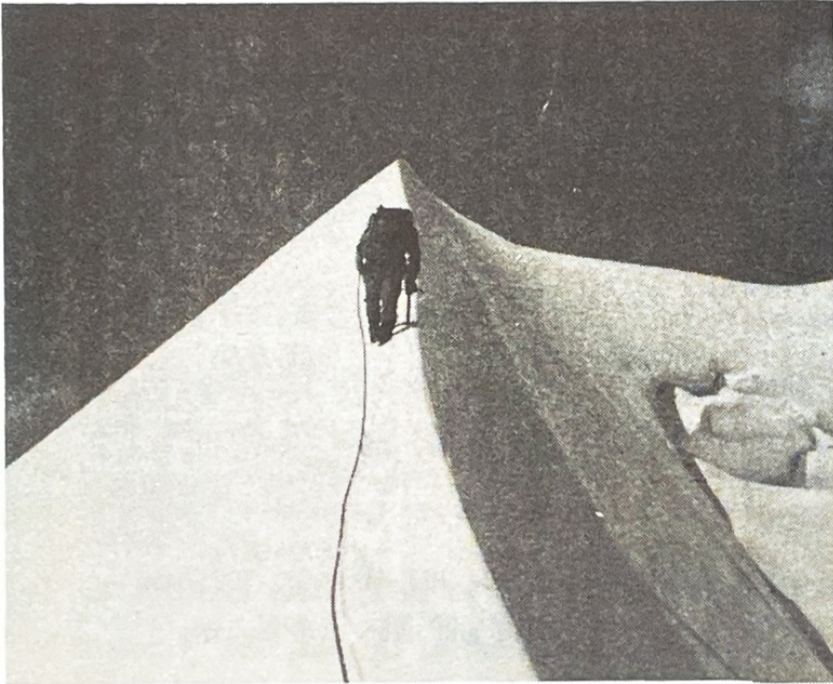


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### SCHEDULED TRIPS:

### LEADER

October 2  
Williams Peak B3/2120 m Martin Kafer 733-0462  
Distance - 15 km, elevation gain - 1670 m, estimated time - 8 hrs., guide 103 Hikes p. 180,  
Beckey (red) p. 122, map - Chilliwack 92H/4 (1:50,000).  
Approach via the trail, thence from the southeast.

October 2  
Tricouni Pk. C2/2135 m Bill Maurer 298-5189  
Distance - 18 km, elevation gain - 1590 m, estimated time - 10 hrs., guide - Culbert p.  
217-218, map - Brandywine Falls 92J/3 (1:50,000)  
Located on Squamish - Cheakamus divide.

October 8 - 10  
Copper Ridge B1/1830 m Ginny Weisse 733-9747  
Distance - 40 km, elevation gain - 1310 m, estimated time - 7 + 7 + 7 hrs., guide -  
Darvill, North Cascades, part 1, p. 68, 101 Hikes In The North Cascades, map - Green Trails  
Mt. Challenger (no. 15) and Mt. Shuksan (no. 14).  
Near the headwaters of the Chilliwack River in Washington. Access probably via Hannegan  
pass.

October 8 - 10  
Cathedral Park C3 Wayne Saunders 434-5125  
Contact leader for further details.

October 8 - 10  
Prusik Pk. B5/2440 m Len Soet (112) 858-9991 (Chilliwack)  
Distance - 25 km, elevation gain - 2040 m, estimated time - 6 + 6 + 6 hrs., guide - Beckey,  
(Brown) p. 274-277.  
In the Cashmere Crags near Leavenworth. Peak will be climbed via the West ridge which  
involves climbing up to 5.7.

October 15 - 16  
Cutthroat Pk. B5/2450 m Dave Hughes 980-6484  
Distance - 6 km, elevation gain - 1250 m, estimated time - 2+8 hrs, guide - Beckey (red) p.  
269, map - Green Trails Washington Pass (no. 50).  
Approach via basin SW of peak then via the west ridge to the summit.

October 16  
Brunswick Mtn. B1/1790 m Frank Foster 987-7684  
Distance - 18 km, elevation gain - 1550 m, estimated time - 8 hrs., guide - 103 Hikes p.  
40, map - Vancouver 92 G/6 (1:50,000).  
Approach via the Brunswick Mtn. fork of the Lions Trail, with views of Howe Sound and  
Georgia Strait.

October 22 - 23  
MacDonald Pk. B2/2225 M Lee Bruch 872-6874  
Distance - 16 km, elevation gain - 1680 m, guide - Culbert p. 119, 103 Hikes p. 182, map -  
Skagit River 92 H/3 (1:50,000).  
Approach via the Radium Lake Trail to the pass between MacDonald and Webb overlooking  
Chilliwack Lake.

October 23  
East Lion C4/1660 m Bill Maurer 298-5189  
Distance - 18 km, elevation gain - 1450 m, estimated time - 9 hrs., guide - Culbert p. 45,  
map - Vancouver North 92G (1:250,000).  
Approach via the Lions Trail then via a route on the SE face to the summit.

October 30  
Squamish Buttress C5 Len Soet 112-858-9991  
(Chilliwack)  
Distance - 2 km, elevation gain - 610 m, estimated time - 9 hrs., guide - Squamish Chief  
climbing guide.  
Rock climbing on the Apron with routes up to 5.6 and A1.

October 30  
Mt. Evans A1/1070 m Howard Moore 734-4234  
Distance - 8 km, elevation gain - 900 m, estimated time - 7 hrs., guide - Culbert p. 71,  
map - Stave Lake 92T G/8 (1:50,000).  
Approach via West Canyon Trail along Gold Ck. in Golden Ears Park.

November 6  
Goat Mtn A2/1400 m Esther Kafer 733-0462  
Distance - 10 km, estimated time - 8 hrs., guide - Culbert p. 38, 103 Hikes p. 18, map -  
Vancouver 92 G/6 (1:50,000).  
Approach from the bottom of the old Grouse Mountain chairlift through the ski area then via  
the trail.

November 11  
 Squamish Chief Al/650 m Audrey Winch 874-1672  
 Distance - 11 km, elevation gain - 600 m, estimated time - 6 hrs., guide - Culbert p. 330,  
 103 Hikes p. 50, map - Squamish 92 G/11 (1:50,000).  
 Easy day trip. If weather is poor, a portion of the Hudson Bay Brigade trail may be  
 attempted.

November 11-13  
 Lizzie Lake area B1 Paul Hannig 435-6042  
 Guide - Exploring the Stein River Valley p. 108-113.  
 More details in the next Newsletter.

### SOCIALS/SLIDE NIGHTS

Tuesday, 11th October at 8 p.m. in the Vancouver Energy Centre, 2150 Maple (near 6th Ave.). Entertainment will be that superb slide show, possibly slides of a canoe trip down the Stikine River by club members.

Tuesday, 8th November at 8 p.m. in the Vancouver Energy Centre, 2150 Maple (near 6th Ave.)  
 This is the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. Entertainment as well.

On the question of socials, the executive is uncertain about where to hold the traditional fall and spring socials. Cecil Green at UBC has been the venue in recent years, but UBC has changed their method of operating Cecil Green such that UBC, and not us, would provide food and drinks, and we would pay more. The question is - would you be prepared to pay up to \$8.00 - \$10.00 for an evening (entrance fee and food) for an evening at Cecil Green? Please let Ehleen Hinze (874-8923) or another member of the executive know how you feel about this.

A possible alternative to the usual fall social is an evening boat trip up Indian Arm, which is currently being investigated by Ehleen. Further details, if any, will be given at monthly meetings and in the next (November) Newsletter.

### MEMBERSHIP:

#### New Members

Jacque Annett, 2340 Jefferson Ave., West Vancouver, B.C.,	922-6896
John Cumberbatch, Bla Barsvagen 23, 90235 Umea, Sweden	
Bob Kandiko, 2217 Lummi Shore Rd., Bellingham, Washington, 98226, USA	(206)758-7481
Michael Margolick, 4457 W. 13th Ave., Vancouver, B.C., V6R 2V2	224-0997
Bob Nelson, 1393 Garvin St., Prince George, B.C., V2M 3Z1	
Duke Shoebottom, 203-7377 Salisbury Ave., Burnaby, B.C., V5E 4B2	524-9920
Dr. Roy Slakov, 4538 W. 14th Ave., Vancouver, B.C.	228-9620

#### Reinstated

Dr. Nelie Johnson, 302-12186, 224th St., Maple Ridge, B.C., V2X 6B6	463-3234
Gary Marcuse, 2318 Marcil, Montreal, Quebec	481-9584

#### Change of Address/Phone No.

Peter Broomfield, 2667 W. 2nd Ave., Vancouver V6K 1K1	
Jan St. Amand, 658 E. 28th Ave., Vancouver, V5V 2N5	
Brian Vezina	874-9471

## Amendments to Membership List

Apologies to Philip Kubik for omitting his name from the membership list -  
Philip Kubik, 1520 Taylor Way, West Vancouver, B.C., V7S 1N4 922-3407

Please check that your address and phone number is both complete and correct. Notify the membership chairman, Evelyn Feller (277-1444) if any changes are necessary.

Changes in procedures for people seeking information about membership in the B.C.M.C.  
Analysis of statistics concerning new club members in the last 12 months shows that 11 people joined as a result of personal contacts, 8 people joined as a result of going on summer camps, 4 people joined as a result of receiving information literature sent to them in mailouts.

In the last 12 months approximately 350 mailouts to 250 people have been sent. This has cost the club about \$250 for a net return of 4 new members. In the past, a person seeking information about membership was sent an initial mailout with 2 subsequent follow-ups at monthly intervals. This was reduced to 1 follow up at the end of last year. In view of increasing costs and the poor return from mailouts, the executive, at their September meeting, decided to eliminate the follow-up mailout. This should save the club about \$80. People seeking information about membership in the B.C.M.C. will now only be sent one mailout.

## MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE NOW DUE FOR 1983/84

Annual dues are:

- \$15.00 - single members
- \$21.00 - couples
- \$ 9.00 - out-of-town single members and junior members
- \$10.00 - out-of-town couples

## WHAT CLUB MEMBERS ARE DOING:

Congratulations are due to Joanne Johannson and John Halliday on the recent birth of their daughter, Kristin Marie.

We also bid bon voyage to Cathy Baxendale who has just returned to England. Hopefully she will find Snowdon to be comparable only to Burnaby Mountain and will return.

## DEADLINES FOR MATERIAL TO BE INCLUDED IN BCMC PUBLICATIONS:

Newsletter - The first Tuesday of the month prior to the month of publication of the Newsletter. Thus, to get material published in the December Newsletter the editor must have the material by the first Tuesday in November.

1984 Mountaineer - Deadline for material to be included in the next Mountaineer is 15 October. Good black and white photos or colour slides (from which we can make such photos) are urgently required. Summer camp reports for 1982 are also urgently required.

## NOTICE OF 1983 BCMC SUMMER CAMP REUNION:

Participants at this year's summer camp, together with their friends, are invited to attend the reunion to be held at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, 28 October, at Jim Craig's house, 4326 Angus Ave., Vancouver (1 block south of King Edward). There will be wine and cheese but bring your own wine.

## CHRISTMAS 1983 SKI CAMP - PRELIMINARY NOTICE:

The BCMC intends to hold a ski camp in North Ck., north of Pemberton, this Christmas, partly to assess the value of the area for a cabin. Large club tents and stoves will be used. A helicopter will be used for access. Anyone interested in participating should contact Harold Rydell (254-7052) or Peter Parrotta (438-9416).

### NOMINATIONS FOR NEXT YEAR'S BC MC EXECUTIVE ARE REQUIRED:

Anyone interested in serving on the executive should let the President, Mark Force, know (521-1375). We will definitely need a new Social Chairman as Ehleen will be retiring. If you are interested in this or any other position, please let Mark know.

### BC MC CONSERVATION COMMITTEE:

As you will see below, there are many things happening at the moment which require us to do something. If you want to get involved, contact John Halliday (530-2571). The next Conservation Committee meeting will be in November. More details in the next Newsletter.

### HELISKIING AND AIRCRAFT ACCESS INTO GARIBALDI PARK:

The BC MC Conservation Committee prepared a petition calling for restrictions on aircraft access into Garibaldi Park. This petition gathered about 650 signatures and was sent by Conservation Chairman, John Halliday, to the government earlier this summer. The response from Mr. Brummet, the Minister of Lands, Parks, Housing, and Environment, is printed below.

"This will acknowledge your petition concerning aircraft access into Garibaldi Provincial Park.

Over a year ago this Ministry applied to the Federal Ministry of Transport for control of aircraft activity in specified provincial parks. Our request was denied. Consequently, my Ministry is looking at ways in which Provincial legislation might be used to authorize the Parks and Outdoor Recreation Division to control aircraft landings in provincial parks. This would enable staff to regulate aircraft activity in those areas where park resources require protection or user conflicts require resolution.

I can assure you that park managers are very much aware of the concerns stated in your petition and, at the present time, Ministry staff are reviewing the specific situation in Garibaldi Provincial Park. There are many issues to be examined and a variety of park users whose interests must be considered.

Thank you for your interest in this matter. I am confident that a satisfactory resolution to this issue will be developed."

On the subject of commercial heliskiing, the Federation of Mountain Clubs of B.C. was sent a copy of an application by the heliski company at Whistler, Mountain Consultants Inc., for a commercial heliski guiding licence in the Whistler-Pemberton area. The company requested no less than 82 runs in most of the areas we currently enjoy, such as Brandywine, Fee, Callaghan, Rainbow, Ipsoot, McGillivray Pass, Tenquille Lake, Overseer - South Ck. area, Thiassi-North Ck. area, Railroad Pass area, as well as their existing runs in the Spearheads with new runs to Russet Lake Cabin and around Cheakamus Mountain.

Your editor prepared a draft submission for the FMCBC opposing 30 of the runs in the areas mentioned above. However, the FMCBC sent off a letter opposing only the runs in Garibaldi Park, one run near Fee, and one run at Tenquille Lake. The BC MC Conservation Chairman and your editor both sent off submissions and your enraged editor is currently attempting to find out what the FMCBC is all about.

## NEWS:

Giardia now in Garibaldi Park: The first recorded case of Giardia from Garibaldi Park has recently appeared. None other than the FMCBC president picked up the disease from the Black Tusk Meadows. So now we can no longer drink the stream water from the meadows. Where will it spread to next?

Please remember that when you go to the toilet, please do so at least 30 m away from any water body. Do not take your pets (dogs) on trips into the mountains. People and dogs are the main cause of contamination of water by Giardia.

Provincial government to decimate the Parks and Outdoor Recreation Division: The provincial government has decided to greatly reduce the size of the Parks and Outdoor Recreation Division, the agency responsible for provincial parks. Head office staff are to be reduced by more than 50% and the 6 provincial regions will be amalgamated into 3 with further loss of staff. Many parks operations will be "privatized". It thus appears that the Parks and Outdoor Recreation Division will be rendered impotent and reduced to caretakers capable of doing little other than basic maintenance.

Cypress Bowl not to be deleted as a park: In the last (August-September) Newsletter we reported that the government had issued a press release stating that Cypress Bowl was to be sold to the private sector, then to be deleted as a provincial park. We should have said that the Cypress Bowl ski area was to be sold to the private sector, then the entire park was to have been deleted, which is how the press release was worded.

Apparently as a result of public pressure, particularly from West Vancouver, the government has since issued 2 more press releases to the effect that after the ski area is sold, the remainder of the park will remain a park. "Only those areas essential to private operation will be removed from the park." It now remains to clarify exactly which areas are considered essential to private operation.

Lake Louise and the 1988 Winter Olympics: From the National and Provincial Parks Association comes the following:

"In 1985 Canadians will celebrate the centennial of Banff National Park, one of Canada's most prestigious national parks. This Rocky Mountain Park was set aside by the Federal Government in 1885 for all Canadians in recognition of its spectacular landscapes and unique natural amenities.

Throughout its history, Banff National Park has been the target of various groups that have sought to commercially exploit the Park. The National and Provincial Parks Association has been active in successfully campaigning against some of these developments. Over the years, the Canadian public has clearly and emphatically stated that they do not want further development of Banff National Park. Unfortunately, once again, our voices must be raised to state our objection to further development in the Park.

In September 1981, the Calgary Olympic Winter Games Organizing Committee (OCO) was successful in its bid to bring the 1988 Winter Games to Calgary. In its presentation to the International Olympic Committee, the OCO stated that the downhill ski events were to be held in Kananaskis Country. Assurances were given that OCO would not attempt to hold the ski events in the national park. In April 1983, the OCO dishonoured this commitment by formally requesting that the Federal Government allow the men's downhill ski race to be held in the park! To date, neither the Federal Government, the Minister of Environment who is responsible for national parks, or Parks Canada have publicly opposed this request.

National parks are established for the benefit of all Canadians. It is time that the Federal Government heard from Canadians that they are opposed to the men's downhill ski event or any event of the 1988 Winter Olympics being held in the Park.

This is a critical issue. Not only does the staging of the Games in the National Park run counter to the promises made, the new ski-runs, the new snow making equipment on the ski hill, the anticipated ancillary development, and the possible twinning of the Trans-Canada Highway to Lake Louise will have further negative impacts on the wildlife and natural

environment of the park. If the Games are allowed to be held in the park it will demonstrate to others that Banff National Park is an area that can be easily exploited by commercial developers.

Please express your concerns to:

Honourable J. Roberts  
Minister of Environment  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0A6

Remember - a letter addressed to a federal Member of Parliament does NOT require a stamp.

Survey shows wildlife interest highest in B.C. with hunters definitely in the minority:  
From a government press release of 29 August -

"British Columbians show a higher interest in wildlife than other Canadians, and lead the country in participation in wildlife-related activities, according to a recently completed survey. The product of a joint effort by the B.C. Ministry of Environment and its counterparts in other provinces, the Canadian Wildlife Service, and several wildlife interest groups, the survey drew information from over 76,000 people across Canada who responded to a questionnaire. Participants were asked to indicate their participation and interest in a range of wildlife-related activities, the types of animals involved, the amount of time and money devoted to these activities, as well as their general attitudes towards wildlife.

Almost every British Columbian (91% of those surveyed) claims to enjoy wildlife-related activities -- with non-hunting activities being most popular. In addition, British Columbia residents spend more time and up to twice as much money per capita pursuing these activities than do residents of any other province.

Other highlights of the study:

72% of B.C. residents (vs. 67% of Canadians) enjoy and encourage wildlife around their homes:

22% of B.C. residents (vs. 19% of Canadians) made outings specifically to view wildlife -- and spend an average of 18 days and \$1000 each (i.e. about \$225 million in total) during the year on hunting trips;

87% of B.C. residents are interested in non-hunting wildlife activities;

24% of B.C. residents are interested in hunting;

Almost 90% of B.C. residents think it is very or fairly important both to maintain wildlife diversity and to preserve endangered species.

The findings of the national study will be combined with more detailed information from two provincial surveys relating to particular wildlife species and areas of the province. All three studies will help wildlife managers in developing programs to accommodate public interests in wildlife.

Copies of the report, entitled "The Importance of Wildlife to Canadians" may be purchased through the Canadian Wildlife Service in Ottawa. Reference copies are available at regional offices of the Ministry of Environment."

Perhaps the results of this survey will encourage the Ministry of Environment to develop wildlife management programs which reflect the interests of the majority of British Columbians, unlike the current wildlife management programs which are geared almost exclusively to the minority group of hunters. Perhaps..., but reason does not seem to prevail in government circles at the moment.

## Banff Mountain Film Festival:

The 8th Mountain Film Festival will be held at the Banff Centre the weekend of November 6-7, 1983. To avoid some of the disappointment from last year, the Banff Centre will provide a pre-booking system. Information on the program and the pre-booking system will not be available until September 1983. Should you want any information on the Mountain Film Festival, please contact the Coordinator, Banff Mountain Film Festival, The Banff Centre, P.O. Box 1020, Banff, Alberta, T0L 0C0, telephone (403) 762-6100.

## TRIP REPORTS:

### Cancelled Trips

Mt. Rainier	1-3 July
Overseer Mtn.	9-10 July
Silver Bluffs	16-17 July
Mt. Redoubt	20-21 August
Mt. Raeburn	27-28 August

### Anderson Lake area, 14-15 May:

Saturday morning we left the cabin for Birkenhead Lake Provincial Park. Taking the 6 miles lake trail we arrived at the settlement at the south end of Birkenhead Lake and from there, followed a road up the Birkenhead River toward Tenquille Lake. A washed out bridge over the Birkenhead prevented further progress so we stopped for lunch. To our amusement, a landrover driven by some UBC types forded the river in front of us. We returned by the Birkenhead Lake trail.

Sunday we headed for Alpine beyond D'Arcy, but the 1800 m climb proved too much for one day.

Party - Günther Hörnig, Einer Hansen, Wally Ketchum, Pat, Briny, Ian Arnot (Leader and Reporter).

### Forbidden Pk., NW Face, 9-10 July:

"Three or four inches of fresh snow at Boston Basin on Friday." The ranger's comment did not bode well for our chances of getting up the N.W. face of Forbidden Pk., especially since Saturday didn't seem to be producing much sun to melt it off. Four of us set off up the trail to Boston Basin at 11:30 anyway. Sometimes one actually gets a break from the fickle weather gods.

Three hours later we were trudging through the fog towards 2400 m Sharkfin col, east of Forbidden. At least that was my hope since the fog had obscured any view of it. At 4 p.m. the rock above looked vaguely familiar to me. We scrambled up the rotten, wet gully and surprisingly enough found that we were in the right place. Not only that, but there was no fog on the other side of the col. After a short rappel, we weaved through some crevasses, crossed the N. ridge on snow at the 2300 m level and at 7:30 arrived at our prospective campsite about 100 m below the col. We should have been greeted by a view of the NW face but fog precluded that. However, on Sunday morning it condescended to give us some brief glimpses before we set off at 6:00 a.m.

We decided to gain the central rib of the face from its left side rather than the right as suggested in the guidebook in order to circumvent possible problems in getting through crevasses. This involved a somewhat wet and dirty rock pitch (5.6) and ploughing through a pitch of 35° snow. The next 5 pitches were largely 5th class (up to 5.7) and more pleasant though occasionally greasy. At this point we regrouped and switched climbing partners to add variety. From there to the west summit, we enjoyed about 8 pitches of delightful 4th and low 5th class rock. By then it was 5 p.m. and the weather had deteriorated from brief sunny spells in the morning to fog and occasional drizzle. After a

brief debate, we elected to descent the W. ridge rather than the technically easier E. ridge route because the latter could easily lead us astray in poor visibility. By the time we reached the trail at 8:30 the rain was constant but very light. All that remained was a seemingly endless slog down the swamp that passes for a trail to the cars. Next day, when I learned that it had rained all day in Vancouver on Sunday, I was able to feel quite smug about having snatched one of the finer climbs accessible to Vancouverites on a weekend.

Party - Einar Hansen, Rimas Gyls, Paul Kubik, Philip Kubik (Leader and Reporter).

#### Wedge Mtn. training climb, 9-10 July:

The leader received no less than 36 requests to go on this trip but limited numbers to the first 20 since, as of the Thursday prior to the trip, only 3 instructors could be found. An additional 4 instructors and some late cancellations resulted in a reasonable ratio of instructors to others.

The weather was inclement throughout the weekend so no peaks were climbed, despite attempts on both Wedge and Weart. The hut was reached by Saturday lunchtime. After lunch one party set out for Weart while the rest practised ice climbing and crevasse rescue techniques on Wedge glacier. On Sunday one party left for Weart, one party for the N ridge of Wedge, and another for the standard route up Wedge. The Weart party ended up practising snow climbing on the Weart glacier, while the 2 Wedge parties both attempted the standard route in the fog. They ended up off-route in a steep gully which required class 4 rock climbing to exit. The 2 leading ropes managed to send sufficient rocks down the gully to frighten off the remaining ropes. All retreated in the fog had rain back to the cabin, then the cars.

Party - Ross McPherson, Steve Green, Loch McDonald, Brad Boyle, Chris Godt, Craig Oliver, Angelo Zappacosta, Steve Fabiszewski, John Cicero, Mike Eder, Rick Schneider, Craig Reis, Pam Mellows, Julian Lash, Nelie Johnson, Brian Waddington, Allan Tse, Tricia Daum.

Instructors - Ed Zenger, Albert Souza, Pat Crean, Ross Wyborn, Frank Baumann, Evelyn and Michael Feller (Leader and Reporter).

#### Mt. Rexford W. ridge, 23-24 July:

After abandoning last minute drop outs, we drove to the roadhead by 10:30 a.m. The walk to the trailhead on the Nesakwatch Ck. road took two hours, and the ascent up the trail and gully to the standard campsite a further four hours in warm weather. Sara and I arose at 7:00 a.m. in cloudy, foggy conditions and were joined by sluggards Steve and Robin at 10:00 a.m. We began our ascent by the standard route at 10:30 and arrived on top at noon. The descent, involving two rappels, took until 1:15 and was via the snow gully leading to the middle section of the West Ridge. At 5:30 we reached the cars in sunshine, to face the crux of the trip - paying exorbitant charges for the use of Robin's car.

Party - Steve Grant, Robin Tivy, Sara Cheney, Anders Ouram (Leader and Reporter).

#### Enchantment Lakes, 30 July - 1 August:

After the usual long-weekend wait at Douglas Border crossing and a 4 hour ride, we arrived at the jam-packed parking lot at the base of the Enchantment Lakes trail. For anyone who wanted to clear out his sweat glands, this was the day! The temperature hovered around 32°C and not exactly ideal for carrying an overnight pack. Camp was reached within 4.5 hours and to our surprise we were the only group to occupy this entire campsite. Most of the people we passed that day were apparently day hikers. The early morning of the next day brought some cloud but the sun did a quick job of dissolving this grey mass and temperatures rose to "normal" levels. How normal those temperatures were, Gunter showed us later in the day after climbing Enchantment Pk. The heat obviously had got to him and by eating snow and walking through every possible stream or puddle he tried to stay cool. Did he succeed? I don't know.

During the night I had as a starsleeper a beautiful little performance by a mice circus. A group of 3 mice artists showed off by long distance jumps and vertical tight rope walking to some of our provision bags. When one finally came to collect his performance fee by opening a granola bar in my footbag, I decided to challenge them by enlarging the distance from tree branch to food pack. They must have been practising somewhere in the backwoods for I did not see them back all night.

Before returning to our cars on the last day of this long weekend, some of us hiked up the ridge on the SE side of Snow Lakes and did some scrambling by scaling some interesting looking pinnacles. The day was again very clear and Mt. Rainier and Mt. Hood could be seen.

Party - Erna Burda, Günter Hörnig, Andree, Roland and Michelle Stefani, Lee Bruch, Ginny Weisse, Rene and Mrs. Torn, Sev Heiberg, Frank, Theo Mosterman (Leader and Reporter).

Welch Pk., 31 July:

We started up the Williamson Lake trail at 8 in the morning under bright sunny skies. The trail was in good condition allowing quick access to the lake. There were a few parties camped at the lake which still had snow around it. We climbed over the moraine and then used our ice axes to help us up over the snow fields to the base of the rock. The rock was rotten with helmets being a good idea especially for larger parties. This climb seems more like 4th class than 3rd. There is definitely enough exposure to warrant roping up for the average party. We saw a few mountain goats and got very close to a young one grazing on the sparse grassy patches. We had spectacular views of the whole Cheam range from the summit. After an enjoyable glissade down the snow we arrived back at the cars 9 hours after we started.

Party - Aristotle Azad, Lloyd Jeffrey, Bill Maurer (Leader and Reporter)

Some of the trail work for 1983, June-August:

The Brothers' Creek trail (waterfalls, big cedars, three bridges, two lakes) had my attention after we nearly got lost on it during a winter hike. We put up extra markers and signs. An EBAP crew worked on it: a new bridge (No. 1) replaced the old one.

In June, I had a look at the Lions trail (Harvey Creek). It had suffered badly from snow pressure, water run off and traffic running wild, brought on by snow-enforced detours. We had received 300 Western Hemlock seedlings from the B.C. Forest Service - and a lift to the 700 m elevation through the efforts of our friend, Nancy, at the Squamish Ranger Station. However, we had to wait another six weeks before planting them because of the snow cover. They will eventually grace some of the denuded slopes of the 100 m elevation. During June, we also cut all the windfalls - mainly on the section above the Harvey Creek crossing.

The Club's work-bee week-ends on 6-7 August and 13-14 August saw more activity - somewhat restricted by the participation by actual members of the BCMC being limited to 2-3! The usual familiar faces.

We did not quite achieve our pre-set goal. However, we managed to put in more steps, did some grubbing, and bridged the worst muddy section. There is now even an Australian section! More work has to be done and while I write this a cache of tools at the 1100 m. elevation is waiting ... "One day per year per club member" (is this asking too much?) would do wonders on many trails.

Hugo again provided transportation. So did the Parks Branch (coming in from Cypress Bowl and Alice Lake depots) on both occasions, and in both directions. All this help was greatly appreciated.

The Lions Bay residents are worried about some inconsiderate hikers polluting their drinking water while crossing Alberta and Harvey Creeks. We have assured them of our cooperation; additional signs have been installed.

Volunteers were: Hugo Stead, Peter and Terry Watson, Arnold Shives and family, Roberta Pauls, Evelyn Feller, Lee Bruch, June Binkert, Jenny Cairns, Ruth McLaren, Brian Waddington, Gabriel Mazoret, Larry Emrick, John Oldham, Jennifer Wright, Angelo Zappacosta, Marie and Mike Steele, Paul Binkert (Leader and Reporter).

#### Mt. Torment, 13-14 August:

Erich, Ehleen, Tim, Patrick and I decided that we'd like to do it in a day. We left Vancouver bright and early at 2:30 a.m. The drive down took 3 1/2 hours with us starting up the trail at 6:00 a.m. The hike to Boston Basin took about 1 1/2 hrs. The weather was overcast but improving. From Boston Basin we traversed left to the Torment Glacier and the SE face. We met Mark, Albert, Theo, Cathy, Mike, and Evelyn negotiating the moat around 10:00 a.m. They had arrived on the 13th to do the overnight camp as scheduled. The moat was a big schrund in a gully leading on to the face. The ice above was clinging perilously to the rock and looked like it could give way any minute. Albert and Theo started up first and Cathy and I followed. The others decided to remain behind and have a relaxing afternoon in Boston Basin.

As they were watching us climb, a marmot crossed the entire Torment Glacier and begged for food. He even ate out of Evelyn's hand.

We managed to find a route on the left hand side directly under the ice. We roped up and did 4 pitches roped before scrambling to the summit on rotten rock. There are actually 2 summits very close in height. Albert and Theo climbed the south peak while Cathy and I climbed the north. There was a summit register left by the Mountaineers on the north summit but the south summit definitely looked higher. We scrambled back down the upper part of the face. Four rappels (50 m rope) got us back to the glacier. A giant ice block crashed down into the moat no more than 5 minutes after we crossed, completely obliterating the route. A fine weekend in good weather.

Party - Cathy Baxendale, Evelyn and Michael Feller, Albert Souza, Theo Mosterman, Tim Shannon, Patrick Hanson, Ehleen and Erich Hinze, Bill Maurer (Leader and Reporter).

#### Mt. Rahm, 20-21 August:

We camped at a nice little lake on the ridge N. of Mt. Rahm at approximately 1900 m. We left camp at 6:30 and walked along the ridge that leads to the N. Buttress. Where the ridge narrows we rapelled onto the glacier west of the ridge and cramponed up the frozen snow and ice. Most climbers went around the Bergschrund on the E. side on rock and a couple climbed up a rock rib in the centre of the glacier and then up a 45-50° ice pitch. All were on top after 4 hr. We stayed on top 2 hrs. It didn't take Karl long to fall asleep and drive Jan crazy with his snoring. We took more or less the same route back to the lake where most people took a dive to cool off. After everybody packed up and took a last look at our "impressive" route. We crashed through the bush down to the car (45 min.). This route is an ideal club trip for combined class 4 ice and rock climbing.

Party - Ehleen and Erich Hinze, Cathy Baxendale, Howard Scotney, Jan St. Amand, B. Parks, Karl Ricker, Paul Hannig, Tricia Daum-Zenger, and Ed Zenger (Leader and Reporter).

### Mt. Lindeman, 21 August

The group meet at Bella Vista Cafe on the Chilliwack River Rd. at 9:00 a.m. The gate has been removed from the Centre Creek road as logging operations have ceased. The cars were parked 1 1/2 km from the end of the road and the route followed on the north side of Centre Creek through mature timber and then across some avalanche swaths. It took 2 hrs. to reach the alpine meadows and then another 2 to the summit. The views were spectacular with Glacier Peak and the Anderson River Peaks visible in the distance. Everybody was back at the cars at 5. All in all, a very enjoyable trip.

Party - Mark Force, Ed Kerson, Joany Branger, Harold Rydell, Albert Souza (Leader and Reporter).

### Liumchen Ridge, 21 August:

The logging road on the west side of Church Ck. was in excellent shape, still without a gate and drivable to about 1200 m. The trail leading up to the foot of Baldy Mtn. was in reasonable condition. There was a short bushwhack to the top, then an obscure track along the ridge to the col between Baldy and point 5576. Then a bushwhack down to a meadow and remnants of a log cabin, picking up the trail back to the "viewpoint", then finally the logging road and cars. Everybody enjoyed the trip which is ideal for mature groups.

Party - Joan Ford, Art Dellow, Sev Heiberg, Mike Strudwick, Bill Hobeck (Leader and Reporter).

### Monte Cristo, 27-28 August:

Three previous attempts on Monte Cristo all followed an identical pattern. Perfect weather on Saturday to lure one into the mountains and torrential rain on Sunday resulting in a hasty and sodden retreat. Success on this peak would obviously only occur after elaborate and sophisticated planning. Therefore, after agonizing over John Paschold's forecast of "there will be weather this weekend" it was decided only drastic measures would work. Drastic measures took the form of a one-day trip necessitating a 3:30 a.m. departure. As expected, interest in the trip by all but one of the prospective participants evaporated. We arrived at Barlow Pass only to find a gate across the road. This added an additional 13 km to the trip. The weather was deteriorating when we reached Glacier Basin at 9:30 a.m. The ascent was uneventful and on arrival at the summit it began to rain. We descended in short order.

I awoke Sunday morning to the familiar pound of rain and felt vindicated. For once the right decision had been made.

Party - Brian Waddington, Erich Hinze, Ehleen Hinze (Leader and Reporter).