

**KOOTENAY
MOUNTAINEERING
CLUB**

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359-7759

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News-Letter



Happy New Year

K.M.C. WINTER TRIPS

Carl Johnson -

Jan 10	Benshaw Trail	XC	Bob Hammond	368-7776
Jan 17	Salmo Creston Summit	XC-A	Phil Whitfield	352-9936
Jan 24	Record Ridge	A	Don Mousseau	362-9549
Jan 31	Old Glory	A	Steve Horwath	362-5365
Feb 7	Dominion Mtn.	XC	Ken Holmes	362-7723
Febr. 14	Granite to Old Glory	A	Eric Norton	362-5813

Please contact the trip leader well in advance, to confirm that the trip is taking place.

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SOCIAL EVENTS

Dave Adams -

January 15/82 at 7.30 - A Slide show of the 1981 Summer Camps, at the Nordic Hall in Castlegar.

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February 12/82 - Evening - Don't forget to phone Dave Adams about the Mystery Tour; 365-6430

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A special THANK YOU goes to Annelies Anderson and Family who for the past few years have printed, labeled and distributed the newsletter. They now wish to retire and luckily found a replacement thanks to Don & Lola Mousseau who accepted to continue.,

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The Editor -

The intended Xmas gift for our honorable members of parliament concerning the proposed Valhalla park was a 90% disappointment and failure.

Therefore my sincere Thanks for supporting this venture does certainly not include you, or you and least of all y o u ...

Climbing Camp Meeting -

"Where do you want to go for Climbing Camp this year?" will be the topic at the meeting set for Wednesday, Feb. 3, 1982 at the Hamiltons' in Castlegar. Please attend & bring your suggestions, if unable to come call in your suggestions to 368-9429 (after 6:00).

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ALPINE SKIING

Peter McIver -

Good News Alpine Skiers!!!

The K.M.C. has finally achieved its objective and brought both Red Mountain Ski Club and Whitewater Ski Society under its control!

The Whitewater Division will be controlled by Howie Ridge, the president, while the Red Mountain group has as its new president, Bert Port.

Unfortunately our club, which had assets of about \$4000.00 prior to these acquisitions has now the monstrous task of overcoming bank loans and bond issues totalling about \$ 2 million.....

Bob Dean has a simple solution however. The ski clubs will in future follow the K.M.C. example and keep membership costs static for seven years. "More money just encourages waste" says Bob, who advocates shutting down all lifts during weekends, serving fruit juice in the bar and granola instead of "barbi-burgers".

The Editor -

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Thank Goodness I managed to get the new typewriter for the Club just in time. Its a Brother Pro-7800/Correct-O-Ball, and I am using it for the first time while writing these lines.

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NEW BOOKS IN THE K.M.C. LIBRARY located at the Ports
2713-10th Ave., Castlegar, B.C.

The ascent of Rum Doodle, by W.E. Bowman
The fantastic story of the epic ascent of the highest mountain of them all. Reprint of the 1956 edition.

Scrambles amongst the alps in the years 1860 -'69, by Edward Whymper
Paperback reprint of the 1871 classic.

The last blue mountain, by Ralph Barker
Another classic of mountaineering literature. The account of a disaster on a peak in the Karakoram, and of the heroic and frustrating rescue attempts. Reprint of the 1959 edition.

Gervasutti climbs, by Guisto Gervasutti
Autobiography of one of the leading Italian climbers of the 1930's who made the first ascents of some of the finest routes in the western Alps. This is an absorbing account of the mountaineering feats of this very articulate and introspective mountaineer. Reprint of the first English edition, 1957.

Games climbers play, edited by Ken Wilson
A hundred articles and stories from American and British journals of this century. Provides hours of delightful reading. First published in 1978.

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PARKS LIAISON COMMITTEE

Peter McIver -

ON NOV. 16/81 six K.M.C. members met with Dennis Herman and Phil Whitfield (Parks) at the Ridges house.

Subject discussed included;

-Slocan Chief booking system: The deadline of Nov. 1 resulted in some unsuccessful applications including those of the K.M.C. and A.C.C, while some private individuals got 2 separate weeks. Parks will investigate and try to resolve this.

-Silver Spray Cabin: several minor suggestions.

Helicopter use in parks: moves made by Parks Branch to obtain control following agreement between Federal & Provincial governments.

Slocan

a) Little Slocan Lakes road closure - K.M.C. will approach Forest Service.

b) Bannochburn Road: no further information - verbal advice that Forest Service will build a bypass around the private land and hence overcome the locked gate. Members are urged to make private representation to the Forest Service in Castlegar.

c) Valhalla Park Proposal: "multiple use" in the N section (New Denver Creek and North) appears to be emerging. The K.M.C. feels that the northern portion should not be traded off to obtain a park in the South.

Ben Shaw Cross Country Ski Society"

The Societies cabin is located on Forest service property. The Society is attempting to obtain an exclusive lease, which would prevent public use of the cabin. The position of the society and the parks branch are

- Whitfield discussed Ben Shaw Society's lease application with Lands and Housing Division and Forest Service (Doug Leavers), 81.11.18. Shelter is presently under Forest Service Special Use Permit which grants no exclusive rights. Such Permits are routinely now being turned over to Lands and Housing as "non-forest uses", but Lands leases do grant exclusive rights - and cost more. Parks and Forest Service do not favour "privatization" of hitherto publicly accessible recreation facilities, but we agree that it is unfair to expect the Society to provide public facilities unassisted. Doug will look into having the Forest Service either take over the shelter itself or provide further assistance to the Society. In the meantime, we are both requesting Lands and Housing to waive the November 29 deadline and open the situation for a collective solution.

BEN SHAW X-COUNTRY SKI SOCIETY

Ben Shaw Ski Club
Box 313, Trail, B.C.
November 8, 1981

Dear Members:

This may be the last newsletter our organization sends. Whether it will be or not, DEPENDS UPON YOU!

Last week the Ministry of Lands, Parks and Housing responded to the Society's application for a lease of the land upon which our shelter sits. They have accepted our application. In order for the Ben Shaw X-C.S.S. to satisfy the terms and conditions of the Ministry's lease proposal, we must:

1. Pay them five years rent in full before November 29, 1981, in the amount of \$350.00.
2. Pay \$100.00 to the Ministry of Lands, Parks and Housing to defray the administrative costs they claim to have incurred on our behalf, by November 29, 1981.
3. Buy a third-party liability Insurance policy in the amount of, at least, \$1,000,000.00, to cover any injury that anyone might conceivably incur upon the leasehold in question.

In return for these considerations, it appears that Ben Shaw members will have a right to consider the shelter as their own, and reserved to the use of members in good standing, in so far as this concept is enforceable, with the proviso that there be no limitation on membership in the Society. ---- HOWEVER, ----

The bank balance of the Ben Shaw Society currently stands at approximately \$55.00, of which the President is owed \$100.00 for the plastic used to recover the shelters this year. This does not represent mismanagement of your funds, but rather an attempt to pay as we go for such items as Club badges and pins, legal fees, and taxes. ---- SO IT IS UP TO YOU! ----

If we do not, or are not able to assume the lease currently offered us, it is virtually certain that the shelter will be removed, and that the Society will be charged for its removal; forcing us into bankruptcy. The trails will remain to be skied, but there will be none of the amenities at the end of the trail.

If the shelter is important to you, or if the Society is, it is imperative that your 1981-82 membership dues be mailed into Box 313, Trail, B.C., immediately. Make sure your complete address is written on your cheque or money order, and a receipt and your badges will be mailed to you. Rossland members may contact Georgina Glover at 362-5102, or Box 686, Rossland, B.C., VOG 1Y0, and receipts and badges will be given out or sent out.

FURTHERMORE, it is imperative that your X-Country friends and acquaintances be encouraged to join the Society, and that they mail in their dues before the third week in November. Memberships are still: \$10.00 -single; \$16.00 per couple; plus \$3.00 per child for families. Ski season membership is from November 1st - November 1st, of the following year. Our immediate cash requirement is \$700.00.

Hoping to see you soon, on the trails.

Sincerely,
Don Jardine, President

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NEWSLETTER

THE ALPINE CLUB OF CANADA

Canada's National Mountaineering Club

SEND
TO

Mr Peter Fuhrmann, Banff Section Chairman
Mr Mike Mortimer, Calgary Section Chairman
Ms Ursula von Maydell, Edmonton Section Chairman
Mr Don Serl, Vancouver Section Chairman
Mr Karel Hartman, Vancouver Island Section Chairman

FROM

Ron Matthews, Club Manager

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DATE

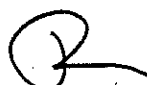
SUBJECT

Avalanche Transceivers

I would like to inform you that avalanche transceivers are for sale in the Banff office at a cost of \$80.00 plus postage. The unit is the Echo II built by the Ramer Corporation in Golden, Colorado. This is the same unit that was used last year.

These units are for sale only to Alpine Club of Canada members and not, unfortunately, to Section affiliates.

Yours sincerely,


Ron Matthews,
Club Manager

RM/sk

cc: ~~Kootenay~~ Mountaineers
Kelowna Mountaineers
Kamloops Mountaineers

REPLY

I suggest that you advertise the transceivers in the Alpine Club journal which is read by Alpine Club members.

Sincerely

Anne Dean

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Editor of the K.M.C. Newsletter

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AVALANCHE NEWS NO. 7
October 1981

EDITORIAL NOTE

The intention of AVALANCHE NEWS is to assist communication between persons and organizations engaged in snow avalanche work in Canada. Short articles cover reports of accidents, upcoming and past events, new techniques and equipment, publications, personal news, activities or organizations concerned with avalanche safety, education and research. Contributions are expected from the readers.

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OCTOBER 1981 No. 7

HOW TO HANDLE FROSTBITE AND HYPOTHERMIA



Cold is usually just a minor discomfort, but it can become life and limb threatening if it leads to the cold weather hazards frostbite and hypothermia. Both can sneak up so slowly the victim doesn't notice their onset—one good reason for using a buddy system for extended time outdoors during activities such as snow sports.

Frostbite, the most common injury resulting from exposure to the cold, occurs when ice crystals form in the fluids and underlying soft tissues of the skin. The nose, cheeks, ears, fingers and toes are the most common areas for frostbite. Frostbite is accelerated by wind and humidity. The person who has had frostbite once is more susceptible to it again than someone who has never had it before.

Just before frostbite develops the skin may look slightly flushed. As it develops the skin becomes white or grayish-yellow. Pain is sometimes felt early but later disappears.

The American Red Cross suggests you take the following steps to help someone suffering from frostbite. Protect the frozen area from further injury by covering it up and if possible providing extra clothing or blankets. Bring the victim indoors as soon as possible. Give him something warm to drink, but not alcoholic.

Rewarm the frozen part quickly by immersing it in warm but not hot water. Pour some water over the inner surface of your forearm to test it. If warm water is not available or practical, wrap the frostbitten part gently in

a sheet and warm blankets. Do not rub it; that could cause gangrene.

If the affected part has been thawed and refrozen, it should be warmed at room temperature.

Obtain medical assistance as soon as possible.

Hypothermia is low internal temperature. The temperature of the body core rather than skin temperature is important. If not treated, hypothermia can lead to death. Even on a nice 50 F day, a person may show signs of hypothermia. And if a person gets wet, hypothermia can occur very quickly.

Hypothermia's symptoms begin with shivering and numbness and eventually lead to stupor and unconsciousness.

The Red Cross suggests these first aid steps for someone suffering from hypothermia. Give artificial respiration if necessary. Bring the victim into a warm room as quickly as possible. Remove wet or frozen clothing and anything else that is constricting.

To rewarm the victim wrap him or her in warm blankets or place in a tub of warm, but not hot, water. If the victim is conscious, give him nonalcoholic hot liquids. Obtain medical assistance.

Urban hypothermia is the name given to the hypothermia that strikes mostly elderly people and young children indoors. Elderly people especially should try to keep indoor temperatures warm enough and to wear adequate clothing. ■



WIND CHILL INDEX

WIND SPEED MPH	WHAT THE THERMOMETER READS (degrees F.)											
	50	40	30	20	10	0	-10	-20	-30	-40	-50	-60
	WHAT IT EQUALS IN ITS EFFECT ON EXPOSED FLESH											
CALM	50	40	30	20	10	0	-10	-20	30	40	50	60
5	48	37	27	16	6	-5	-15	26	36	47	57	68
10	40	28	16	4	-9	-21	-33	-46	-58	-70	-82	-94
15	36	22	9	-5	-18	-36	-45	-58	-72	-85	-99	-112
20	32	18	4	-10	-25	-39	-53	-67	-82	-96	-110	-124
25	30	16	0	-15	-29	-44	-59	-74	-89	-104	-118	-133
30	28	13	-2	-18	-33	-48	-63	-79	-94	-109	-125	-140
35	27	11	-4	-20	-35	-49	-67	-82	-98	-113	-129	-145
40	26	10	-6	-21	-37	-53	-69	-85	-100	-116	-132	-148

Little danger if properly clothed

Danger of freezing exposed flesh

Source: U. S. Army

Earl Jorgensen

A planning Meeting is called for on Friday, Febr. 12/82 at Earl Jorgensen's Home, 424 6th Street, Nelson, at 7.30 p.m., for the purpose of selecting location and dates of camp.

Mike Brewster, Joan Harvey, Jim Kienholz, Bob Perchie, Peggy Le-Page, John Stewart, Elizabeth Wallaeh, are some of the people who may be present at the meeting.

If you cannot attend but would like to contribute, give any of the above people a call with your suggestions.

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SOCIAL EVENTS

Dave Adams -

The Mystery Tour on February 12/82 - phone Dave at 365-6430

A Slide Show "Eric Norton in Peru" will be held on February 19/82 at 7.30 p.m., at the Nordic Hall in Castlegar.

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TRIP SCHEDULE

Carl Johnson -

Feb 7 Dominion Mtn.	XG	Ken Holmes	362-7723
Feb 14 Granite to old Glory	A	Eric Norton	362-5813
Feb 21 Silver King-Toad Mtn.	XG	Jack Steed	352-2196
Feb 28 Mt. Brennen (change of Leader)	A	Ken Holmes	362-7723
Mar 7 Ymir Creek, snowshoes	XG	Carl Johnson	354-4075
Mar 13 Evening Ridge on Apex Creek	A	Howie Ridge	352-9658
Mar 21 Retallac Area	XG	Jim McLaren	353-7170

Please contact the trip leader well in advance, to confirm that the trip is taking place. Note - that if a person arrives not properly prepared for a trip the leader has the right to turn him or her back before starting.

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Eric Norton will demonstrate the new club radio to anyone who is interested on the evening of Thursday, February 25th. Phone 362-5813 if you plan to attend.

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WANTED: Good quality 100 cm. children's skis only.
Phone Howie Ridge at 352-9658

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1982 K.M.C. MEMBERSHIP LIST

Anderson, Ron & Annelies	300 Willow Dr.	Trail, .	VIR 2M7	368-5970
Andrews, Craig	10th Avenue	Castlegar		
Baker, Stan & Nancy	Box 5	South Slocan	VOG 2G0	359-7346
Butling, Helen	RR# 1	Nelson,	VIL 5P4	825-4384
Carter, John	RR# 2	Nelson,	VIL 5P5	352-2383
Cruikshank, Larry	460 Columbia Ave.	Castlegar	VIN IG7	
Dean, Bob & Anne	Box 38	Crescent Valley	VOG IHO	359-7759
Deane, Ritchie & Fiona	Box 1133	Rossland	VOG IYO	362-5047
Hamilton, Ian & Roberta	955 7th Ave	Castlegar	VIN IS2	365-6749
Johnson, Carl	RR# 1	Nelson	VIL 5P4	354-4075
Jorgensen, Earl & Fam.	424 6th St.	Nelson	VIL 2Y3	352-7775
Kenyon, Graham & Jill	Box 32	Rossland	VOG IYO	362-5459
King, Peter & Sandy	817 Carbonate St.	Nelson	VIL 4R2	
LePage, Peggy & Perchie, Bob	1018 Stanley St.	Nelson	VIL IP9	352-6867
Moule, Derek & Woodsworth, Margaret	RR#2 Blewett	Nelson	VIL 5P5	352-9605
Mousseau, Don & Lola	Box 753	Rossland	VOG IYO	362-9549
Norton, Eric	Box 1078	Rossland	VOG IYO	362-5813
Norton, Julie	693B Rossland Ave.	Trail	VIR 3N2	368-9429
Offermann, Dieter	RR#1 Johnstone Rd.	Nelson	VIL 5P4	352-2756
Port, Bert & Sue	2713 10th Ave.	Castlegar	VIN 3A5	365-6056
Ridge, Howie & Pat	524 West Innes St.	Nelson	VIL 3J3	352-9658
Schramm, Carolyn & Fam.	Argenta, B.C.		VOG IBO	366-4201
Staples, Gary	Box 278	Montrose	VOG IPO	367-9154
Steed, Jack & Jane	RR# 1	Nelson	VIL 5P4	352-1196
Walker, Valerie & Mike	Box 787	Rossland,	VOG IYO	362-5841
Wallach, Elizabeth	RR#3	Nelson	VIL 5P6	825-9910
Willans Derek	1704 Topping St.	Trail	VIR 4G3	368-3772
Wood, Peter & Ann	Box 73	South Slocan	VOG 2G0	359-7107
Joseph, Albert & Johanne	1489 Lookout St.	Trail	VIR 3P7	368-8620

I was recently asked to publish a Membership List!
 This is a list of paid up members for 1982
 I will use this opportunity to remind all other members to pay
 their membership dues, Single \$ 7.00 - Family \$ 10.00
 and send to: Bob Dean, Box 38, Crescent Valley, B.C. VOG IHO

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Report of KMC Parks Liaison Committee

South Slocan, January 18, 1982

This committee has been meeting regularly under the capable leadership of Ian Hamilton, chairman. Attending this meeting were Ian, Helen Butling, Peter Wood, Ann Wood, Pat Ridge, Stan Baker, Doug Leavers (Forests Recreation), and Phil Whitfield (Parks Outdoor Recreation, and committee secretary). All members of the committee are KMC members.

Despite Peter McIver's absence, discussion at the meeting was spirited and thought-provoking. Some of the items discussed were:

1. Use of the Ben Shaw recreational area has been resolved via an agreement worked by the club and Forestry; use will be under the original terms with the Forestry and club assuming certain maintenance responsibilities each. The upper cabin will remain the responsibility of the Ben Shaw ski club.
2. Ian outlined the KMC huts/trails policy; no more cabins will be built but members will continue to contribute to maintenance of existing cabins, and trails outside the parks.
3. The original Slocan Chief Cabin record books are being returned to Helen Butling and the KMC library by the Parks Department.
4. Helen made the following recommendations regarding booking the Slocan Chief cabin: that, applicants send a written request by November 1, only one week long reservations be allowed, no commercial organizations be allowed to book the cabin. The concept of a full-time hutkeeper via a cooperative agreement was also discussed.
5. The situation regarding the gates on the Little Slocan Lakes road remains unresolved. However, Bannockburn Road was repaired to 4-wheel drive standard last fall by Slocan Forest Products under Section 88 of the Forest Act.
6. KMC will assist with inventory of trails in the region by providing previously collected information to Doug Leavers. KMC members are asked to provide any current information re. trails to Doug. A suggestion was made to reopen the old Ben Shaw trail from Nancy Greene Lake down Big Sheep Creek to Santa Rosa Ranch. This could be a club project.
7. An enquiry made regarding increased membership on this committee to include other outdoor recreation groups was met with the opinion that KMC is not interested at this time.

That's all, folks!