if you have aspirations to climb high.

### SPRING AVALANCHE DANGERS:

Now that it's getting warmer, here are the signs of potential wet snow avalanche danger:

1. southerly facing slopes that will be warmed by the sun, especially in the afternoon.
2. sluffs and pinwheels that involve more than just a few centimetres of surface snow.
3. slushy, wet snow that extends more than 20 or so centimetres down, especially if it is resting on ice layers that have free water trickling down them.
4. falling cornices (the snow is losing its strength)

Avoid travelling much past noon, be wary of any slopes of greater than 20° (especially those that run into crevasse fields or over cliffs), spread out and use your pole or dig a quick pit to determine how much of the snowpack is wet and whether any sliding surfaces exist.

Note from Frank Baumann.

### OUR COVER PHOTO:

On the glacier beneath Capricorn Pk. (right background) in the Meager Ck. area.

### MEMBERSHIP:

#### Change of Address

John Biller, Box 140, Wasa, B.C., V0B 2K0.  
Mark Force, 210-855 McBride St., New Westminster, B.C., V3C 2C4, 521-1375.  
Barry A. Hagen, 307-2155 10th Ave., Prince George, B.C., V2M 5J6.  
Howard Moore, 1882 W. 12th Ave., Vancouver, B.C., V6J 2E8, 734-4234.

#### New Phone Number

Chris Kubinski, 736-9672.

### WHAT CLUB MEMBERS ARE DOING:

Long time life member John Biller recently wrote that he will be moving to Wasa. He stated - "We are moving, my wife Kay and I, to a log house on a 1/4 section at the very foot of the Hughes Range of the Rockies. Quite adventurous for two senior citizens - but why not? Jim Addie and Hugh Aitkens have the details, and we'll be glad to see any BCMC'ers, specially our old friends. When I say I have Club Bulletins going back to, I think, 1937, you'll know their approximate ages.

I enjoy reading the club publications but that's all I get out of my life membership these days. We've been very happy in Vernon the past 16 years, going on some quite ambitious trips with the North Okanagan Naturalists - hope to join them this summer in camp in the Valhallas."

## NEW HUT FOR THE BCMC:

It was reported in the last Newsletter that decisions about a new hut would be made at the May executive and monthly meetings. The executive now feels that this will not be possible since we will not have adequate information about costs in sufficient time for discussion in May. This discussion has been put back to the fall.

Ed Zenger has volunteered to collect the necessary information about the costs of building a cabin in North Ck. If you have any information or ideas about designs or costs, please contact him at 434-3095.

On the subject of hut location, Frank Baumann has written suggesting the following criteria be considered:

### Mandatory Requirements:

1. Safe from avalanches, rock falls, debris torrents, etc.
2. Will not attract too many people into an environmentally-sensitive area.
3. Reasonably difficult to get to, even if road access improves.
4. Will not be affected by snow creep.
5. Will not be buried by snowfall in winter.
6. Will not be flooded by rising lakes or streams.
7. Reasonably safe to get in and out of in both winter and summer, good weather or bad.
8. Not accessible by snowmobile.
9. Legally available (not covered by a reserve or other restriction).

### Desirable Requirements:

1. Will provide a base for a wide range of activities - hiking, climbing, ski touring.
2. Will be a base for a number of different objectives (several peaks, ridges, lakes; but especially, more than just one mountain).
3. Will be popular as a destination to go to, including return trips.

### Technical Difficulty - Ski Trips

- 1 - gentle slopes, ( $<10^{\circ}$ ) no demanding turns
- 2 - moderate slopes ( $10^{\circ}$ - $20^{\circ}$ ) intermediate skiing
- 3 - steep slopes, ( $20^{\circ}$ - $35^{\circ}$ ) tree and/or difficult glacier skiing possible, advanced skiing
- 4 - very steep slopes ( $35^{\circ}$ - $50^{\circ}$ ) and advanced skiing
- 5 - extreme skiing, high angle ( $>50^{\circ}$ ) and high exposure. A fall would result in a long slide and injury.

### Comments

1. The D rating of strenuousness will still be used proportionately less of the time than the A, B & C ratings. We see this as desirable as it increases the significance of the rating and would therefore more effectively give the impression of a serious trip.
2. The strenuousness rating reflects the longest day of an overnight trip which is consistent with the technical difficulty rating where a climb is rated by its most difficult pitch.
3. For ski trips the rating reflects the steepest angle of the trip sustained for at least 50 m.
4. We are also trying to give more information on the difficulty of each trip by specifying elevation gain, estimated hours for each day, and distance to be covered."

### MEETINGS OF INTEREST:

Monday, 2nd May - Sierra Club public meeting with a presentation on the MacKenzie Mountains in the Northwest Territories - their natural values and land use conflicts. At 8 p.m. in the Robson Square Lecture Theatre, downtown Vancouver.

Mountain Equipment Coop will be organizing a lecture series at the Coop (rear entrance at 428 W. 8th Avenue, Vancouver) at 7 p.m. on Thursdays

12 May	Chilco Lake - A Park Proposal, by Derek Thompson
19 May	Adventure Cycling In B.C., by Raymond Parker
26 May	Climbing in the Coast Range, by Don Serl

### FMBC MOUNTAINFEST:

The Federation of Mountain Clubs of B.C. will be holding a "Mountainfest" on May 27-29, at the Robson Square Media Centre in Vancouver.

Mountainfest has already managed to obtain some of the award-winning films from the Banff mountain film festival and will be accompanied by an excellent seminar on wilderness in B.C.

### ACCESS:

Brohm Ridge road will be closed with a gate from May to October inclusive.

### NEWS:

New threat to the Valhallas - Now that portions of the Valhallas have been saved from the loggers, the thread of tourist development is raising its head. A proposal has recently come from within the Kootenay Mountaineering Club for improved road access to the N and S ends of the park - to near Drinnon and Shannon Lakes, with a good trail between these two points. Dotted along this trail would be seven small chalets with managers, serving meals with prices ranging from \$5.00 per person for camping to \$40.00 per person for bed plus all meals.

Public participation and the Valhallas - Robert Nixon, writing in the latest Sierra Club of Western Canada Newsletter, reveals the deviousness of the government in dealing with public participation. In the case of the Valhallas, he writes -

"The merits of public participation as a means to improve resource decision making is well understood by provincial politicians. So well understood, in fact, that our ministers of the crown are falling over one another devising new methods to create illusions of public participation while secretly vowing never to let it interfere with provincial affairs. One need look no further than to the actions of the Environment and Land Use Committee of Cabinet (ELUC) in the recent Valhalla decision as a case in point.

A portion of the Valhalla mountain range within the Slocan Valley of central Kootenay was proposed as a provincial park over ten years ago. The issue became a classic park versus logging conflict of the type which is routinely experienced across the length and breadth of British Columbia. What made the Valhallas special from a public participation point of view was its selection, along with five other park/logging conflict areas, by the ministry of forests as an issue to be resolved by the B.C. Forest Service's recently created public participation process.

The ministry hired Dr. Bruce Fraser -- now president of Malaspina College in Nanaimo - to establish a comprehensive participation program based on the authority of the Ministry of Forests Act (1979), section 5(c), which requires consideration of nontimber values when forest plans are prepared.

A planning team (which represented other agencies beside the forest service) was subsequently formed and over the course of two years, during which the planning team met regularly, all the concerned public, industry and government representatives thoroughly assessed the many social, economic and environmental factors relevant to the Valhalla issue.

The team flatly rejected the simplistic logging versus park argument and chose instead to weigh the conflicting viewpoints from the perspective of potential impacts - positive and negative - of each alternative on the economy of the Slocan Valley as a whole.

Several tourism studies were undertaken and the projected benefits of logging the proposed park area were assessed in considerable detail. In its final report to ELUC, the planning team listed four alternatives. The supporting data clearly highlighted the economic advantages of creating a park. The data also demonstrated that timber values within the park proposal area would contribute few jobs to the overall valley economy in comparison to the employment opportunities generated by a park.

But when the Valhalla report was finally considered by ELUC, in December 1982, the ministers rejected the entire document and instead instructed the ministry of municipal affairs staff to secretly prepare a new option which would not be reviewed within the planning team's public participation process. ELUC expected to have the public believe that its final Valhalla decision was based on the findings of the public participation process.

But both Waterland and Rogers opposed giving serious consideration to the input received through the forest service-initiated public participation program. Mines Minister Brian Smith (Oak Bay) allowed his staff to make a secret presentation to ELUC. Sources within the provincial government have told the Sierra Club that other ministries submitted secret briefs to ELUC which differ substantively from the information their staff submitted to the Slocan planning team that was subsequently contained in the final report.

It is frightening to contemplate how easily we could have lost Valhalla Park - how closely the Bennett government came to ignoring the planning team's recommendations and imposing their own unilateral decision. But at the last moment the forces rallied by the Valhalla Wilderness Society in their long campaign for the park proved irresistible. The press who were on to the government wheeler-dealers was supportive, help came from federal and even international sources.

The lesson in this for all environmentalists is that without the force generated by intelligent, sophisticated and persistent campaigns conservation proposals stand little chance in B.C. The much ballyhooed public participation process in the Valhallas narrowly escaped becoming a farce.

As the competing demands for resources, timber, wildlife, fish, water, minerals, etc., intensify during the 1980's politicians are discovering that the old backroom methods of allocating resources without meaningful public input are deepening the public's sense of mistrust and cynicism in government. Traditionalists such as Premier Bennett of British Columbia argue that the right to cast a vote whenever elections are called is quite enough involvement in the political process for the citizens of B.C. Serious public concern at any other time is seen as an infringement upon the cabinet's absolute right to make decisions.

This attitude -- combined with statements of intent by the Bennett government to eliminate existing regional and municipal government bodies, remove local school boards, centralize all land planning in Victoria under an omnibus land use act, privatize the provincial park system and eliminate national parks denies the validity of participatory democracy.

The Valhallas public participation process demonstrated that people holding hostile or conflicting views can, given the time, opportunity and necessary resource background information, find the means to draw their community toward consensus on how best to allocate the resource land base for the benefit of the greatest number over the long term.

#### TRIP REPORTS:

##### Cancelled trips

Church Mtn., 12-13 March  
Sproatt Mtn., 20 March  
Mt. Custer, 26-27 March

##### Colonial Peak, 28-29 August, 1982

Three islanders made their way across the great ditch to the mainland. No one else was interested in the climb so we continued on south across the border and up along the North Cascade Highway to Diabolo Lake. From a highway viewpoint we could see our objective to the south. The suggested access route was up Colonial Creek Valley part way on a trail and then through slide alder to the base of a steep head wall. According to my source of information the most difficult part of the climb was finding a route up the headwall. Instead of packing in to a camp spot beneath the headwall we decided to car camp in the Colonial Creek Campgrounds and get an early start the next morning. Later on that afternoon I explored the tree-covered hillside above the campground and found it to be easy going with very little underbrush. So suggested to the others that we take this route instead.

We started up the steep hillside 6:30 a.m. the next morning, and three hours later made our way through blueberry bushes along the top of the ridge to the east peak. Next a steep bush ascent up the east face and then a traverse across the south slope to the col between the east peak and Colonial Pk. itself. From there an easy climb up the southeast side of Colonial on good rock and garden ledges picking one's own route. One short exposed pitch near the summit then we were on top 1:00 p.m. and relaxed under a warm thinly overcast sky. We spotted eight climbers descending across the glacier from Snowfield Pk. to the southwest, and their tents on a ridge above Pyramid Lakes to the northwest; which would be a better access route up Colonial. Saw two names in the cairn tube of climbers who were on the peak earlier that day and they had come up from the lakes. En route down we enjoyed fresh wild strawberries, blueberries, and huckleberries, but no running water along the whole route. Got back to camp just before dark and stayed another night there as we would never make the last ferry. This trip was a little too long for us islanders as we didn't get home till Monday afternoon.

Party - Kurby Villeneuve, Alfred Menninga, and Geoff Mumford (Leader and Reporter).

##### Cariboo Marathon, 4-6 February

Ever on the lookout for something to do in a day, the Cariboo Marathon was a challenge I couldn't resist. After all I'm in good condition. Climbing mountains is much more difficult than skiing along the flats (right?). After all, being used to mountaineering skis, the switch to toothpicks should be a snap. With the lighter set up I'll just fly.

No need to train. On the morning of the marathon, over 1500 people showed up at the starting line. Rumour had it that if you got close to the front of the pack you wouldn't have to fight to pass the hordes of slower people. The whole evening before the race had been spent talking about waxes. I ended up using blue klister, which seemed to be one of the favourite choices unless you were a racer. Racers always use more than one wax so that as temperatures warm up, the colder wax wears off, exposing the warmer temperature wax (very scientific). As the starting gun went off, I was in good position and racing across the field. Immediately, I knew something was wrong. People by the dozens were passing me! Must be the equipment. Coming around the corner I hit the first big hill, push off, and go whizzing down. Slower skiers in front of me. At last I'll pass somebody. Oh no - remembering that my heels aren't locked down as I try to avoid the skier in front of me. I fall with a great crunch and the river of people pours down on top of me. I am beginning to think that this may just be a dangerous sport and regret not having brought my helmet. I continue on, reaching the first checkpoint after three hours. Some people are reaching the finish line at this time. I stuff as many cookies as I can grab into my pockets and continue on. I am not being very discriminating, allowing young and old alike to pass me. Eventually, even people with cable bindings and kazamas were passing me. I was sure that any moment somebody with downhill skis would pass me. After the second checkpoint everybody was going at very similar speeds, and the rat race was over. Now the only concern was, would I finish before dark. I continued on and on and on, finally reaching the third checkpoint. All downhill from here they said, (1<sup>0</sup> is downhill to nordic racers). At approximately 4:00 I stumbled across the finish line 50+ km from the start. The winners of the race had already been in the bar for over 3 1/2 hours. Feeling very humble, I limped back to the hotel. Oh well, I'll do better next year. Maybe I'll train.

BCMC participants and friends: Ian Smith (5:06:55), Klaus Streckmann (Alias John Evans)?, Theo Mosterman (5:39:34), Randy Enomoto (6:59:26), Bill Maurer (7:00:37) (Reporter), Albert Souza (7:18:57), Tim Shannon (8:35:10), Lynn ? (moral support and checkpoint manager).

#### Cheakamus Mtn., 5-6 March

We left the cars in the Blackcomb overnight lot at 8 a.m. Lunch was had at Singing Pass at noon in deteriorating weather. We then proceeded to a camp beneath Fissile. Jane and Peter decided to spend the night in the Russet Lake Cabin along with the resident mice.

On Sunday the weather was still overcast with Whirlwind and Fissile both being enshrouded by cloud. We returned to the cabin to find Jane and Peter skiing the bowl right behind the cabin. It had snowed approximately 10 cm overnight so conditions were good.

On the way out we met Albert Souza, Murray Lashmar, Theo Mosterman, and Janice? at the junction of the trail and Fitzimmons Ck. road. We took the road up to the Sidewinder trail and skied out via the Olympic run. A fine dinner followed at Mykonos.

Party - Brian Vezina, Jane Weller, Chris Kubinsky, Cathy Baxendale, Peter Ravensbergen, and Bill Maurer (Leader and Reporter).

#### Mt. Tomyhoi, 5-6 March

We skied about 45 minutes on the logging road to reach the Keep Kool trail, then had to walk for about 30 minutes up the trail due to lack of snow. The trail was followed more or less to the last lakes below the S-ridge of Tomyhoi. It started to snow soon after camp was set up but Ross built a fire to keep everyone warm. Next morning was kind of foggy so we waited till about 9:30 to find a route through the fog up the S-ridge. The fog lifted occasionally, enough to keep us going. We reached a high point on the ridge from where we could neither see nor guess, nor find a route down to a gap and go on to the summit. The fog made everything look huge and difficult.

Finally a decision was made to take skins off and ski back. The weather was much better lower down and we had a good run to camp. Tim and Malcolm climbed yellow Aster Butte before we started our descent to the road and to the rustic Graeme's hangout.

Party - Tim Ryan, Julian Lash, Barbara Clemes, Neil Baker, Wayne Saunders, Tricia Zenger-Daum, Ross Wyborn, Malcolm McFadgen, Ed Zenger (Leader and Reporter).

### Mt. Alpen, 6 March

We drove up the Mac Blo Logging Road past the Chief crossed Refuse Creek and took the "P" Spur Road. We parked at the junction and piled in two 4 x 4's and drove up to about the 800 m level.

It was raining lightly as we carried our skis for about twenty minutes, till we found continuous snow and could put them on. We climbed steadily, when we reached the clearcut we were greeted with wind blown snow and Manfred broke trail until we reached some trees where we had lunch about noon. Then lo and behold the sun peaked out behind the clouds for a few moments.

We then continued on towards the Peak which was heavily corniced. Manfred, Esther and Martin continued up the peak and Rika, Howard, Lloyd and myself decided to head back down.

Eventually the advance party descended and we skied back down through the trees, then the meadow, the clearcut and finally down the logging road to the cars. The last to arrive was the leader at about 3:30 p.m. He found the heavy wet snow difficult to ski on with his x-country skis.

Party - Peter McGillvary, Ron Strand, Ernst Schmalzriedt, Manfred and Lore Putz, John Tabac, Rika Ruebsatt, Esther and Martin Kafer, Howard Mott, Lloyd Westby, Augusta Lee, Hugo Stead (Leader and Reporter).

### Cloudburst Mtn., 13 March

It started rather poorly - at 6:50, Spencer showed up at my door with a new set of ski boots. Of course, they didn't fit the skis I was lending him. Herr Iser would have been proud - in 10 minutes, we had invented a new binding, fitted the boots and were off.

The Klahanie was packed - I felt as if every face in the place was scowling at me as I walked in 15 minutes late. But - what's this! Mark Force isn't here yet - the President is even later than me! Has he no regard for the precious loss of irretrievable time? My teacher's penchant for punctuality gets the better of me - maybe he could serve a detention after the next general meeting. Or miss the next trip writing lines. We all wait until 7:30, mumble mild oaths and put-downs and depart for Garibaldi.

Two radar traps and 5000 mad Whistler 500 drivers later, we regroup at the new Cheakamus bridge at Garibaldi and head up Chance Creek logging roads. The Subaru, naturally, make it farther than anybody else, only stopping after several participants mumble that it would be unsporting to take them all the way to the peak.

As the slog begins, the distance between us and the clouds rapidly closes. I assure the group that the sky is not falling but five minutes later, the first snowflakes are thumping onto our heads. By the time we leave the logging patch and cross the Creek, it is snowing heavily. The cross-country skiers gracefully sidestep up the frozen snow, much to the frustration of the ski mountaineering types whose heavier equipment is better pushed than

lifted. The toothpickers really rub it in (purple wax, of course) as we easily tour up through the forest and enter the first glades. Now the snow rapidly gets deeper as we head in a southwesterly direction to the broad north ridge of Cloudburst, stopping for a leisurely (5 minute) lunch break at about 1500 m. We continue up in heavy snow, cloud and wind. A short steepish step and we break out onto the summit plateau. Now the weather becomes really interesting - full conditions the Brits would call it - as the ground, snow and cloud become one swirling mass of white. The peak is supposed to be 1870 m but we stop once our altimeters read 1865 m. After all, we don't want to accidentally continue higher in the white-out, get above the peak, and risk collision with a 747. The traditional summit formalities (Schnappes, kiss the girls, take a pee) are dispensed with as we hurry down. The descent was fabulous/horrendous (pick one), the number of muttered oaths per person being:

- (a) directly proportional to the weight of the pack, the number of headplants completed and the amount of snow and mist on glasses and goggles.
- (b) inversely proportional to the height of ski boots used, the width of skis used and the number of days spent practising at a downhill area (after all, Real Mountaineers only use downhill areas as training grounds. Real Men Mountaineers, of course, don't need to practise.)

Suffice it to say, we all made it down and, considering the weather, marvelled at how high we got and how pleasant it is to tour up Cloudburst from Garibaldi.

Party - Martin and Esther Kafer, John Wilkinson, Lisa Baile, Peter Pare, Peter Crawford, Rosanne Konrad, Helen Hapgood, Brian Vezina, Spencer Fitschen, Lorne Johnston, and Frank Baumann (Leader and Reporter).

#### Mt. Ipsoot, 12-13 March

The group skied up to camp in upper Miller Creek in snowy weather. A large campfire was established as is usual on Ross Wyborn trips. There was, however, a noticeable lack of bush. After 10 cm of snow overnight, an attempt was made on the summit on Sunday, but whiteout conditions were encountered 300 m below it. About six people continued on to some unknown point. The ski down was fantastic.

Party - Peter Durnford, Charles Alton, Irene Goldstone, Liz ?, Steve Grant, Mary Prendergast, Harold Rydell, Maria Burda, Tom Moskven, Peter Gumplinger, Albert Souza, Margriet and Ross Wyborn (Leader and Pseudo-Reporter).

#### Mt. Jimmy Jimmy, 19-20 March

The 25 members of the party virtually took over Klahannie restaurant that sunny Saturday morning. Three others present wanted to join our party but two decided to go elsewhere when they found out how many people we had. The leader arrived only a few minutes late, having driven into Squamish to collect the key for the gate.

Our convoy of eleven cars reached the gate on the Ashlu Ck. road only to find a VOC party stopped at the gate. They also planned to climb Jimmy Jimmy but were unaware that there was a gate in the way. After a few minutes debate we decided to let them in with a few strong words about not wanting to have another party on our route. So the convoy of thirteen cars headed up the Ashlu only to be stopped by the manager of the mine at Roaring Ck. a short time later. Another debate - this time over whether or not we should be allowed to drive to the mine. Our numbers probably decided the issue in our favour. Then on to the mine where we parked since the road was blocked by snow only a few hundred metres further on. As we headed off towards Marten Ck. and Jimmy Jimmy, the VOC drove off to ski up a peak on the opposite side of the Ashlu valley.

Our party was soon strung out over several km of logging road but stopped for lunch half way up the clearcut. By the time the last people arrived at the lunch stop the leaders were off again. Higher up the leading group took the wrong logging road, thus allowing the rear guard to catch up so we all arrived at the top of the clearcut, at the edge of Marten Ck., in reasonably close formation.

A steep 200 m later we arrived in a small treeless basin beneath the Jimmy Jimmy glacier. Here we camped but the overabundance of camp sites caused many in the party considerable difficulty in selecting a site. Ross had to survive without a fire! Later on in the afternoon tents were put up, a staircase was cut into a 5 m high overhanging snowbank to reach water in the creek, some toothpickers piddled around on the flats, Tim and Lloyd put in a much appreciated trail up through the open forest on a ridge leading from our campsite to the edge of the glacier, and Harold decided to ski to the water, only to end up in it sprawled on his side.

Next day the party was away at 7:30 with only about 15 minutes separating the first from the last. Within an hour or so, however, the party was spread out over a km or two. Moderately heavy cumulus cloud cover prevented overheating. The long gently sloping glacier was heavily snowed up with not even a trace of a crevasse to be seen. The leading group headed up a false summit again allowing the rear guard to catch up. The true summit was reached around 11 with all 26 people eventually climbing it - this must surely be a record for this seldom-climbed peak. We might have put more people on its summit in one day than the total of all the other parties which have climbed it in the past.

The ski back to camp was extremely leisurely with everyone travelling at their own pace down the powder on the glacier. Near the bottom of the glacier, however, Mary twisted her knee and was soon walking back to camp. Just near camp John demolished both his skis which delaminated in an impressive fashion. This was not a day for the downhillers. From camp it was another leisurely ski back to the cars with everyone again travelling at their own pace, Mary walking and John using her skis. Lower down, thigh-deep snow forced her back onto her skis and John onto the remnants of his.

Soon the convoy was off again to meet a stalled VOC car at the gate. After negotiating the car and the gate it was off to the traditional dinner at Mykonos in Squamish.

Party - Charles Alton, Maria Burda, Gerard Clement, Peter Gumplinger, John Halliday, Helen Hapgood, Mike Hardin, Ehleen and Erich Hinze, Steve Grant, Laura Jasch, Lloyd Jeffrey, Chris Kubinski, Tom Moskven, Peter Parrotta, Mary Prendergast, Helen Row, Tim Ryan, Harold Rydell, Jim Sibley, Albert Souza, Les Suchy, Robin Tivy, Ross Wyborn, Ed Zenger, and Michael Feller (Leader and Reporter).