



Summer Camp - 2004

Judith Holm and Don Morton

We have requested the Elizabeth Parker Hut at Lake O'Hara for our Section for next summer. We are pleased to report that we've been successful in the lottery and will have the hut from Sunday, July 25 to Sunday, August 1. In the short time we had for responses to our e-mail of September 18th, 17 members have indicated an interest in a hut week next summer and 7 volunteered to lead routes - more than we need. Early in the New Year we will solicit formal applications to attend the hut week. For the summer of 2004 we will not hire a professional guide. After the camp we can compare the experience with 2002 and 2003, when we had guides, and decide whether to plan for one in 2005.

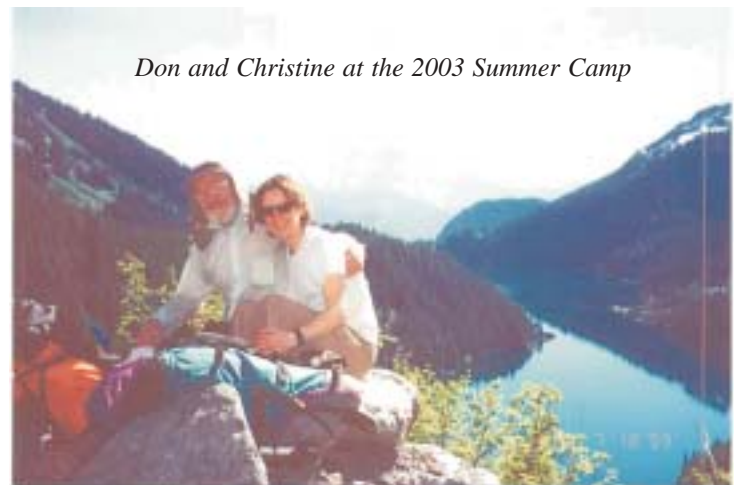
A Short Story About Don Morton

Gerta Smythe

At the last executive meeting before we broke for the summer, Tom Hall, our chair, served a delicious cake complete with candlelight and wine: the occasion was Don's 70th birthday. I had met Don in the past at meetings and trips, but this year I found time to listen to some of his incredible adventures. Our Don is not your average mountaineer: he has first ascents under his belt: in Baffin, near Prince George and in Peru. Upon his retirement from the observatory in Saanich, a planet was named after him and his department organized a symposium to celebrate his 70th birthday, inviting some big-name people which just happen to be close friends of Don's.

Don was successful in climbing Aconcagua just a few years ago and attempted Mt. Everest from 2 sides, always to turn around after reaching that certain elevation. This year he volunteered to be a ropeleader at our summer camp and invited his daughter along. She was one of our youngest climbers on the trip, but surpassed many of us in maturity and mountain affinity. When she was chosen by our young guide to climb Alpha's East Ridge and was successful in her endeavour, Don was heard saying, "Today I am a happy man - I don't wish for anything more for myself on this trip". At the camp he showed a new side - a father, very caring and making sure his daughter, the city girl, ate the right food and wore the right socks.

Nothing seems to slow Don down; he still flies to conven-



Don and Christine at the 2003 Summer Camp

tions and meetings all over the world, is regional director for the FMCBC, serves on our ACC Executive and is organizing next year's summer camp. Don has a long standing association with the ACC. When he was a young man in Ontario, he was on an ACC expedition to Baffin Island, which included a famous artist, and Don has some of his sketches, painted on a panel from a wooden packing crate. During Canada's centennial celebration, he was on the ACC's Yukon camp and was one of the climbers on Mt. Ontario.

Berg Heil, Don, and may you stay healthy and be active in the mountains for many more years to come.

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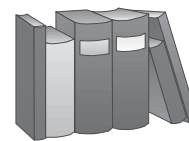
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New in the Section Library/Archives

Judith Holm



Martin Davis is creating a searchable database that will put the Section Library/Archives onto our website! New additions to the library include:

Four classic guides in excellent condition donated by Brad Anholdt:

- **A Climber's Guide to the Interior Ranges of British Columbia - South**, Kruszyna, Robert & Putnam, AAC & ACC, 1977.
- **A Climber's Guide to the Interior Ranges of British Columbia - North**, Putnam, 6th Ed, AAC & ACC, 1975.
- **A Climber's Guide to The Rocky Mountains of Canada North**, Putnam, Jones, & Kruszyna, 6th Ed, AAC & ACC, 1979.
- **A Climber's Guide to The Rocky Mountains of Canada South**, Boles, Kruszyna, Robert & Putnam, AAC & ACC, 1979.

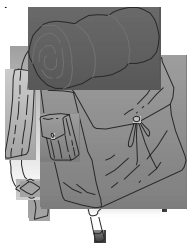
Four more interesting books from Gil Parker:

- **The Mountains of the Yellowhead Pass**, A.O. Wheeler, 1913.
- **Yuraq Janka, Guide to the Peruvian Andies, Part I, Cordilleras Blanco and Rosko**, John Ricker, ACC & AAC, 1977.
- **In the Western Mountains, Early Mountaineering in British Columbia**, Susan Leslie (ed.), 1980.
- **High Summer, Backpacking the Canadian Rockies**, Chris Townsend, 1989.

From the Holm family:

- **2003 Canadian Alpine Journal**

*The Section Library/Archives is accessed by contacting:
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Got Any Retired or Old Climbing Gear?

Murrough O'Brien

A charitable organization called Poco a Poco is desperately looking for unwanted or retired climbing gear for use in rescue operations in Guatemala. They also would be happy to obtain outdated medicines and used bedding, towels, etc. At present they conduct rescues by rappelling on an old hemp rope tied to a truck bumper, so our old equipment in almost any condition would be an improvement on what they are using. Virtually all equipment is needed but especially ropes and packs. Slings, figure-8's, carabiners, baskets and spine boards would also be welcome. They are also in need of expertise so anyone willing to donate a week or two teaching Guatemalans rock rescue techniques, possibly in March, could have a "tax deductible" trip. Call Murrough O'Brien 479-9127.

The Alpine Club of Canada
Vancouver Island Section
Budget Forecast 2004 (Draft 4 Oct 03)

Prepared by Geoff Bennett, Treasurer, for the AGM on 4 Dec 2003

ITEM	EXPENSE	REVENUE
Estimated Bank Assets at Start of Fiscal 2004 (1 Dec 2003)		\$14,127.00
Bank Interest		\$70.00
Section Membership Fees		\$5,000.00
FMCBC Fees	\$3,180.00	
Members' Course Fees:		
Courses	\$1000.00	
Camps	\$400.00	
Rental Equipment	\$300.00	\$350.00
Section Summer Camp:	\$7500.00	\$7,500.00
Leaders' Training (excess from 2003 camp)	\$ 317.25	
Section Meetings:		
December AGM	\$110.00	
January Volunteer Party	\$350.00	
October Meeting & Slide Contest	\$110.00	
Shows:		
Banff Festival of Mountain Films 2003 (carryover)	\$400.00	
Banff Festival of Mountain Films 2004	\$14000.00	\$18,500.00
Section Banquet:		
Cedar Hill Golf Course	\$1200.00	\$1,450.00
Speaker expenses	\$300.00	
Publications:		
Bushwhacker Annual	\$3050.00	
Newsletter - November	\$200.00	
Newsletter - March	\$150.00	
Newsletter - May	\$90.00	
Newsletter - September	\$200.00	
Schedule - Winter	\$80.00	
Schedule - Summer	\$100.00	
Office Expenses	\$30.00	
Miscellaneous Expenses/Revenue:		
GST Rebate		\$720.00
Donation to Canadian Avalanche Foundation	\$150.00	
Trophies / Plaques	\$20.00	
Annual website fees	\$280.00	
P.O. Box Rental Fee	\$80.00	
Climbers' Access Society Dues	\$50.00	
Club Delegates - Travel Expenses	\$100.00	
ACC Coast Collection Agreement (one-time expense)	\$200.00	
Section Library	\$100.00	
TOTALS	\$34047.25	\$33,590.00
(Loss for the fiscal year 2004)		[\$457.25]
Total Estimated Bank Assets at end of fiscal year 2004 (including \$4310.14 In Cashable Term Deposit)		\$13,669.75

Mid-Island News

Barb Baker

Mt. Arrowsmith: Access was denied during the fire hazard but finally reopened after the rain. **There have been several incidents of arson in the area, including two vehicles.** New culverts have been installed but currently the road is in very rough condition. The Switch Back Trail gives wonderful mid summer hiking with plentiful botanical growth in the bowl and an inviting large tarn below Rudy's Birthday Gully.

Mt. McQuillan: There is a locked gate but AVOC has a key. A footbridge has been installed over China Creek, eliminating a high water crossing problem. The NE ridge allows a good spring ski/climb with the usual steep brush on the approach.

Mt. 5040, west of Mt. Adder, has a beautiful bench on the East side at about 1200 m with scrubbed, pillow rock and deep, clear tarns. In the gravel, pink mimulus were still blooming late in the summer. The very brushy blueberry undergrowth has been lopped & a trail to the subalpine flagged.

Triple Peak: The road is again clear. The trail up the waterfall/creek to the lower lake is partially flagged. AVOC members plan to work brushcutting here since currently, this portion is a very thick, exhausting struggle with the underbrush.

Nahmint Valley: The road conditions are good until the water bars start on the side branches, but they remain driveable. Nahmint, Klitsa, & Adder Peaks are all accessed from the head of this beautiful valley, the latter two offer good spring skiing. Mt. Nahmint proved to be a beautiful spring climb with long ridges, huge exposed snowfields and a spacious steep summit.

Steamboat Mtn.: A new route is being explored starting directly from the highway. See www.islandhikes.com for an EXCELLENT website & descriptions of Island hikes far & wide including Mt. Hall, Toquart, MacKenzies, Pogo, traverse from Mt. Washington to Buttle Lake, & more.

In the Beauforts: The road to Apps is deteriorating but once there, the lovely subalpine country ranges over to other peaks. Tony leads in from the Qualicum Valley where road access again is good until the deactivation. Roads to Clifton are surprisingly driveable but long for this short hike. There is a plateau with lakes and heathers. Outstanding views of Comox Glacier and friends from the summit.

Mt. Horne: New routes have been flagged from the west and south. This low peak is an alternative destination when weather is poor or time short.

ANNUAL PHOTO CONTEST

THURSDAY, OCT. 23, 7:30 PM

UVIC UNIVERSITY CLUB (FACULTY CLUB)

Bring your best from the past year for the annual slide and photo contest. Please bring slides for the following categories:

Vancouver Island Mountains: scenery, with or without people.

Mountain Activity: people in mountain settings.

Mountain Scenery: no people in the picture.

Nature: flowers, animals or natural scenery. no people or man made objects.

Humour: use your imagination.

Bring your best prints for the grand prize, any category or mountain theme.

Contest rules are simple: contestants may submit up to four entries in total, maximum two in any one category. Mark your slides or photos clearly with your name and the category entered. Submissions should have been taken within the past year. Winning entries will be featured in our Bushwhacker Annual.

BANFF MOUNTAIN FILM FESTIVAL WORLD TOUR

NOVEMBER 22 & 23, 7.30 PM.

AT THE UNIVERSITY CENTRE AUDITORIUM

Saturday Night's Show will focus on short high adrenalin films.

Sunday Night's Show will focus on mountain culture and expeditions.

Tickets will be available at the Royal & McPherson Box Office – Tel. (250) 386- 6121 and Valhalla Pure Outfitters from November 1st.

NOTICE FROM ACC NATIONAL CLUB,

Applications are still being accepted for the next North Face Winter Leadership course January 10th to 17th 2004. Trip leaders and members are encouraged to apply for this outstanding leadership training opportunity. For more information see the Alpine Huts & Mountain Adventures brochure that came with your recent Gazette and the website at:

<<http://www.alpineclubofcanada.ca/activities/leadership.html#winter>>