

Choate organized trail-clearing activities in partnership with Alaska State Parks and succeeded in clearing brush from approximately one mile of the Gold Mint Trail before winter set in. Future trail-clearing efforts are planned. The club also solicited and received an \$11,000 grant from the State of Alaska to complete the construction of a new public use cabin on Eklutna Lake under an arrangement with Chugach State Park.

BILL and WENDY ROMBERG

*The Alpine Club of Canada.* The highlight of 2000 was the Mount Alberta climbing and trekking program held in commemoration of the first ascent of the peak 75 years ago. One climbing team and six trekking groups composed of 80 Japanese members of the Japanese Alpine Club and volunteers from the ACC took part in the program. While the climb of Mount Alberta was not successful, owing to poor conditions, all of the trekking programs based at the ACC huts were completed by all.

The Mount Alberta Hut was renovated as part of the above program, and the Peter and Catherine Whyte (Peyto) Hut on the Wapta Icefield was extended and virtually completely renovated. A vestibule was added, as were corner windows in an eating alcove, which provide unlimited views of the surrounding peaks to the south and west. Renovations continue on the clubhouse in Canmore.

The North Face Leadership courses, held in both summer and winter, continue to draw qualified applicants from the Club's sections across Canada. One week in length, this program is designed to upgrade and refine the skills of already qualified volunteer leaders. These leaders then return to their sections to pass on their skills on section trips.

There were two major member recognitions in 2000. Chic Scott was awarded Honorary Membership. Chic has a long history in Canadian mountaineering, and his most recent publication, *Pushing the Limits*, details the history of Canadian mountaineering. The club was saddened by the passing of Bob Hind, its Honorary President, in 2000. Peter Fuhrmann was approved by the Board of Directors to become the next Honorary President. In addition to being a past president of the ACC (1984-1988) and the major organizer behind the Canadian Alpine Centre in Lake Louise, Bob was instrumental in the development of many alpine rescue techniques still in use today. Other awards were the Distinguished Service Award presented to David Myles and Mike Haden, while Allan Main received the Silver Rope for Leadership.

A new Members' Handbook was published in the spring, and the first publication of a "Summit Series" appeared in the fall. This edition chronicled the life of member Don Forest, the first person to ascend all 11,000-foot peaks in the Canadian Rockies.

The full edition of the Club's Access and Environment Policy was approved by the Board of Directors at their fall meeting. (The abridged version was approved several years ago.) At this meeting, the Annual General Meeting date was approved for spring 2001 and annually each spring thereafter to coincide with the Board of Directors meeting. The Mountain Guides' Ball and a Board of Directors meeting will continue to be held each fall.

BEV BENDELL

*The Mountaineers.* The Mountaineers' Seattle climbing program, under the leadership of Ron Eng, has maintained its traditional focus on alpine climbing in the Pacific Northwest. The Basic and Intermediate Climbing courses, which compose the core of the program, continue to command high demand from club members. However, the program has now expanded to match continuing growth and diversification of "climbing."

Mixed climbing is now an integral part of waterfall ice climbing. Curriculum for the Waterfall Ice Climbing Course includes coverage of drytooling techniques. This program has initiated an effort to develop an area dedicated specifically to dry tooling. Although the area is close to a popular, heavily used sport-climbing area, it utilizes exposures that would not be suitable for traditional sport climbing. Negotiations with the governing land-management agency led to an agreement, before any route-setting work began. Establishment of such specific drytooling areas will serve to lessen the possibility of conflict with other classes of climbing users. The climbing program continues to include a Crag Climbing Course.

Administration of the climbing program continues to incorporate increasing electronic technology. A majority of climb leaders are making use of the climb-leader Web page trip-registration system. Therefore, more and more information is included on the climbing-program general Web page. An electronic bulletin board facilitates the exchange of information regarding routes and conditions. The climbing program Web page URL is <http://www.eski-mo.com/-pc22/CC/cc.html>.

Four of our members—Mike Maude, Gretchen Lentz, Rich Karstens, and Charlene Hallstaff—received the Denali Pro 2000 award from the National Park Service in recognition of rescue efforts in the spring. They were from two separate climbing parties that successfully reached the summit of Denali via the West Buttress route. While at the 17,200-foot high camp, members of both parties assisted with the rescue, evaluation, and treatment of a hypoxic, exhausted, and dehydrated Australian climber who was having difficulty descending from Denali Pass. The climber was escorted by one team down the West Buttress and turned over to Park Service rescuers below Washburn's Thumb. In addition, the four climbers evaluated a HACE case for the Park Service.

This year, The Mountaineers Books introduced *Climbing: From Gym to Crag*, the first title in The Mountaineers Outdoor Expert Series. New titles focused on building outdoor skills will be added to the series each year. *Bradford Washburn: Mountain Photography* was published in February, winning both the Grand Prize and Mountain Image Award at the 2000 Banff Mountain Book Festival. *The Wildest Dream: The Biography of George Mallory* received this year's Boardman-Tasker Award for Mountain Literature. The Mountaineers Books is now the exclusive distributor for Colorado Mountain Club Press, whose notable titles include *Guide to the Colorado Mountains*, *The Colorado Trail*, and *Roof of the Rockies*. A free catalog of over 600 titles is available by calling 800-553-4453.

DONNA PRICE, *Trustee*

*AAC, Oregon Section.* Jeff Alzner led the K2000 Expedition to the North Ridge of K2 in the summer. The climb was frustrated above 7350 meters by persistent bad weather and poor conditions. A succession of storms prevented the large team from making a summit attempt. On the plus side, the expedition was without mishap, and all returned safely.

Doug Hutchinson and Matt Sullivan climbed Mount Waddington by the Bravo Glacier in July. Conditions were good to excellent, and the climb went well, taking only two long days from base to base. As a follow-up to Waddington, they headed to Mount Robson, but were thwarted by dangerous conditions high on the mountain.

Jim Craig, 80, returned to Switzerland for a traverse of the Matterhorn. He completed two ascents with his lifelong climbing partner, Donald Eastman. The two of them have completed hundreds of mountain ascents together over the last 46 years.

Sean Bagshaw, Brock Rowley, and Mark Chin attempted Aconcagua in December, but were turned back by persistent high winds. The climb was notable for the effort to integrate