



Rocky Mountain Ramblers Association
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Meetings are held every Wednesday evening at 8.00 p.m. at
Bob's Book Store, 211 - 16th Avenue N.W.

PROGRAMS

- Feb. 7 - Films "Survival in the Bush" and "Winter Sports"
obtained from the Calgary Public Library.
- Feb. 14 - Lecture by Sandy Vair on tent making.
- Feb. 21 - Slides by Bertram Frol on Europe and Montreal.
- Feb. 28 - Bowling at Glamorgan Shopping Centre.
- Mar. 7 - Home movie on the trip to Skoki last Easter.
- Mar. 14 - Lecture by Sandy Vair on map reading, illustrated
by slides.
- Mar. 21 - Slides of various Rambler trips shown by Sandy Vair.
- Mar. 28 - Slides shown by Eric Whittred on a ski-ing holiday
in Chile.

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SKIING BEGAN IN CAMROSE

The sport of skiing had its start in Alberta, not in the mountains, but in the prairie town of Camrose where transplanted Norwegians introduced cross country skiing and jumping to the Province as long as 50 years ago.

It was on October 2, 1911, that a meeting called by J. R. Engobretsen took place in Camrose, and as a result the Fram Ski Club was formed. Later the name was changed to the Camrose Ski Club.

Six foundation members of the Fram Ski Club, were the three Engobretsen brothers, P. Middleson, A. Maland, Lars Maland.

The club hold its first tournament in January 1912 and over the intervening years has produced champions like John Nordmo who represented Canada at the Winter Olympics at Lake Placid in 1932, and Clarence Servold who represented Canada at FIS World Championships at Falun, Sweden in 1954, and brother Irwin who joined him on the Canadian Olympic team and competed at Cortina, Italy in 1956 and again in 1960 at Squaw Valley.

In the Squaw Valley Games, Clarence Servold placed second in the 15 kilometer combined cross country, a mere 20 seconds behind the winner, to emerge as the highest placed male Canadian skier ever, in world competition.

The Camrose Ski Club has had an influential effect on Canadian skiing and largely through the efforts of this club, the Canadian Amateur Ski Association, Alberta Division came about.

The Camrose Ski Club, is moving into its second 50 years with as much determination and vigour as it has shown in the past.

TRIPS

February 18 - Whitehorn and Temple

On this trip 8 Ramblers decided to have a day of real ballroom ski-ing. They were Martha Liechti, Marg Sharpe, Tess Adolphe, Shirley Baxter, Gerry Schlee, Bertram Frei, Dieter Mohr and Ed Lynn. We also met up with another group which included Pam Turner, Jean Nicholls, Lillian Garland, Daphne Smith, Pat Mogford and Joan Nicholson. This car load were all dolled up in smashing outfits and it made us wonder if they were out for ski-ing or he-ing.

It was very foggy on the trip to Banff and then suddenly it turned into a lovely sunny day. The majority of the group took the sedan lift up Whitehorn and the view from the lift was magnificent, even the tip of Assiniboine could be seen. Unfortunately it was rather a cold ride as the seats in the sedans are not prewarmed and when we reached the top a mad dash was made for a cup of coffee. After a few runs on Whitehorn the group split up, some ski-ing down to Temple and the rest staying at Whitehorn. The Sir Norman Watson Downhill races were being held at Temple and I think everyone who watched them realized they were probably looking at prospective competitors for the '68 Olympics.

Most of the group skied the five mile trail out, starting at different times and ski-ing at various speeds. We all stopped at Andriennes for dinner and even though they didn't have the skier's special and our waiter was not too co-operative everyone enjoyed the food and the opportunity to exchange experiences of the day. I'm sure everyone enjoyed the day which was perfect in all respects. Oh by the way I didn't hear how those girls made out with the smashing new outfits - he-ing wise!

Ed Lynn

March 4 - Purple Valley

A group of Ramblers started out at 7.00 a.m. on this sunny, cold morning towards Lake Louise. On arrival, half of the group decided to ride the tow at Whitehorn and Temple.

Jean Nicholls, Gerry Schlee, Lillian Garland, Bob Tennant, Betty Guenther and myself took the bus to temple. After our usual coffee break we took off towards Purple Valley. We had a short but steep climb along the first part of the trail and then suddenly ahead of us lay a wide open valley surrounded with fairly high peaks and wide snowslopes dotted with snow-clad firs.

Having a tall person as trail breaker seemed to cause some trouble for short legged people like myself, for more than once I found myself sitting on top of a tree, legs dangling down on either side! Around noon and at the foot of one of the hills we took shelter from the wind behind some rocks and had a brief lunch. Bob and Betty decided to turn back at this point and the four of us climbed higher up on a wind blown ridge and as we gained more height the snow became less and the rocks more dominant. So there was only one way to get to the top, and that was hiking. As we stood on the wind swept ridge we wondered what it would be like to stand on Everest. For a few minutes we admired the panoramic view, at least what was visible (35%) and had an enjoyable run down in deep powder snow. At Temple we took the 5 mile run out to the cars. Some of us drove straight back to Calgary and the rest went for a swim in the hot pool.

Martha Liechti

March 11 - Sulphur Mountain

We had planned to take the trail to the foot of Mt. Louis but unfortunately there wasn't sufficient snow for ski-ing so it was decided to climb Sulphur Mountain. Sandy, Tommy, Gerry, Ed, Lillian and Pam made up the group and we all enjoyed the lovely weather and good views as we plodded up the mountainside.

We stopped at the little hut for lunch and attempted to build a fire in the stove - which smoked as usual. Ed and I ~~tr~~ tried to keep warm by doing the twist but it isn't an easy thing to do in ski boots. We continued on after lunch and then Sandy decided to go down. A little later we ran into Henry, an elderly gentleman who works at the Banff Hospital. He was wearing snow shoes and had climbed up the road to the cosmic ray station and was going down the other side of Sulphur. We chatted for a while and he helped some of us over a fallen tree which was lying across the trail. We had a good laugh at the contortions used to negotiate the tree, little knowing the havoc it would cause on the way down. We reached the top and spent about half-an-hour looking around and enjoying the view.

On the way down, Gerry and I had climbed back over the tree and were waiting for the others. While Lillian was attempting to get over, we were amazed to see Ed make a gallant leap to fly head first under the tree. Apparently this hadn't been his intention at all and he ended up swimming helplessly around in the loose sugar snow. Our attention was then diverted to Lillian who had taken off her skis and was now on the other side of the tree standing in a 2 ft. hole. (I began to think she had started on her fallout shelter). However, she gave up this project and attempted to put on her skis. The loose snow on the bank gave way and she started to slide backwards down the steep slope. Before anyone could grab her she gently slid about another 15 feet - I secretly think she thought this would be a good way to avoid the hairpin turns. Fortunately a tree stopped her progress and after much floundering and confusion Tommy and Gerry managed to get her up with a chain of ski poles. Meanwhile Ed had made it to shore and was once again on terra firma.

After all this, the rest of the trip was quite tame in comparison and nothing eventful happened except the inevitable falls at the sharp corners. We all made it back safely and thoroughly enjoyed the run down.

Pam Turner

March 17 & 18 - Skoki

The group consisted of members who had been on the trip many times and a few who had never been before. Nevertheless, Skoki cast its magic spell on all of us. Imagine a little lodge nestled in the trees far from the hustle and bustle of civilization, a crackling open fire and good hospitality and you have a picture of Skoki.

The group who went to Skoki this year included Pam Turner, Jean Nicholls, Daphne Smith, Martha Liechti, Lillian Garland, Marg Sharpe, Gerry Schles, Ed Lynn, Volk Stoll and Bob --. We had a good early start from Temple but encountered a few problems in the first mile - broken straps on skins, lost tips of ski poles etc. which delayed us slightly. The weather was simply perfect which made the trip all the more enjoyable. Some of the group barrelled on ahead while the rest took their time and enjoyed the scenery. We all arrived at Skoki lodge at different times during the day. My it was just terrific to fall down and rest your weary feet while enjoying a cup of tea.

The more active ones were out and off ski-ing again in the afternoon while the rest of us just sat and enjoyed the atmosphere of the lodge. There was a long wait for supper which prompted a little tasting of the wine beforehand. After a hearty supper a mad dash was made for the soft chairs around the fire. Again we enjoyed the various "refreshments" along with toasted marshmallows. An old

wind-up gramophone was found and great fun was had playing it. Then Gerry announced that a leprechaun was to be fired from a rocket and we had to go outside to see it. Sure enough a green flare was fired and St. Patrick's Day was celebrated in fine style.

Next morning the girls had a good laugh as they had made apple pie beds for Gerry and I and the discomfort we had had during the night gave them great delight. After a good breakfast some went skiing, others took pictures and some got ready to leave. The trip back was not nearly as pleasant as the trip in. A strong wind was blowing in our faces which made progress very hard going. Finally we made it to Temple only to wait a long time for a bus to the Post Hotel. However, in spite of this we had a very memorable week-end at Skoki.

Ed Lynn

WHAT THEY'VE BEEN DOING

Helen Milne left for a course in Montreal to be a T.C.A. stewardess. Best of luck Helen! Helen will be such an attractive addition to those plane trips that none of the business men will want to get off the plane!

Mary Hodgkinson will wing her way across the ocean in May to visit friends and relatives in England. Mary will be back though to enjoy those summer trips she so much enjoys.

Frede Jensen who is one of the privileged ones will be off in May headed south for his favourite California, to climb madly in the mountains he is so wild about. We hope to see Frede back in July to hike with us and see the Canadian Rockies at their best.

Ted de Waal along with some fellow university students plan a trip in the first part of May to climb some of the mountains in the Columbia Icefields area. We hope all his plans are successful and we look forward to seeing him out again with the club.

Jean Nicholls will have her parents here from England for the summer. It will be nice for Jean to show them the country she came to. We hope they enjoy their visit to the Colony!

Karin Magnuson who is at U.B.C. has been doing her share of skiing at Baker with the U.B.C. outdoor club. Karin seems to be able to combine pleasure with studies very well!

Lillian Garland enjoyed a week at Sunshine. Sure is nice if you can do it. Some people have all the luck!

Word from Sylvia Talpash is that she still enjoys that 78 degree weather. Enjoys some hiking but sure misses the skiing. Sylvia sends her regards to all the group.

By the way anyone heard from Corey, Gerda, Annette, Wally, Dave or Karin Davey?

Hope everyone is looking forward to the hiking season as even though we don't want to see the skiing end spring is around the corner. Let's all try and get at least one member this season who would be interested in hiking.

Ed Lynn

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