

Gordon Wiltsie, Allan Petrasanta and Jay Jensen skied the Haute Route of the Alps during the spring. Wiltsie's account of the trip, and photos, appeared in the December issue of *Ski Magazine*. Gordon's article on a unique ski trip to Spitsbergen also was published during the year. Paul Pfau of Shadow Hills spent the year working on organization of his American Sagarmatha Expedition, a 30th anniversary climb of Mount Everest.

BILL STALL, *Chairman*

*A.A.C., Oregon Section.* Four Section members, Arthur, Cramer, Pooley and McGown together with others, completed the final building requirements for occupancy of Mount Hood's premier climbing-and-ski hut. Silcox Hut is now open for reservations. A phase-two project for the hut has been proposed. This consists of two snow tunnels and a wood storage area. Presently I am organizing an astronomy fund-raiser for phase two. This will be a telescope star party at Timberline Lodge October 15-17, 1993. It will include a lecture series, "Cosmos 1993."

The hut is well situated for high-altitude telescope observations, ski traverses of Mount Hood and southwest face ascents. It sleeps 24 and has three restrooms plus a kitchen. Timberline Lodge will operate Silcox Hut starting in October 1993. Before then bookings may be made through Steven Moskowitz, 2815 N.E. 50th, Portland, OR 97213.

The summer of 1992 saw increased activity at Lamberson Butte on Mount Hood's east side. In the past, logistical problems have kept the area unexplored except for an occasional visitor to Newton Pinnacles. The two-hour approach and Newton Clark Creek's daily periodic flooding from the melting glaciers have hindered activity. Bush Pilot, Weekend Ivory Hunters, Bag of Tricks, Crash of the Titans, Pushover, Quantum Gravity and Pig Iron Dihedral provided 5.9-5.10 routes for Bob McGown, Tim and Cindy Olson and Wayne Wallace.

New routes of up to 220 feet were also placed on French's Dome, the basaltic pillow lava dome on Mount Hood's south side: Alpha Centuri by Bob McGown and Tim Olson; and Darwin Gitti and Static Cling by McGown and Jacob Clayton.

BOB MCGOWN, *Chairman*

*The Alpine Club of Canada.* The A.C.C. continued to meet the challenge of change in 1992 with the election of a new Executive Committee. Ken Hewitt passed the reins of President to Doug Fox, previously Treasurer, at the Annual General Meeting in October. Some of the year's highlights were as follows:

The club's national office moved from Banff to Canmore, Alberta in February. This permitted the club to expand its staff base and to enhance member services. The mailing address is Box 2040, Canmore, Alberta, T0L OMO; phone (403) 678-3200.

The Annual General Mountaineering Camp was held at Fairy Meadow amid the Adamant Ranges of British Columbia and enjoyed four successful weeks.

The 1993 camp has been set for the Scott/Hooker Icefield area, southwest of Jasper, Alberta.

The environment portfolio was expanded to include Access. The year's highlight was the successful intervention by the A.C.C. in cooperation with the Sierra Club and the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society before the Natural Resources Conservation Board in the proposed Three Sisters Golf Resorts development in the Bow Corridor. While much of the development was approved, Wind Valley was excepted as a unique wilderness area essential to the wildlife found there.

Proceedings from the Energy and Waste Management Symposium, held in October 1991, have been published, and a number of Symposium recommendations have been implemented in both the federal and provincial parks of Alberta and British Columbia.

The new Facilities Directory was completed with a listing of all A.C.C. backcountry huts as well as our clubhouse and the Canadian Alpine Centre and International Hostel at Lake Louise. Major renovations were made to the Fairy Meadow Hut and include the creation of a large kitchen in the east end of the main floor and new tables and padded benches in the old kitchen area. A number of new windows were installed, and the hut now sports two wood stoves. The hut continues to be extremely popular for winter ski camps. The Canadian Alpine Centre at Lake Louise completed its first year. It was booked almost 100% during the summer season and enjoyed over 17,500 overnights in 1992.

The National Sport Climbing Committee continues to encourage and support sport climbing competitions. The N.S.C.C. now sanctions local and city competitions held at climbing clubs and gyms as well as the Canadian National Championships. The Committee continues to publish *The Flash*, a newsletter with information on sport climbing in Canada. The A.C.C. was granted a seat on the C.E.C. of the U.I.A.A.

The 1992 Mountain Guides' Ball on October 31 was co-hosted with the Association of Canadian Mountain Guides. Over 200 members of both associations attended the ball and auction. Patron of the 1992 Ball was Mr. William Lowell Putnam. Also honoured was Mr. Ken Jones, the first Canadian mountain guide, who celebrated his 80th birthday at the ball. The A.C.M.G. honoured Ms. Diana Harrison, the first Canadian woman to achieve full mountain-guide status.

A proposal to restructure the club's membership received approval in principle from the Board of Directors. The proposal would eliminate the Section-only class of membership and provide members with a lower basic membership fee and the ability to add on various options such as the *Canadian Alpine Journal* and facilities benefits.

The Board of Directors approved the formation of a new club section in the Jasper/Hinton area of Alberta. The section has approximately 55 members.

Past president Ken Hewitt and Dave Dornian, Chairman of the Sport Climbing Committee both received the 1992 Distinguished Service Award.

BEVERLY BENDELL, *Activities Manager*