



ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAMBLERS ASSOCIATION  
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#### ANOTHER RAMBLER WEDDING

Ruth Weisberg and Henk Olliemans met when Henk joined the Ramblers last Spring. Some of us remember the first hike of the season last May when they shyly hooked fingers as they walked along the trail. The romance grew as they shared Ramblers trips and other club activities until they became engaged last Thanksgiving weekend.

The Weisberg-Olliemans wedding was held on April 4th in the First Lutheran Church, Calgary and a reception complete with dinner and dancing followed in the Harris Sky Rooms. Ruth was a most radiant and lovely bride and Henk was his usual happy, good-humoured self. The Weisberg family came in force from various parts of Saskatchewan. Henk's folks were unable to come from Holland, but unbeknown to Henk the greetings of his parents were sent on tape and played at the reception. That was the first time he had heard the voices of his parents in over five years. Gerry Tersmette, the M.C. for the reception, had arranged this. The wedding and parts of the reception were likewise recorded and sent to Holland. Ruth's sister Esther Kaminski was bridesmaid and her brother Harry was Best Man. Joe Behringer and Tom Moffat served as ushers. Sandy Vair was photographer while Barbara Thompson passed the guest book around. Several other Ramblers also attended the ceremonies. Pam Turner caught the bouquet.

We all wish Ruth and Henk Olliemans a bright and happy future and feel sure that only the best will come to a couple so well suited to each other.

OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE

Chairman	Sandy Vair
Vice Chairman	Wally Drew
Secretary	Mary Hodgkinson
Treasurer	Bernie Taylor
Senior Trip Leader	Tom Moffat
Membership Chairman	Nancy Vair
Programme Chairman	Pam Turner
Publicity Chairman	Ted de Waal
Social Chairmen	Lucia Moffat and Charlie Neill

For general information about the club call Sandy Vair or Nancy Vair at AT-3-2538

TRIP LEADERS

Senior Trip Leader	Tom Moffat	-
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For information about weekend camping trips and the holiday trip 'phone Sandy Vair. For information about one-day hikes or swimming trips 'phone Wally Drew after 6.30 p.m.

MEETINGS

Ramblers meetings are held Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at Alpine Smylie's at 1026 - 16th Ave. N.E. Each meeting has a programme and everyone interested is invited to attend. The following programmes were presented during April.

Apl. 1st Square dance at the de Waals' called by Gus Yamauchi.  
 Apl. 8th ~~Talk on map reading by Wally Drew at the Taylors'.~~  
 Apl. 15th Ski movie obtained by Pam Turner  
 Apl. 22nd Square dance at the Jacks' called by Gus Yamauchi.  
 Apl. 29th Talk on camping by Sandy Vair.

SPRING SKI TRIPS

Ramblers were offered a choice of two ski trips for the Easter weekend of Mar. 27th-29th. For the keen skiers who had made reservations in January there was a trip into Skoki Ski Lodge. For the others there was a trip to Waterton Lakes National Park.

Easter Ski Trip to Skoki

This trip organized by Wally Drew was the climax of our ski season. Joan Reeman, Win Heald, Joan Nicholson, Pat Mogford, Pam Turner, Bernie Taylor, Jean Nicholls, Tom Thurston, Bob Tennant, Charlie Neill, Joe Behringer and Wally Drew met at the Post Hotel (formerly Lake Louise Lodge) early in the morning on Good Friday and caught the first bus to Mt. Temple Chalet. From there they set out on the 7 mile journey to Skoki Lodge. With skins on they skied with their rucksacks past Halfway Cabin, over Boulder Pass, across Ptarmigan Lake and up Deception Pass where lunch was eaten. Then there was a two mile run down to Skoki. After tea and relaxation several of our party finished off the afternoon with a short tour on the slopes of Fossil Mtn.

The weather there in the high country during the whole weekend consisted of frequent changes from clear skies, to snow squalls. The days were mild, but windy. The snow was generally wind-packed powder above timberline and below timberline varied from deep powder to set, sticky snow.

Lodging and meals were provided at Skoki Lodge. The men of the party occupied one of the cabins. We had a party in the cabin Sat. evening. It was organized by Bernie and Joe.

Saturday Charlie led Pat, Joan Nicholson and Win on a tour on Mt. Skoki while the rest of us and three others from Skoki went on a day-long tour to Merlin Ridge. Ken Jones, ski guide from Skoki, came the first half of the way to show us the route. Because of steep slopes and heavy timber on the lower part, it was the most difficult tour of the season, but all did well. Tom, Wally, and the three others from Skoki went clear to the top of 9,200' Merlin Ridge. On a clear day the Selkirks in B.C. can be seen from there, but we were scarcely able to see each other because of a snow squall.

However the high open slopes provided excellent skiing. Jean, Bernie, Joan Reeman, and Joe went most of the way to the top.

Easter morning some of the Ramblers took short tours on Mt. Skoki or Fossil Mtn. After lunch we set out on the 12 mile ski trip to Lake Louise village. Tom led the way. The sun was warm and bright, but this made the snow so sticky from Halfway Cabin to Mt. Temple Lodge Chalet that it was a tiring walk instead of an easy run. In general it was a rather weary, but happy and sun-tanned bunch that reached Lake Louise early in the evening.

### Easter in Waterton Park

On Good Friday, March 27th, Sandy and Nancy Vair, Rudi Schipperus, Shirley Ritchie, Barbara Thompson and Mary Hodekinson left Calgary for Waterton Park travelling in Sandy's car. The trip down was pleasant and uneventful. Arriving at Waterton Lake they discovered there was insufficient snow for skiing and the Red Rock Canyon and Cameron Lake roads were closed to the public. On approaching the Parks Superintendent, however, the Ramblers reputation worked its usual magic and the key to Cameron Lake road was theirs for the weekend. Rudi and Sandy decided to try their skill that same afternoon, Nancy and Mary went along for the ride leaving Barbara and Shirley to prepare supper in the excellently appointed Motel cabin. The men found the snow had a hard crust and skiing conditions were poor. After a couple of hours they decided fresh snow was the only answer to their problem and returned to the motel for supper. After supper Nancy rug-worked, Barbara did some Sorority work and Sandy, Shirley and Rudi endeavoured to instruct Mary in the fine art of bridge playing. Oh! Rollicking fun. They all went for a walk before retiring.

That night, as though in answer to their prayers, it snowed and next day - Saturday - Rudi, Shirley, Sandy and - yes, friends - Barbara Thompson went skiing. Barbara did pretty well for a first effort and they all spent an enjoyable afternoon on the slopes in a comfortable depth of fresh powder snow. Barbara had wondered why turning was so difficult till she realised that the boots she had borrowed were too large around the ankle and gave her no support. Mary and Nancy stayed behind to get a supper which will be long remembered by those who enjoyed it, as it consisted of Mary's speciality roast beef and Yorkshire pudding. The latter being a delicious addition to the meal which had not previously been sampled by Rudi. After supper there was more rug work, more Sorority work and more hilarious bridge playing. Once again a good brisk walk was enjoyed before retiring.

Sunday morning Sandy, Rudi and Shirley went skiing, and along went Mary, ostensibly to ski, but she spent more time rolling in the snow than skiing on it and gave up after only two hours. The four returned to the motel for lunch after which belongings were packed into the car and the car in was cleaned and tidied true to Rambler tradition before departure for Calgary. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the fun and relaxation of the Easter holiday at Waterton Park.

### April 5th - Twin Lakes Creek

This trip made us realize that the ski season was past its prime. From Eisenhower (Castle Mtn.) Junction on the new Trans-Canada highway we skied south past the "bug camp" and up beside Twin Lakes Creek. The crust on the spring snow held us most of the time. At lunch time light snow and rain began to fall. During the afternoon it turned into a steady rain. Before starting back quite early we built a fire in a clearing to dry the skins out a little. The wet skins that day were Jean Nicholls, Doreen Jordan, Joan Reeman, Charlie Neill, Bob Tennant and Wally Drew the leader.

### April 12th - Earle Valley

Jean Nicholls, Pat Wogford, and Joan Nicholson drove to Lake Louise Friday evening and did ballroom skiing at Mt. Temple Chalet on Saturday. Joan Reeman, Bob Tennant, John Jack, and Wally Drew drove up Saturday morning and spent the afternoon enjoying wonderful spring skiing at Bow Summit. It was so warm in the bright sun that Wally skied stripped to the waist. Charlie Neill drove to Lake Louise Saturday afternoon and all spent the night at the Post Hotel. By using a sleeping bag on the rug John, Charlie, Bob and Wally squeezed into one room. They joined the girls for a gay sing-song party in the evening.

Bernie Taylor, Joe Behringer, Rudi Schipperus and Norbert Glimpel spent Saturday night in Banff and joined the rest in Lake Louise Sunday morning. The three men took Bernie to the dance in Banff. How popular can a girl be?

All caught an early bus for Mt. Temple Chalet Sunday morning and all except Joan Nicholson and Pat went on the tour. The tour was up Eagle Valley to the intended objective of Whitehorn. It was a warm morning and avalanche danger was great. Wally led the group cautiously up the N.E. slopes of Whitehorn. About half way up the mountain when the ski pole probe revealed rotten snow ahead, the snow settled a little beneath him during the kick turn. The rotten snow was on the top gentle slope of a rise and the steeper slope below where the rest were located was stable and safe. Nevertheless the slope was evacuated. When a safer route couldn't be found all returned to Mt. Temple Chalet. The afternoon was spent skiing there and on down to Lake Louise on slow, sticky snow.

April 19th - Due to long trips the preceding and following weekends there was no club trip this Sunday.

#### April 26th - Quartz Hill

Some Ramblers and guests went up to Sunshine on Saturday to test their deep snow skill in the 38 inches of new snow. The main group went up Sunday morning. Saturday was a beautiful clear day, but there was increasing cloudiness on Sunday. On Sunday Jean Nicholls, Joan Reeman, Julie Hrapko, Frankie Mead, Charlie Neill, Joe Behringer, Sandy Vair, Dave Walker and Henry Ewill went on a tour led by Wally Drew. After lunch at timberline we turned back but Frankie, Joan, Henry, Dave Joe and Wally went to the top of the north summit of Quartz Hill to enjoy an interesting view and good run down. Dave came from Lethbridge to join us for the weekend at Sunshine. Henry was en route from tropical Venezuela to England. Isabella Vidder, Marian Cheslock, Willie Harper, Bernie Taylor, Chris Fearn, Bob Tennant, Norbert Glimpel and Rudi Schipperus put in a day of ballroom skiing at Sunshine. That was the closing day for Sunshine.

#### HIKING SEASON TO START

The hiking season is expected to get under way with a hike on May 3rd. The first camping trip of the year will be a trip to the Lake Windermere country on May 16, 17 and 18th for car camping.

#### WHAT THEY'VE BEEN DOING

We have lost of hidden talent in the Ramblers. Recently Joan Reeman won the ladies table tennis championships for the City of Calgary and was on the winning team for the ladies' doubles. She was awarded a sweater, a jereh bow and a cup for her efforts.

Ted de Waal wrote a very good article plugging the Ramblers for the latest issue of Alpine Smylie's "Ski and Alpine Bulletin". Ted has also made several posters. If you want one to display contact Ted.

Mary Hodgkinson has put in a lot of time typing and duplicating all these issues of "The Pack Rat". The "duplicating" is used because she doesn't like to be credited with "reproducing the Pack Rat"! (Typists comment - impossible).

The "liquid sunshine" of Vancouver, B.C. evidently doesn't agree with Julie Hrapko. After a recent week's holiday there she spent the following week in bed with the 'flu'.

Thanks again to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. James Jack and Mr. and Mrs. Joan de Waal for their hospitality in having our group into their homes.

On April 17th Helen van Oldenborgh was married to Ralph Leach in Saint Stephens Anglican Church, Calgary. Helen's uncle from Holland was able to come to the wedding and Ralph's mother and aunt made the trip from England for the occasion. Helen's sister was bridesmaid and the reception was held at her home. We hope Helen will bring her husband to the Ramblers and give us a chance to meet him. Here's wishing every happiness to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Leach!

Chris Fearn has returned to Calgary after spending the fall and winter in Spokane, Washington. It is nice to see her back.

Charlie Neill has just moved to Red Deer. We still expect to see a lot of him since he plans to come to Calgary weekends and maybe even for some Wednesday meetings.

Ruth and Henk Oliemans took a trip to Spokane, Washington for their honeymoon.