



Rocky Mountain Ramblers Association,
Calgary, Alberta.

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COMING EVENTS

July 23 - July 31: R.M.R.'s Big Week

Little Yoho Valley with branching trips. \$10.00 advance deposit before and by July 6. See Treasurer, Gerry Schlee.

Note: Proper footwear needed, other equipment can be rented from the Club. (The Vairs.)

July 1 - 3: Jasper Highway - Class "B" and "C".

July 10: Day Trip - Burn's Mine Area or alternative.

July 16 - 17: Kanaskis Lakes - Class "B".

MEETINGS

Every Wednesday evening, as follows:

July 6: At the Bob Nortons, #39 Rosery Drive (opposite the Vairs), AV. 9-4146. (or possibly a Wiener Roast - this will be announced at June 29 meeting.)

July 13: At Gerry Schlee's home, 1005 13th Ave. S.W., CH. 4-5935.

July 20: At Ted de Waal's home, 1025 - 19th Ave. N.W., AV. 9-2442.

July 27: At the Bob Nortons, #39 Rosery Drive (opposite the Vairs), AV. 9-4146.

August 3: At the Vairs, #46 Rosery Drive, AV. 9-0475.

August 10: At the Bob Nortons - 220 Centre St. N., Tel. No. AM. 3-3847.

BUSINESS

Members note:

Insurance: Ted de Waal has surveyed membership opinion and two-thirds of the association have voted and agreed to the idea of protection for the Club and its members.

Extract from May 17, 1960 letter per Ted de Waal:

"This policy, with Ascot Agencies, will cover each member individually as follows:

1. \$1000.00 - death benefit per person.
2. \$500.00 - blanket medical per person.
3. \$5.00 - deductible clause.
4. \$50.00 - maximum coverage on sound or whole teeth.

The cost of the premium is \$2.00 per person, per annum, and will be compulsory for every member.

You are paid directly instead of your doctor or hospital in addition to any other policies you hold."

All that remains to be done is Executive action upon the membership vote.
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RESIGNATIONS

Wally Drew

Our past Vice President worked efficiently and effortlessly to forward the Club's programme and increase its membership.

We can thank Wally for our superb winter ski touring. When snow conditions were poor Wally was ready with the ever enjoyable ice skating party.

The day trips reached the peak of development and interest for the Club under his guidance. The day trips filled out the weekend programme for spring, summer and fall. The ski touring completed the gap in the year's activities.

Wally, we thank you and will always remember you because your good works remain with us.

R. Norton

Ted de Waal

The Chairman has received and accepted with regret the resignation of Ted de Waal from the executive work of the Club. Ted has been having difficulty with his knee and is finding it necessary to cut down on his hiking activities. We want to thank him for his many hours of hard work on the Executive and to wish him good luck in the treatment of his knee.

L. Norton

EDITORIAL

All members, new, prospective, present or past, are welcome to our Club. They are asked to enjoy themselves within the framework of the Club's procedures and Constitution.

The group's enjoyment is closely allied with good leadership and responsible members. Let's all see what we can do to share the Club's responsibilities, encourage past members to return and make sure each of us is properly equipped for the trips.

Equipment does not have to be elaborate. It should ~~not~~ be useful and cover the minimum requirements for the designed trip. Functional footwear is basic to all trips.

Leaders and some members should remember that in every trip there are at least three speed groups of walking or hiking. Not everyone moves at the same speed but everyone should keep in good physical condition to fulfil the necessary endurance required for the trip.

Let's remember that our enjoyment and the Club's wonderful reputation are closely related to safety, planning and common sense.

R.E. Norton

EXECUTIVE

Chairman	Sandy Vair	AV. 9-0475
Secretary	Jean Nicholls	AM. 6-3123
Treasurer	Gerry Schlee	CH. 4-5935
Membership Chairman	Pam Turner	AM. 9-3931
"Pack Rat" Editor	Bob Norton	AV. 9-4146
Social Chairmen	Nancy Vair	AV. 9-0475
	& Ed Lynn	AV. 9-2255

For general information about the Ramblers phone Sandy Vair or Jean Nicholls, if not available any other member of the Executive.

TRIP LEADERS

The following are the leaders and the assistant leaders of the R.M.R.A. For information about a trip or cancellation from a trip, please phone the leader of that trip. For general information on trips call Sandy Vair.

MEETINGS

We have missed Lillian Garland and the fine programmes she arranged for us on Wednesday evenings. During May and June the meetings were as follows:

- May 4: At Ted de Waal's house, a social evening which also included a talk on the proposed insurance plan by Ascot Agencies.
- May 11: Farewell Party for Wally Drew at the Taylor's residence.
- May 18: A large gathering at Bob Norton's house. Colour slides shown.
- May 25: At Bob Tennant's apartment - slide show.
- June 1: We met at Bob Baxter's home and Ted de Waal gave a talk on First Aid.
- June 8: Wiener roast on the banks of the Elbow River.
- June 15: At Gerry Schlee's home - slide show.
- June 22: At the Vairs - slide show and talk by Sandy on some responsibilities of the leaders and members when out on the trail.
- June 29: The meeting is scheduled to take place at Jack Stiel's home.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Surprise Party for Wally

On Wednesday May 11th there was a very successful surprise party for Wally Drew which was started at the Vair home and continued at the Taylor home. Old and new members alike joined in the fun as Ted de Waal, assisted by Henk Oliemans and Tom Thurston, tied and blindfolded Wally. Then taking his car keys and carrying him out of the Vair's house to his car, they drove him around a parking lot while the other Ramblers went over to the Taylor home to start the party. When they arrived with Wally everyone was silent until they got him untied and the blindfold off. Poor Wally was lost for the first time as he didn't know whose home he was in until he saw Mr. Taylor coming down the basement stairs. After everyone had arrived and we played a few games, Sandy Vair on behalf of the others presented Wally with the gold pin for the work he had done and the time he had given up for the Ramblers. Sandy also presented him with an Optimus stove with Wally's name on it. This found Wally speechless, as well as lost, for the first time.

A further item for celebration was then accounted for when a birthday cake was brought in, it being Wally's birthday. It had 46 candles on it, even though this was a little more than one per year. Wally in true "blew" style got 'em all out with one puff.

The party broke up after midnight but some of the members went on to a restaurant for Chinese food and were observed creeping quietly in their front doors at 3:00 a.m.

TRIPS

Nancy Vair.

May 1 - Water Valley

Jack Stiel was the guide and Wally Drew was the leader for this trip into a new area. We drove to the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dimmer on the Little Red Deer River 3 miles west of Water Valley and 52 miles N.W. of Calgary. Others on the trip were Nancy Lenard, Eve Goor, Edith Greschonig, Ruth Daponte, Annette Swarte, Dick Ranaghan, Bob Tennant, Roger Hopkins and Tom Thurston.

After hiking about 1½ miles we stopped for a break. Dick was demonstrating a folk dance called the Varsuvian when he slipped and took a couple of somersaults. He came to rest with broken glasses and a broken arm. After putting some warm clothes and a sling on him we all walked back to the farm. The first thunder

shower of the season hit us just before we got there. We made the patient comfortable at the farm until two doctors arrived for a visit in mid-afternoon. They gave him some morphine which made him immune to pain for the drive back to the Holy Cross Hospital in Calgary. Roger drove Dick's car back and Dick went along as one of the passengers. Most of the group took short walks in the afternoon. Wally's car had a flat tire near West Brook on the way home. When the spare was put on out in the mud and pouring rain, it also proved to be flat. A ride was obtained into West Brook where one tire was repaired. The other was taken care of in Cochrane. When we got back to the rendezvous in Calgary we found that Jack's car had a flat tire. What a day !

Wally Drew.

May 1 - Heart Mountain

Despite rainy weather at Banff and Calgary, Jean Nicholls, Pam Turner, Lois Norton, Gerry Schlee, Ed Lynn, Bob Norton and Ted de Waal enjoyed relatively dry weather on Heart Mtn. Only one brief snow flurry fell on the party as they reached the summit and ate lunch. The descent was made via the "Bob Baxter" route, that is along the summit ridge south to a large avalanche slope on the west side of the mountain, down the avalanche slope and along the creek to the highway.

The remains of spring snow made the trip both tedious and treacherous, however it is my belief it was the first ascent of Heart Mountain in 1960 so I believe it was worthwhile.

Since it was the first trip for both Bob and Lois Norton in some time, they did not complete the ascent but we are certainly glad to see them back rambling again and look forward to seeing more of them in the summer months.

Ted de Waal.

May 8 - Drumheller area

Due to excess snow in the mountains, Nancy Vair, Sharron Vair, Pam Turner, Ruth Kirk, Eileen McCurdie, Sandy Vair, Tom Thurston and Ted de Waal visited the Drumheller area. After obtaining information on the points of interest around Drumheller, we drove south to a town called Rosedale, about 6 miles south of the Red Deer River. Just outside of Rosedale are located the "hoodoos", and a very convenient camp shelter where we ate lunch. We scrambled up and down the hoodoos and climbed the small hill above them to obtain some excellent views and pictures of the Red Deer valley.

On returning to Drumheller we visited the museum there and found it to be very interesting, even though Ruth Kirk still doesn't believe in dinosaurs.

Coming home we roamed through Horseshoe Canyon, some 10 miles this side of Drumheller, where Ruth discovered a dinosaur egg (golf ball).

Ted de Waal.

May 15 - Sulphur Mountain Cave and Tunnel Mountain

Perfect weather accompanied Sylvia Talpash, Gerry Schlee, Barry Stiel, Jack Stiel, Ed Lynn and Ted de Waal as they climbed up the steep trail just west of the Cave and Basin to a cave on the north end of Sulphur Mountain. It was thought that a well existed in the cave in which water could be heard flowing deep in the heart of the mountain, but no well was found. The cave proved very interesting, however, and the views of Banff and the Bow River valley were superb. The party then returned to Banff and drove up Tunnel Mtn. drive and then hiked up Tunnel Mtn. to enjoy the scenery. On returning to Banff they tried to visit Renate Messerschmidt, who is now employed at the Banff Springs Hotel, but as she was working that day they could not see her.

Unable to obtain any horses for some trail riding, the party then returned to Calgary on the old Banff highway, which provided a pleasant change from the usual views on the new highway.

Ted de Waal

May 21-22-23 - Victoria Day Weekend Trip to Golden-Radium Area

On Saturday May 21 two car-loads of people, seven in all, met in Golden in the rain. After coffee in a restaurant during a shower, we drove west to Donald. The object of the trip was to try to get into the Selkirks along the new Trans-Canada highway being built. This was found to be impossible due to bad weather having made the only roads in the area muddy. The party returned to Golden and then went south along the Columbia Valley to a point about five miles north of Edgewater, where a suitable campsite was found. That evening five of the party took one car and went to Radium for a swim with the tourists.

Sunday morning after breakfast the party made a leisurely trip to Paddy O'Ryan lakes where again bad weather forced a move and about four in the afternoon

the party returned to Edgewater, after some of us had managed a short walk between showers along the tourist path above the hot pool. The Vairs took a room at White House Lodge, and the rest camped out. During Sunday in Radium Gerry had a small amount of damage done to his car by a young man whom he had to pursue for some distance to identify. We understand that a settlement has been completed.

Monday after a leisurely breakfast Sandy and Tommy took to fishing in the Columbia but caught nothing. After lunch we returned by way of the Windermere highway with a stop at Marble Canyon, during which the youngest Vair got pushed and carried to the top of the canyon in the buggy.

Sandy Vair

May 23 - Cory Spur

Once again good weather prevailed as a party made their way up a small ridge on the west side of Cory. After a late start excellent progress was made considering that nine out of fourteen in the party were guests.

In the group were Nancy Lenard, Sylvia Talpash, Annette Swarte, Ruth D'Aponte, Ingo van der Veer, John Mottare, Ed Lynn, Don Hopkinson, Bob Baxter, Roger Hopkins, Jack Stiel, Barry Stiel, Walter Bodenmuller and Ted de Waal.

The views were extensive, ranging from Mt. Assiniboine in the south to Mt. Thompson in the north. Ed Lynn took particular delight in sliding down snow slopes near the summit and soon was soaking wet. After supper at Banff the party returned to Calgary.

Ted de Waal

May 27-29 - Radium Hot Springs

On a fine Friday evening Marg Gordon, Jean Nicholls, Dietrich Mittag and John Lawnece set off in John's car along the old Banff highway, stopping at Exshaw to pick up John Springhall, who comes from the same English village as Jean. We camped that night in the Tunnel Mtn. campgrounds and found it pretty chilly, but with a fine view of Rundle at 6 a.m. We stopped for a little side trip towards the Paint Pots on the Windermere highway, and after lunch in the Red Rock campground we took a walk along the 'Nature Trail' behind the hot pool to a point overlooking Sinclair Canyon. Then a swim, and along to Edgewater to the same campsite as our previous weekend trip, behind White House Lodge on the shores of the Columbia River (an attractive spot, and it has hot running water laid on in the picnic shelter !)

The following morning we drove a short way up a ~~52~~ lumber road between Edgewater and Radium Junction, then hiked up to a rocky spur on the slopes of Red Rock Mtn., where we had a very fine view of the Columbia Valley from Lake Windermere up towards Golden and the Big Bend. Again we cooled off in the pool, and set off for Calgary after lunch with a stop at Marble Canyon. The bears were out in full force to inspect the new season's tourists, and we were lucky enough to see a pair of the unusually honey coloured cubs performing. It was a weekend of perfect weather and as it was all new ground to both Marg and John Springhall, they particularly enjoyed the spectacular scenery.

Jean Nicholls

June 4 & 5 - Nordegg

This was another driving weekend when three car loads met at Hollowood Ranch and then went north on the forestry road to Nordegg.

We spent the night at Ram River Falls about 40 miles south of Nordegg. The following day the party struck wet tents and went on to Nordegg, where we had lunch at Fish Lake approximately three miles west on the David Thompson Highway. Here in one cast (not the first) Henk Oliekens managed to lose spinner and the top half of his fishing rod at once, while some of the others hiked around the lake and raised a good appetite for lunch.

We found this a delightful spot in foothills country but had to go on. We left about 2 p.m. for home. One car load made a mile side trip to the site of the original fur trading post at Rocky Mountain House, where the explorer David Thompson spent the winter of 1801-02. The two chimneys which served the post still stand.

We came home by way of Sylvan Lake and Red Deer.

Sandy Vair

June 12 - Eisenhower Lookout

After a disappointment at the extreme snow conditions at Lake Louise which prevented any hiking to the proposed areas of Consolation Lakes and the Beehives, the group returned to the Eisenhower Lookout road after a side trip to Moraine Lake. Bob Baxter then led the party up to the lookout.

The others on the trip were Gerda Leer, Freidel Thum, Sylvia Talpash, Annette Swarte, John ter Kuile, Gerry Schlee, Tom Thurston, Ed Lynn, Don Hopkinson, Bill de Hass, Barry Steil, Jack Steil and Dick Ranaghan.

Ted de Waal and Susan Robinson did not go on the hike since Ted fell in the water while eating lunch (Ha-Ha!), much to the delight of Ed Lynn.

After supper at the new pancake house in Banff (very recommendable) the party returned to Calgary late in the evening.

Ted de Waal.

June 18-19 - ~~Vermillion Crossing~~ Hawk Creek Area & Vermillion Crossing

Two cars of people left Saturday morning and met at Hawk Creek camp ground, ten miles north of Vermillion Crossing on the Windermere highway. The intention was to try to ascend Hawk Creek to the head of Ball Pass. An old trail is marked on the map but was thought to be disused and possibly impassable.

The old trail was found almost immediately at the lower end of the creek on the left bank. The party followed the creek to a point about a mile upstream where a water hole for the construction camp had been built. There was a jeep road at this point which led back in the direction which we had come from. We continued with the old trail for another half mile then, having had a rest, four of the party set off for the pass. The writer followed shortly after and caught up in about another mile. After approximately another mile we came into an open area where Yours Truly and another quit and after taking a few pictures returned by the way we had come. The rest of the party continued and found a new trail above the one we came up on and returned by it without reaching the top of the pass.

The second day the party tried to reach a pass on Hawk Ridge by ascending an unnamed creek from Vermillion Crossing. The Vairs and Sharron turned back after lunch because of threatening weather, having covered about 2½ miles. The rest of the party reached the summit of the pass and got some good views although the weather still was not ideal. We returned to Calgary after supper in Banff.

Sandy Vair.

June 19 - Aylmer Lookout

On this nice Sunday morning Corry Groep, Tess Adolphe, Hilda Adolphe, Friedel Thum, Dick Ranaghan and Gerry Schlee met at the far end of Lake Minnewanka campground at ten o'clock.

After hiking five miles along the north shore of Lake Minnewanka we left the main trail and started the 2000 ft. ascent to the fire lookout. Still one hour away we were spotted by the lookout man, who was waving at us, and on arriving there we were immediately invited into the tower for signing the guest book, etc. We were his first visitors for this season apart from the mountain sheep, of which there were about 70 around the tower while we were having lunch.

On the way back we ran into some rain showers, which kept us nice and cool on this long hike back. We all had supper in Canmore around 7:30 p.m.

Gerry Schlee

NOTICES

1. We regret to inform you that there has been an excess of littering on the trails by some members of the club the past few weeks. It is the policy of the Ramblers always to try to leave a particular location in better condition than we find it. We should therefore strive to clean up the countryside rather than litter it. Please show more consideration in the future.
2. For Sale: Pair of ladies hiking boots, Dolomites, size 7½, good condition, price \$10. Contact Lucia Moffat at AL. 5-6573.
3. For Sale: Pair of ladies hiking boots, Munari, purchased from Alpine Supply for \$22, going cheap. Size 8½, will fit shoe size 9 - 9½. Contact Zen Coccalis at AM. 6-26-85.

WHAT THEY'VE BEEN DOING

The Kiborns have been having a baby daughter named Marine Louise, and

moving. Address is now General Delivery, Rossland, B.C. and after July 1st will be Kaslo, B.C.

Wally Drew has been renewing old associations with the Colorado Mountain Club and wants any of us who are going down to contact him. His address is: 1700 Colorado Blvd., Denver 20, Colorado.

We have also lost two active members in Lillian Garland and Renate Messerschmidt, who have left us for Los Angeles and Banff respectively.

Jean Nicholls is leaving on N June 29th for England for a seven weeks vacation.

Pam Turner has moved to Ste. #5, 817 - 15th Ave. S.W. She was assisted by Sharron Marie Vair. Her new phone no, is AM. 9-3931.

Jack Stiel, Sandy Vair and Bob Norton are all recovering from battered autos. Jack and Sandy are fortunate in not having to pay for repairs. Sandy even borrowed the car which rammed his for going on the weekend trip.

We hear through Wally that Anita Witte will return to Calgary late this summer. She asked about all the Ramblers, especially Gerry.

Bernie Schipperus is off to Summer school at U.B.C. in Vancouver, and we hope to be seeing Rudi out on some of the trips so that we can keep an eye on him for her.

* SPECIAL LATE NEWS *

AT THE EXECUTIVE MEETING ON JUNE 23 IT WAS DECIDED THAT THE INSURANCE SCHEME SHOULD COME INTO EFFECT ON JULY 15, WITH THE CLUB PAYING THE PREMIUM IMMEDIATELY. WOULD ALL MEMBERS PLEASE PAY THEIR EXTRA \$2.00 TO THE TREASURER, GERRY SCHLEE, BY THE END OF JULY AT THE LATEST.

THE FOLLOWING WERE APPOINTED TO FILL THE VACANCIES ON THE EXECUTIVE UNTIL THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING IN THE FALL:

PAM TURNER - VICE CHAIRMAN

BOB BAXTER - CHAIRMAN OF LEADERS' COUNCIL

GERRY SCHLEE WILL TAKE OVER THE DUTIES OF MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN IN ADDITION TO BEING TREASURER.

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