

A.A.C., Oregon Section. After six years of planning and construction, Silcox Hut on Mount Hood's upper slope is 95% complete. The restoration group, "Friends of Silcox Hut," include A.A.C. members Dick Pooly, Lew McArthur, Neil Cramer and myself. The majestic mini-lodge was rescued from ruin by "The Friends." The completed hut will be operated by Timberline Lodge as a bed-and-breakfast for skiers, climbers and hikers. It features 24 bunks, a shower room, commercial kitchen, 400-amp electrical service fed under a glacier, and a one-mile high-pressure waterline from Timberline Lodge. The construction has been an uphill battle.

In the Portland area, climbing access on the local crags has repeatedly been a precarious situation. Much maneuvering has taken place to keep these areas from being lost altogether. Daryl Nakahira, Tim Olsen, Laura Potter, Gary Rall and John Sprecher have been instrumental in negotiating for continued access. Access to some local areas remains in delicate balance.

BOB MCGOWN, *Chairman*

A.A.C., Southern California Section. Section members gathered in July for a meeting at the Malibu branch of the Los Angeles County Library, home of one of the Club's five branch libraries. The core consists of over 3000 volumes of mountaineering literature donated by Ruth Erb, in memory of her husband, Club member Arkel Erb, who was killed in an accident in the Himalaya in 1977. Members browsed through the library with the assistance of Madelena Bastos-Connelly, a library official who serves, in effect, as curator of the A.A.C. collection. The County Library has added recently published volumes and maintained subscriptions of interest to climbers.

William Lowell Putnam addressed the Section's annual dinner November 1 on his experiences in the Army's 10th Mountain Division during World War II. Copies of Putnam's book, *Green Cognac*, newly published by the A.A.C., arrived just in time to be available for purchase at the dinner. More than 30 members and guests attended the affair at the Quiet Cannon Restaurant in Montebello.

Section leaders are planning a series of regional events in an effort to make Club activities more available to the widely dispersed membership, which ranges from Fresno and Mammoth Lakes in central California southward to San Diego and eastward to Tucson and Phoenix. The first regional program is being planned for the Eastern Sierra.

BILL STALL, *Chairman*

The Alpine Club of Canada. The major highlights of 1991 in the facilities area were the renovation and re-opening of Fay Hut and the Water, Energy and Waste Management Symposium (WEWMS). The first hut built by the A.C.C. (1927), the Fay Hut, was fully renovated during the summer with the assistance of the Rocky Mountain Section and Kootenay National Park. The renovations

included a new roof and windows and a completely new interior. The popularity of this hut was evident by the number of reservations that were received almost immediately after the renovations were complete. The WEWMS, held in late October and the first of its kind in North America, attracted over 100 delegates and speakers. Attendees included National Parks personnel, private chalet operators and others concerned with the management of waste in the backcountry. The proceedings are expected to be published in early 1992. An extensive five-year renovation plan for the A.C.C.'s backcountry huts was completed in 1991.

The expanded summer and winter activities schedule was very successful, and a number of international camps have been added to our schedule. Although the location of the General Mountaineering Camp had to be changed at the last minute, the new location at Farnham Creek proved popular, and all four weeks were full.

The Environment Fund has been well supported with pledge donations totalling almost \$30,000. The Mountain Guides' Ball and charity auction in October netted over \$10,000 for the Fund. The Fund will provide financial support for environmental initiatives by the club.

The Mountaineering Course Syllabus was completed and distributed for comment. It is hoped that the Syllabus will be widely used to standardize mountaineering course content in Canada. The A.C.C. continues to support its National Sport Climbing Team, and a successful national competition took place in Edmonton, Alberta, in January. The Expeditions Committee continues to support international expeditions through letters of endorsement.

The Silver Rope for Leadership was awarded to Mike Haden (Canmore, AB) and Roger Wallis (Weston, ON), and Distinguished Service Awards went to David Brown (Toronto, ON) and David Gillespie (Montreal, PQ). Special awards were presented to Leslie DeMarsh, Brad Harrison and Chic Scott at the Annual General Meeting at Lake Louise in October.

Membership remains steady, and a membership drive aimed at section-only members was moderately successful. The existing membership structure is being analyzed and some changes are expected in 1992 to meet the needs of the mountaineering and hiking communities.

The Canadian Alpine Journal had a number of full-colour pages added to it, making it the best C.A.J. yet. As always, more material was received than could be published. Continued changes to the newsletter have resulted in positive feedback from the membership.

Over \$10,000 was allocated to eight projects including publications, youth scholarships, a portable climbing wall, the Kluane Lake Shelter and a waste-management project.

The Canadian Alpine Centre and International Hostel at Lake Louise was completed in December. This marks the successful completion of a long-time dream of the club. The facility provides low-cost accommodation for 100 in Lake Louise and is bound to be popular. The official opening will take place in January 1992. Reservations can be made by calling (403) 522-2200.

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