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A Tribute to Richard and Kayla

Russ Moir

Two of our dearest friends have 'absconded' over the water, to that big city under the mountains. Richard and Kayla have made themselves such a familiar, warm and generous part of our club that we'll sorely miss them. What do you say about such a pair? Well they really are a pair, the proverbial couple. Obviously caring for and loving each other, they still leave plenty of their attention and energy for others. For those who shared their wedding celebration in March it was a thrill to see them acknowledging each other among their family and friends. Kayla and I worked, laughed and stuck stamps together over several years to put out the Bushwhacker. She was **COMPETENT** to say the very least. She brought all her administrative skills from her career to focus on turning out a journal to be proud of and she made it ever clear that she aimed to put out the **BEST** that she could do, and it was. Yet she doesn't intimidate. She cares and shares with her co-workers, encourages their skills (whatever), and she smiles as she does it. The regular Bushwhacker meetings (as Martin and Mike will attest) were easy going but smoothly efficient sessions. She's the most enthusiastic of mountaineers, with an encyclopedic knowledge of BC's wild places built up over her frequent sorties with Richard in the big, green machine. Though illness has reduced her range of trips, she's steadfastly plugged away to do whatever she can without a sound of complaint. It's always been my great pleasure to go around to their home after one of their annual Rockies trips and to listen to the joy with which she describes their photos.

Richard, in his own calm, quiet manner, matches Kayla's character. I've grown to value his thought-filled comments on this and that, never tainted with the slightest acrimony. Wherever and whenever things need doing in the outdoor scene, Richard gives his time and energy without any sense of his efforts being onerous. As well as all he's done for the club, he's helped steer the Outdoor Club for many

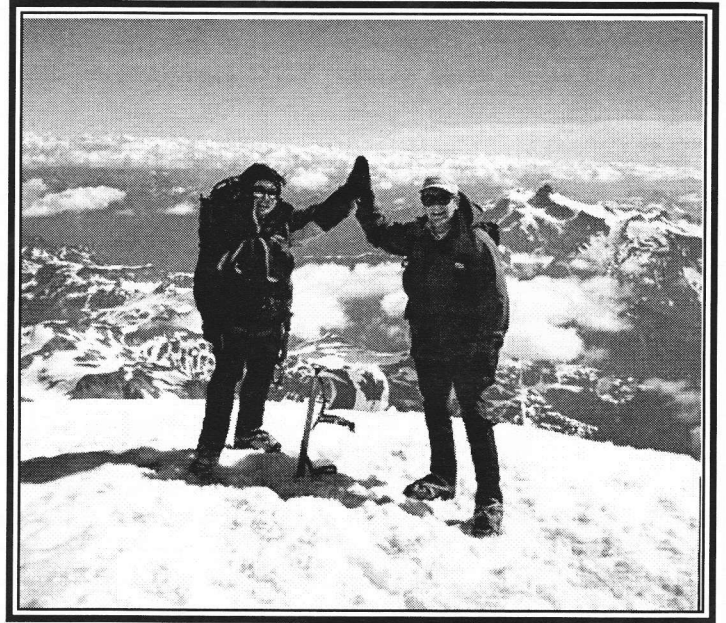
Woman of Distinction - Katherine Brandt-Wells

Excerpts from Focus on Women 2001

Times Colonist, May 11, 2001

Anita Vaughn

Victoria's Katherine Brandt-Wells was this year's recipient of the Active Living Award at the 2001 Women of Distinction awards. A courageous wellness advocate, closely involved with the Canadian Diabetes Association, Katherine developed Type 1



Kayla and Richard on Mt Baker

years and been a director of the FMCBC, supporting our local needs in the bigger provincial picture. When I've phoned him up to go out on a last minute trip his boyish enthusiasm reminded me of my own bouncy reactions as a teenager. I know he'll keep this joie de vivre for years to come, especially in his new location so close to the Coast Range. If I've painted too glowing a portrait of two dear friends well that's bloody well what they **ARE** like! So for me, I'm going to make it a part of my scene to keep in touch with them and to make sure I take time to join them in the hills whenever their busy schedule allows. Have fun Richard and Kayla as you know how to do. We'll think of you fondly in your new life 'over there'; the water isn't that wide or deep.

diabetes after undergoing brain surgery to cure epilepsy. She has been a role model to newly diagnosed patients, combining an active healthy lifestyle with the use of the innovative insulin pump therapy. Katherine was part of the IDEAS 2000 international diabetic team which conducted an expedition to Mt Aconcagua in Argentina last winter to raise world awareness about diabetes. Aconcagua is the highest mountain in both the Western and Southern Hemispheres. Katherine successfully reached the summit and has given several presentations about her adventures since her return. She continues to provide inspiration for other young diabetics.

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VI SECTION NEWS & REPORTS

Come to the AGM

When: December 5 at 7:30 pm

Where: UVIC Faculty Club

An excellent opportunity to participate in club affairs including the election of next year's executive.

The AGM is a time of :

- appreciation - of those who have served on the current year's executive;
- encouragement - to members and especially younger members to step forward and become active ; and
- importance - as your input will help the new executive for another year.

SO - Come to the AGM. There will be a slide show by Russ Moir and a short talk by Pat Harrison from the FMCBC following the SHORT business session.

Library And Archives

The VI Section Library can be accessed by visiting the library 477-8596 or by e-mail (holm@telus.net)

Newly Donated Books:

BC-MOE map, 1995. "Geology of Strathcona Park" (V&J Holm)

Bonnington, Chris, 1977. "Everest the Hard Way" (Lindsay Elms)

Gammelgaard, Lene, 1999. "Climbing High" (Gil Parker)

Gervasutti, Giusto, 1978. "Gervasutti's Climbs" (Lindsay Elms)

Kropp, Goran, 1999. "Ultimate High, My Everest Odyssey" (Gil Parker)

Parker, Gil, 2001. "Aware of the Mountain, Mountaineering as Yoga"

Scott, Chic, 2000. "Pushing the Limits" (donated by Gil Parker)

Sherman, Paddy, 1979. "Cloud Walkers" (Lindsay Elms)

Coast Mountaineering Archives Committee Update

Lindsay Elms/Judy Holm

Under the direction of Liz Scremin (Vancouver Section chair), the Vancouver, Vancouver Island and Whistler sections of the ACC are continuing to discuss a partnership with the Whistler Museum & Archives and Whistler Library to add "Coast Mountaineering" to their official mandate and to provide a home for the sections' artifacts and archival materials. In two to three year's time the Whistler Museum/Archives/Library will be moving into a new building with four times the floor space. Judy Holm has been negotiating on our section's behalf.

Judy and I have thrown around a few ideas; however, we would like to receive feedback and direction from other members on what we should do with our archival documents, currently stored at the Holm's residence. As time goes on, and the volume increases, it is inevitable that we will need to find a more permanent storage location. Do we want our section records, articles, photos and artifacts kept informally on the Island where we have complete control over them? Do we want to move toward something more permanent on the Island, perhaps in conjunction with a museum, BC Parks, Mt. Washington, or Strathcona Park Lodge? Or should we keep copies for the Section archives and give the originals to the new Whistler Museum, a secure home where our archives would be catalogued, data-based and, eventually, accessible on-line. However, they would likely have to be given on permanent loan and therefore be hard to get back. Judy will be keeping our sections's executive up to date and we welcome your input (Judy at holm@telus.net or Lindsay at ekerr@island.net - please subject the email Re. Coast Archives).

An opportunity to volunteer:

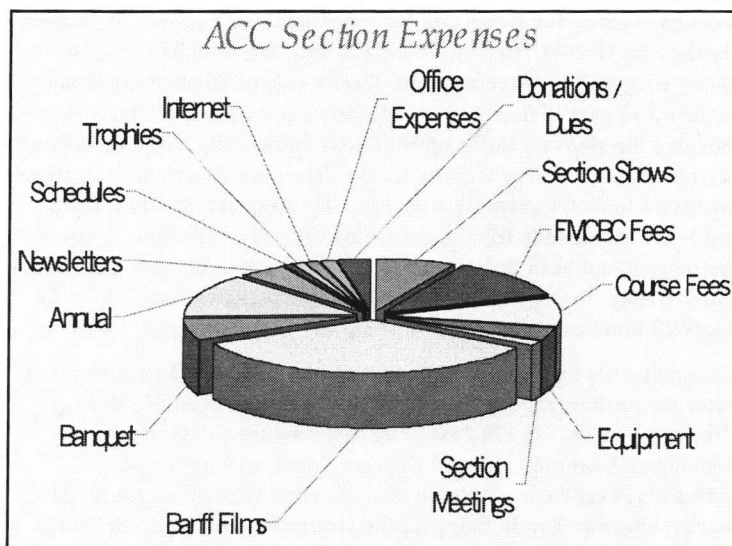
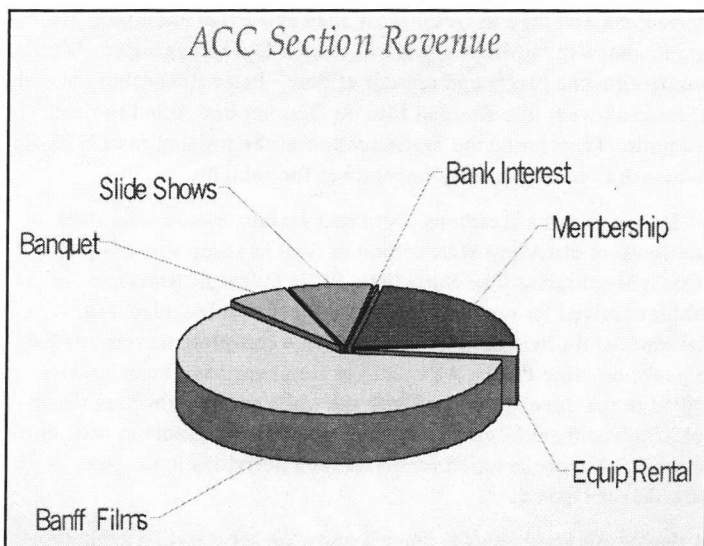
There is an urgent need to begin collecting aural histories from early/important island climbers and creating biography files. The librarian from the Whyte Museum (home for the National ACC library and archives) recommends this process and says such records are well used. Please recommend key people to interview; this is urgent and we need volunteers to help collect this material before it is lost. For anyone interested, we have guidelines on how to do aural histories.

Treasurer's Report

Rick Eppler

Probably the easiest way to demonstrate where the Section funds come from and where they go is with a couple of pie-charts. Everyone likes pie-charts, right? The biggest sources of annual revenue are membership fees, and commercial shows (in our case the Banff Film Festival winners' tour). The biggest expenses are newsletters/mailings, facilities rentals, equipment purchases and maintenance, and course fees.

The treasurer's chief function is to handle the Section's banking needs: pay the bills, make deposits, collate and record where the money comes from and where it goes, provide the executive with some sort of forecasts for revenue and expenditures to help with planning and budgeting section activities and events, and report to the membership.



Bushwhacker Editors' Report

Please take note: due date for the 2001 Island Bushwhacker Annual (for Trip Reports) is Thursday January 31st 2002. Send to Larry Talarico 1961 Cochrane St., Victoria, BC, V8R-3H4, Phone: 250-598-8377.

Mountaineering articles with good quality photos are desired. Suitability for publication is at the editors' discretion within the guidelines of the Section Executive. Articles may be edited for clarity or to fit the available space.

Please keep formatting simple because it

takes a lot of time to edit highly formatted items to our final format. It is much easier if you indicate items you wish emphasized.

Wilderness First Aid Course (standard certificate)

We will be coordinating a repeat of the previous course put on under the auspices of Slipstream. This very practical course, tailor-made for alpine situations, is limited to 16 participants and will be held in Jan 2002 during 2 weekends (full days). Location: as yet unconfirmed, but likely in Victoria \University.

Contact: Rick Johnson (656-0641) Russ Moir (477-0070)

often been under represented, or involved in issues on an ad-hoc, local basis. The CASBC:

- Works with governments, landowners and other parties to constructively resolve issues.
- Supports and works with local climbers' groups.
- Educates climbers, governments, landowners and the media on access issues.
- ACC (Main Club), ACC (Vancouver Island) and ACC (Vancouver) are members of this society.

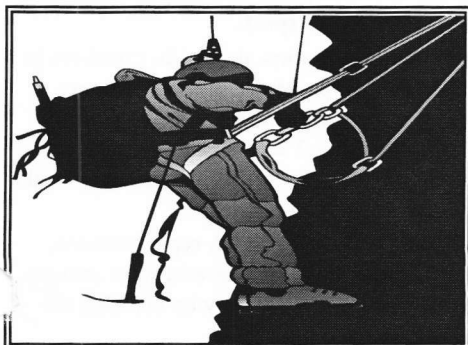
The Climbers' Access Society of BC

The Climbers Access Society of BC (www.bivouac.com/casbc) is an independent not-for-profit society which provides a united, province-wide voice on climbers' access issues. Continued access is essential to climbers, but in the past we have

Nanaimo Area Guidebook:

There is a new guide to rockclimbing in and around Nanaimo, titled *New Nanaimo Crags*. It contains over 100 climbs in eight areas. Available from Valhalla Pure Outfitters, Strathcona Outfitters, and in the Romper room (all in Nanaimo) for \$15.

*information from the Access News #27



Vancouver Island Summer Climbing Notes

Lindsay Elms

Another summer has come and gone on Vancouver Island and as usual mountaineers were out enjoying the mountains. Randy Davies and Mark Mieras climbed Steamboat Peak in April and a little later Mt. Schoen. Across the border in Washington Lindsay Elms, John Crouch (60) and Brian Cannon climbed the Coleman/Deming route on Mt. Baker from the trailhead in just over a sprightly 6 hrs on June 23, however, a week earlier weather forced Lindsay to retreat from just below the summit of Mt. Ashwood while on a solo reconnaissance. Joe Bajan and his son Adam and a couple of buddies climbed the Golden Hinde over the Canada Day weekend and then Sandy Briggs, Bev Sweetman and Martin Carver climbed the Hinde on July 5 as part of their Marble Meadows/Elk River traverse. They included the short scramble up Morrison Spire while in the vicinity of Marble Meadows. The Golden Hinde also received attention by those interested in fast, light-weight ascents. On August 8 Randy Davies and Mark Mieras day tripped the Golden Hinde via Phillips Ridge to the summit and back in 20 hours 44 minutes and then a few days later Chris Willey, Frank Willey and Erik Willey completed the trip in 22 hours 20 minutes.

Continuing his tradition of light, fast climbs Lindsay Elms, along with Peter Ravensbergen, day tripped El Piveto (at the head of Cervus Creek) in August via Elk Pass in 16 hours return and then on September 4 Lindsay climbed Elkhorn South, traversed under Elkhorn's West Face and descended the normal climbing route. Mid August also saw Sandy Briggs, Julie Deslippe and Hinrich Schaefer on the summit of Elkhorn via the standard west gully route. This climb was followed by a successful ascent of the NE Buttress of Slesse by Hinrich Schaefer along with Joachim Stadel, and Steven Harnig. They then went on to complete the rare feat of a north/south traverse of Mt. Colonel Foster. The first day involved climbing seven pitches of the Flavelle/Beckham North Buttress Route to a bivy ledge below the North Tower. The following day (Sept. 16) saw them traverse all the summits to an unplanned bivy on the way down from the South Col to Iceberg Lake and finally day three out to the car.

In September Charles Turner and Brian Ross hiked over Mt. Albert Edward to Jack Shark Lake with a sign carved by Ruth Masters of the CDMC. The lake has been called by this name for a number of years.

However, only recently was it accepted by the Mapping and Survey Office in Victoria. Jack was a member of the CDMC for many years and worked on numerous trails in Strathcona Park. His major contribution was pioneering and building the hiking route from Mt. Albert Edward to Buttle Lake via the steep Augerpoint Trail. A fire destroyed the trail in 1982. Unperturbed, Jack, then aged 72, rebuilt the trail half a mile north of the old trail. Jack passed away a couple of years ago at 93, but Jack's Augerpoint Trail and Jack Shark's Lake are a fitting memorial to a man who Ruth Master's says: "...his adventurous life would fill a large book." Furthermore, in September Charles, Brian and Randy Davies climbed the normal route on Victoria Peak and then in October Charles and Brian attempted Mt. Hkusam, above the town of Sayward, via the Dyer Logging roads but encountered some bluffs and ran out of time. Peter Ravensbergen and Matt Jackson went into Rugged Mtn. in October but failed to reach the summit. They found the lower section of the logging road N20 off the Nomash to be completely impassable for vehicles.

Chris Barner and the Heathens had a successful summer with their alpine camp in the Alava/Bate region as well as twice venturing into the Coast Mountains. The Surrealistic Pillar (West Buttress) on Rambler received its second ascent by a party that included Tak Ogasawara, and Chris Barner finally made a complete traverse of the nine peaks on Nine Peaks. As usual the Heathens have been heavily involved in the development of both the trails and the bluffs at Crest Creek Craggs and are hoping to receive government grants to continue their work. A more detailed report on their activities in the next Bushwhacker Update.

And finally the good news is there is snow on Mt. Cain, Washington and Becher (Forbidden Plateau), and people have been observed carrying skis out of the sports stores in downtown metropolis Courtenay.

Postscript:

I would like to submit a report to the CAJ in December with a complete description of activities from the Island over the last year, as I know others have been out honing their skills in the mountains. Email me at ekerr@island.net with dates and details and please subject the email 'Climbing Report.'

MAIN CLUB NEWS & REPORTS

ACC Board Meeting, Lake Louise, Oct. 20-21, 2001.

Gerta Smythe

Although the Gazette will probably publish an official report, I would like to share some of my impressions with you. The sections open the meeting with their reports and it is good to hear how busy and enthusiastic everybody is. Many sections have summer camps in the Rockies and we, too, are planning a camp for next summer!

Professional guides are helping with courses and instructions: we, too, should find the money to hire a guide to give us up-to-date rock climbing instructions. The trip schedule is planned at a social evening where charts are on the wall, beer is flowing freely and the dates get filled quickly. Eastern sections ask to have high profile speakers sent out and Calgary recognizes its volunteers with small gifts, like First Aid Kits.

Rod Plasman, secretary, reports that two new awards for leadership and service have been added to recognize volunteers. Gord Currie, our new treasurer, shows in his report that we will break even in 2001. By approving of the 2002 Budget, we must also vote for the \$3

fee increase! Peter Muir, who has been busy attending conferences on environmental issues, reports that the NAECC meetings continue successfully. Dave Zemrau, new to the VP Services position, allowed key people in his portfolio to speak.

Dave Dornian reports about 100 members in Canadian Competition Climbing, all very young, with one placing 3rd in the world. There have been 2 meets in Nanaimo and there is talk that Competition Climbing might become an Olympic Event!

Helmut Micoys, the UIAA representative, mentioned a study that showed rope strength to decrease by 50% merely by marking the middle with a felt pen!

Cam Roe (VP Activities) reported the GMC to be a huge success and that we will miss Leslie De Marsh, who has helped the club for 10 years. The Karl Nagy scholarship will be awarded to volunteer leaders so they can attend the GMC and act as assistant guides there.

Jeffery Potter (Facilities) stressed the new booking criteria for huts and described a display-space at the Club House to highlight history and attributes of each section. And, of course, there are huts planned for the West Coast with one to be built on Vancouver Island!

Bob Sandford (Publications) has just finished promoting the Year of The Bear, receiving a distinguished award for his work in Alberta, and is now commencing promotion of The Year of the Mountain for 2002.

Mike Mortimer, in his new role as director for External Relations, has worked hard to promote Canadian Mountains in Europe, Japan and the USA. The President of the UIAA will be patron of the Guide's Ball in 2002 and the ACC will host the UIAA General Assembly in 2006.

Next year it will be possible to make bookings and renew membership through the website. Vancouver will host the next AGM in May 11/12, 2002 providing a great opportunity for our section members to meet key people from across Canada. An ACC Centennial Planning Committee is hard at work: 2006 is not far off and we, too, should start planning how we are going to celebrate on the Island.

Main Club to Increase Membership Fees

Anita Vaughn

On October 21, the Alpine Club of Canada National Board approved the 2002 budget which includes an average \$3.00 per member fee increase. As a result, effective January 1, 2002, the national fee portion will be:

\$19.00 for Single membership (up \$3 from \$16)

\$31.00 for Family Membership (up \$4 from \$27)

\$12.00 for Junior Membership (up \$1 from \$11).

The rationale behind these increases is partly that liability insurance costs have increased by \$2 per member over the last year. For

2001, membership revenues at the national level averaged about \$19 per member. Although the club has a healthy financial balance sheet, the costs of servicing the membership and providing direct membership benefits will run about \$41, leaving a deficit of \$22 per member.

Many organisations like ours would have been forced to raise membership fees considerably to cover such increased costs and the fees-to-services deficit. However since the last national membership fee increase (July 1996), the club has avoided implementing additional fee increases, relying instead on the healthy surpluses generated through the operation of facilities – Clubhouse and Huts. These facilities are now in need of capital improvements so a portion of the cash surplus will have to be used to finance these improvements. The Executive of the national club feels that this increase is not onerous and will help to close the gap.

ACC liability insurance

Bruce Keith (Executive Director, ACC)

The Club has \$2 million general comprehensive liability insurance covering club members when they are participating in an "official" club activity. This means that if, on such an activity, a Club member's negligence causes personal injury to someone else or causes property damage AND the injured party files a damages claim, the member would be covered for up to \$2 million in damages awarded to the injured party. Note: this is *not* "accident" insurance - i.e., if someone falls and hurts themselves and requires medical treatment etc., the Club's insurance policy will not cover it (most people have their own insurance for this).

To be an "official" Club activity, it must be publicized to the section as a section activity or outing - that is, the Club's insurance does *not* cover situations where a few ACC members decide on their own to go out and do some outdoor activity. A variety of "activities" are covered by our policy - not just mountaineering. There are a very few exclusions (like white water rafting) but trail building would definitely be covered. Non-members are not covered by our liability insurance policy - i.e., if a non-member's negligence causes injury or property damage

to someone, our policy would not cover any damages awarded to the injured party.

Unmarked Hero

Written by Jack Knox, Times Colonist Nov. 5, 2001

Edited by Anita Vaughn

How is it that they can allow a coppermine in Strathcona Park, yet refuse a plaque beside a lake named after one of Canada's greatest war heroes? For years, military organizations and others have been seeking permission to erect a lakeside cairn commemorating Courtenay's Roger Schelderup, one of the first people known to have reached the summit of the Golden Hinde, Vancouver Island's tallest mountain. For years they have been shot down by the provincial government which refuses to allow memorial plaques, urns, or the scattering of ashes in its parks.

In 1937 at the tender age of 16, Schelderup climbed the 2,200 metre Golden Hinde with two companions. A group of surveyors reached the summit around the same time. These were the first recorded ascents.

Like many other Islanders, Schelderup spent the Second World War with the Canadian Scottish. D-Day found the young lieutenant in the first wave to hit Juno Beach. At the end of the day, when he was ordered back to have his wounds dressed, his command of 45 men had diminished to 19. Promoted to Captain, October 1944 found him in the vicious battle for control of the Leopold Canal on the Holland-Belgium border. He was wounded and captured, but not for long. The Canadians miraculously escaped by making a hole with a penknife in the wall of the boxcar in which they were imprisoned. They then joined up with the Dutch Resistance raiding German targets.

Schelderup ended the war as Canada's most decorated officer. He received the DSO for courage on the Leopold Canal, a Military Cross for his actions on D-Day, and a bar to the cross for behind-the-lines bravery. After the war, Schelderup stayed with the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry. He was a full colonel, Canada's senior military liaison officer in London, England, when he died in 1974.

A good story but apparently not good enough for the provincial government to allow a memorial cairn. Next thing you know our

parks would be knee deep in cairns, plaques and urns commemorating every highest mountain scaling military war hero coming down the pike. Might even mess up the view of the coppermine.

It's been frustrating for the PPCLI Association, which has been campaigning to erect that plaque explaining how Schelderup Lake got its name, and frustrating for Ruth Masters who spearheaded the effort to name the lake in 1997. Masters, the doyen of north island environmentalists, is the first at the barricades should the integrity of Strathcona Park be threatened. A plaque honouring an "incredible man" placed on a cairn beside a lake that few will ever see, poses no threat. Schelderup's widow, Ida, says it was a great honour to have the lake named after him in the first place. "To have the cairn would mean a great deal." It would probably mean something to the old CanScots and Princess Pats who will gather at the Island's cenotaphs on November 11th too.

? DEFINITION ?

"Randonnée: a French word for can't tele" (!!)



PRELIMINARY NOTICE

VI Section Summer Camp in the Rockies

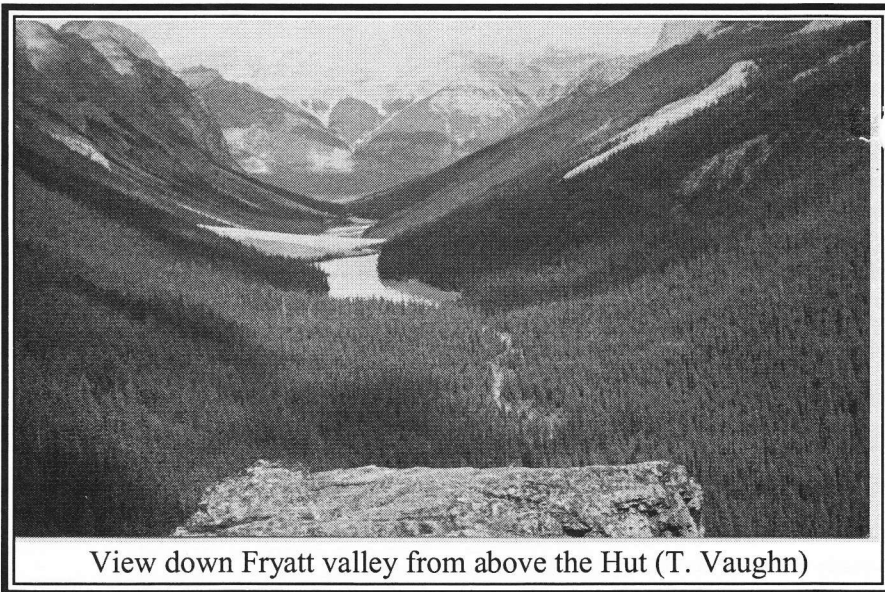
Planning for a 2002 summer climbing camp in the Rockies is underway. This will be the first Section summer climbing camp since 1987 and the first Section camp in the Rockies.

The first choice for the camp is at the Sydney Vallance (Fryatt) Hut in the Fryatt Creek Valley, Jasper National Park. The Hut has been reserved at a Section discount for 7 nights, August 3 to 9, 2002. This Hut, about 9 km from trail head at the Athabaska River, only holds 12 people, but we hope to receive permission from Parks Canada to put up a few tents adjacent to the Hut.

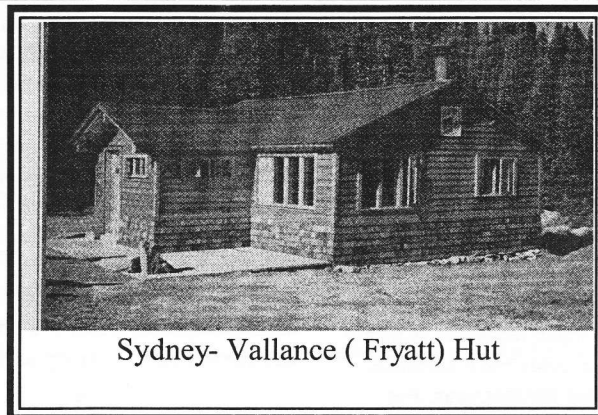
Climbing in the area has something for everyone; easy scrambles, steep snow/ice, hard rock climbs, moderate alpine routes on limestone and some quartzite rock.

The plan is to hire one ACMG Guide (Sylvia Forest has been approached) with a number of experienced people from our section assisting so that everyone will have the opportunity to fully experience mountain climbing in the area. Details such as transportation and food are still being worked out. The present plan is to have a cook; hopefully someone from our Section will be willing to volunteer to cook in exchange for a free camp!!

It is still too early to start a list of participants so: Watch for more information in your next Island Bushwhacker



View down Fryatt valley from above the Hut (T. Vaughn)



Sydney- Vallance (Fryatt) Hut