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An important event will be taking place in November. While most Whistlerites will be scrambling for jobs, accomodation etc., the gentry, developers and Vancouver landowners will be going through the ritual of electing a town council.

But if history is any indice, many eligible voters, mostly young, will not be registering and voting.

Apathy is very much in style in the post-Watergate era.

Essentially what this means is that the majority of actual Whistler residents, mainly the working people that make the place tick, will not have a say in how the place they have decided to live is to be run.

Those decisions will remain with a major American corporation, a self-destructing provincial government and a town council that makes Punch and Judy seem like real people.

Do we really need a council member who refers to the Mountain Development Corporation as "a bunch of dope smoking hippies?" Maybe he should be called Acid Rain!

The time has come for EVERY Whistler resident to start thinking of the upcoming election, keeping in mind the present state of affairs. If enough people were mobilized the will of actual residents could be expressed through council, the way democracy was intended.

We urge everyone to take an active interest in the upcoming election, to get on the voters list and to turn out at the polls.

Keep in mind that Dennis Kucinich was mayor of Cleveland at 29; Mike Harcourt has been a Vancouver alderman since 31; and that Svend Robinson was first elected to parliament at 27, to name just a few. But you can be sure that they didn't get elected with the help of developers or with the apathy of their contemporaries.

We have a chance to make democracy work, let's not blow it off. Remember, in civic politics every vote DOES count, and that vote that counts should be yours!

The Alta Vista Dock is a shambles these days! The tires and tin cans in the water add dramatic effect to the two makeshift rafts tied together apparently serving the function of a dock. One would think that in a town giving lip service to being a four seasons resort the major public access to the most active lake in the area would have a somewhat more attractive and functional facility for small boat launching, sun bathing, swimming or sight seeing.

Alta Lake is our major summer attraction. It's cool, clear waters are ideal for swimming, small boat sailing or just plain being near. The problem is there's only two places available to the public on the lake shore. The rest of the shoreline is inaccessible or privately owned. The wayside park has a small gravel and sand beach which would be complimented perfectly by a substantial dock facility somewhere on the lake. Every lake should have a main dock or focal point. It's a place to base regattas, hold swimming and watersafety courses or simply go to cool off after work.

Admittedly this would not be a function worthy of the monstrous hype that Whistler is purchasing around the world but with the nega-tourism-bucks floating around the valley these days, one would think we could skim off the paltry amount necessary to provide a facility that would benefit everyone for countless summers to come.

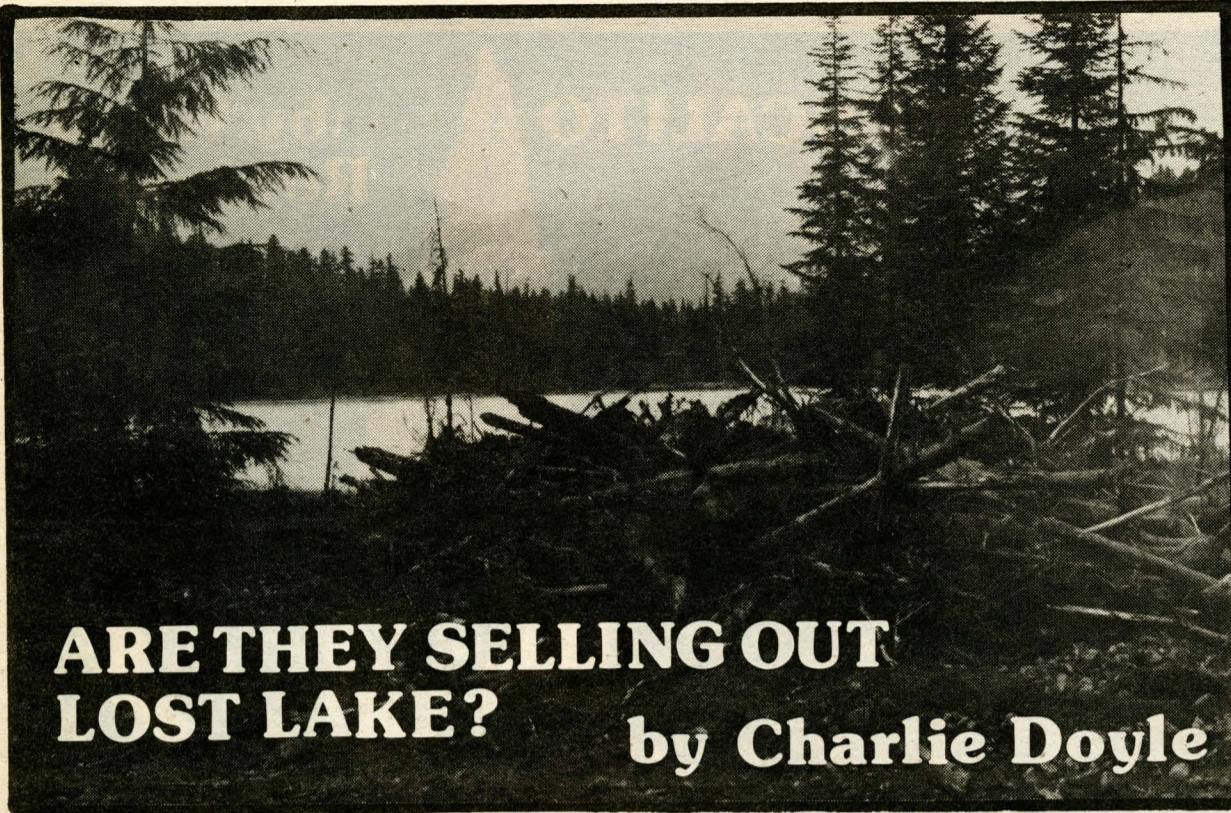


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COVER PHOTO

A windsurfing fan at the Whistler Regatta. M. Leierer photo.



ARE THEY SELLING OUT LOST LAKE? by Charlie Doyle

The bulldozers have started in at the south end of Lost Lake. The level of the lake has been lowered two feet by removing a beaver dam and by diverting the lake's major tributary. Truck loads of excess town centre fill are being dumped to form a park area and a "beach" will be constructed to spotlight a revamped Lost Lake Park. At the risk of sounding like a raving eco-freak, I have to suggest that not a hell of a lot of planning has been presented to the public explaining such a drastic move.

It appears the B.C. Fish and Wildlife Branch were also somewhat concerned as they stopped work on the site and put a hold on introducing 10,000 juvenile rainbow trout into Lost.

"The risk is too great," stated Habitat Protection officer Bob Reynolds. The area of shallow deadfall to be removed is prime environment for young trout.

This area is totally unsuitable for landfilling of this type. "It's all loon shit," was the consensus of both the Habitat Protection Officer and Paul Mathews, a local environmental planner. And it's true! There's about 6 inches of water on top of four feet of quicksand-like muck.

The municipality proposes to dump sand on the exposed shoreline and then bring the lake up to its previous level. Et voila-instant beach. "It's not that easy!" Mathews reports.

"Techniques are available to provide beach area on this type of lake bottom; but certain factors have to be analyzed." Only certain bottom gradients, through flows and depths, will support a beach and then only careful layering of aggregates and sand have a chance of success. To haphazardly backfill excess town centre fill could have disastrous and long lasting effects on the quality of Lost Lake.

Is the south end of the lake necessarily the best place to construct a beach? Both Mathews and Reynolds agree with previous reports that cite the north end as a more suitable area for developing a public beach. The north end receives more hours of sunlight per day, gradients are more suitable for beach construction and the area is more environmentally sound.

Al Raine, appointed Whistler alderman and head of the recreation committee stated that the south end would provide "better public access and parking" and would "tie in more effectively with the 6,000 bed development planned for the Blackcombe benchlands."

Several cautions should be observed before development of an area that is so environmentally fragile and socially significant. First and foremost no actions with environmental impact should be undertaken without sound planning.

It is sometimes impossible to reverse any damages done in this realm. The proposed beach should also be functional. It would be easy to dump sand on two feet of shoreline and have loon shit from there but this would not provide a very practical "beach" for young people or adults.

It is also significant that Blackcomb Mountain presently enjoys the development rights east of the roadway on the east side of Lost Lake. This is essentially half of the available shore of Lost Lake and it would not be in the locals' or the majority of the tourists' best interest to have Lost Lake reduced to a reflector pool in front of some grand condominium scheme. Why repeat the situation on Alta Lake where only two small areas of shoreline are available to the public and the rest tied into private development.

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MESCALITO

by Ward
Robinson



Ward and I first started climbing together about three years ago on the cliffs behind the Gulf. Under the able tutelage of Allan Skerry (Zipper) we worked our way around all the local rocks, did a few Alpine routes and eventually to the Chief in Squamish. Ward was young, strong and a touch impetuous. The rock got in his blood and he hasn't done a hell of a lot else since. He's worked around at logging and various other jobs, but only to support his main habit—twice a year to Yosemite, once a year to the Bugaboos, Rogers Pass, the Coastal Mountains, the Cascades and it shows. He has the look of a climber; scarred forearms and hands, thick strong fingers and a look that suggests having been somewhere and back. He's made a first ascent on the Chief that he's named "The Zipper", after Alan who died at Sunshine in the Rockies. This route will be entered in the new Squamish Chief Guidebook. Like most climbers of his caliber he has a head full of first ascents.

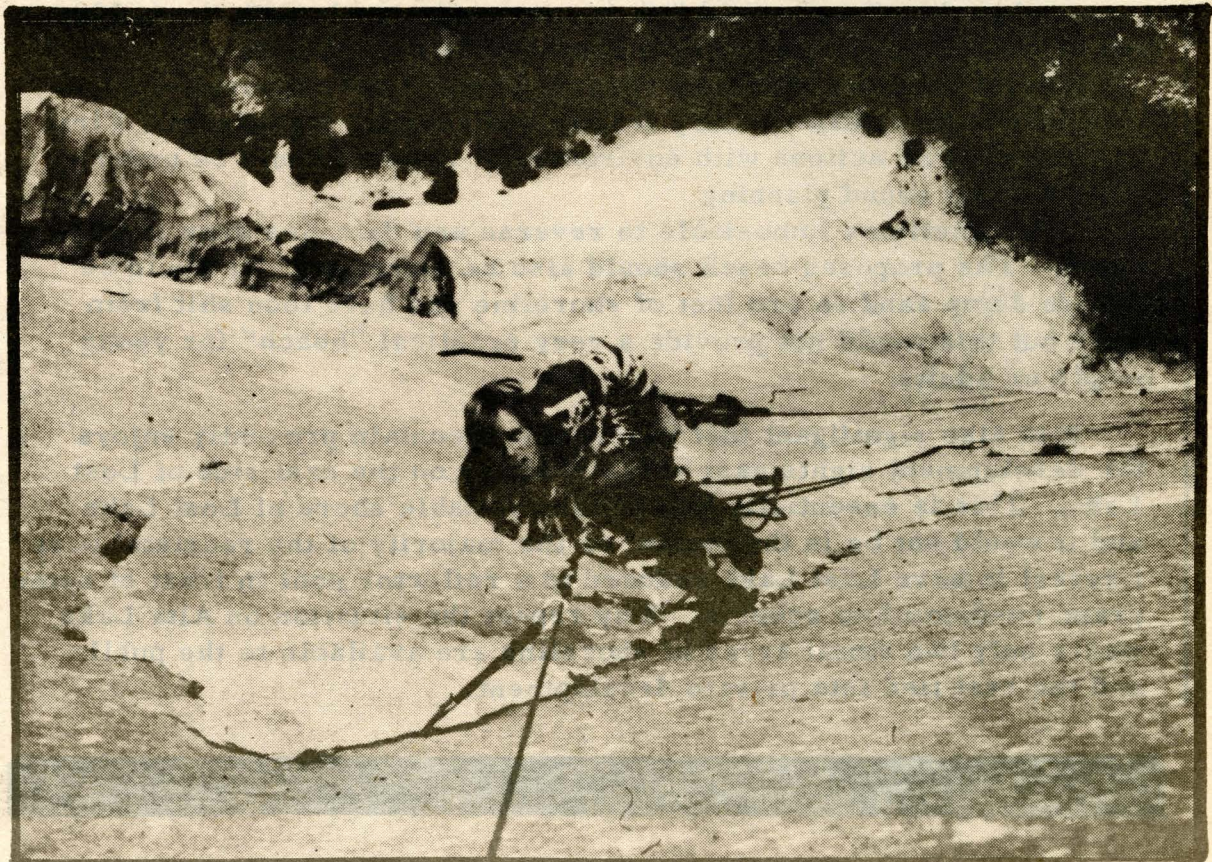
Ward is presently in Yosemite and sent this account of his climb of MESCALITO, a route on El Capitan that has only been repeated a handful of times.

Mescalito is a grade six technical wall climb in El Capitan in Yosemite Valley, California. It is twenty five pitches long, about three thousand vertical feet and is graded at a 5.10 A4 difficulty. In other words, they aren't lining up at the bottom.

Johan a young Belgian of 18 and myself set out to do it

Day one was spent scamming gear, racking up, and fixing a couple of pitches.

Scamming gear is a big wall ritual that usually continues from the time you decide to do the climb until you leave the ground...bumming equipment...most of your friends are reluctant to lend gear but generally come through the night before the climb. (they wouldn't want you to be up there without the best) I count on it.



'Racking up' involves stowing the million and one pieces of gear you'll depend on during the next vertical week where you can put your hand on it quick. No easy task!

We began to climb late in the day and fixed two pitches or rope lengths. In other words we climbed '300' and rappelled back to the ground, leaving the two ropes attached above us. This would give us one extra night's sleep on the ground and a head start in the morning.

Day two was enjoyable and aesthetic. Thin cracks on a vertical blank wall. Out there in space.

On the third day while hauling up our water and food we saw Perry a Squamish regular nailing his way up a thin seam on the wall adjacent to us. He was working on a first ascent with two other Canadians and had a twisted grin on his face.

We had planned on seven days and packed six quarts of water, plus some beer and coke. The fourth day was a rest day, one of tying up loose ends, smoking some joints and massive psyching. Psyching is what holds the climbers mind together!

Johan seemed fairly calm constantly grinning. My cousin figures they haven't developed any brains at that age.

The climbing, from here, would be at our technical limit and any retreat would be ludicrous due to the wandering nature of the climb, the steepness and the lack of features on the surrounding wall.

"Once your up there you ain't coming down."

A ranger working for the rescue unit told us they had never rescued anyone from that side of El Cap so they weren't sure if they could!


I TRAVERSED RIGHT TO A THIN CORNER AN INSTANT LATER I HUNG BUG EYED I HAD FALLEN...

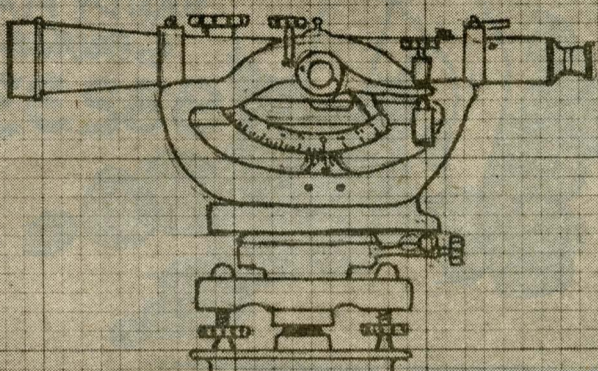


Climbing continued slowly at a high technical level. The joy of completing a pendulum traverse, swinging across the wall contrasted sharply with the adrenalin rush of a thirty five foot screamer fall and the tedious paranoia that not enough ground was being covered fast enough for our food and water estimate. The route had not been climbed many times before and in places the rock gave no clue as to how previous climbers had passed.

But something changed! Until now the top had been something that we couldn't really conceive of. We could sense it. The hardest was behind us. We were cruising, climbing strong and smooth, in tune with our vertical element, a calculated rush.

As with most adventures the end is merely a return to a real and comparatively mundane world. In this case a dusty and tiring trudge down the backside of El Capitan with bodies spent but minds alive and already scanning the next route... the next challenge.



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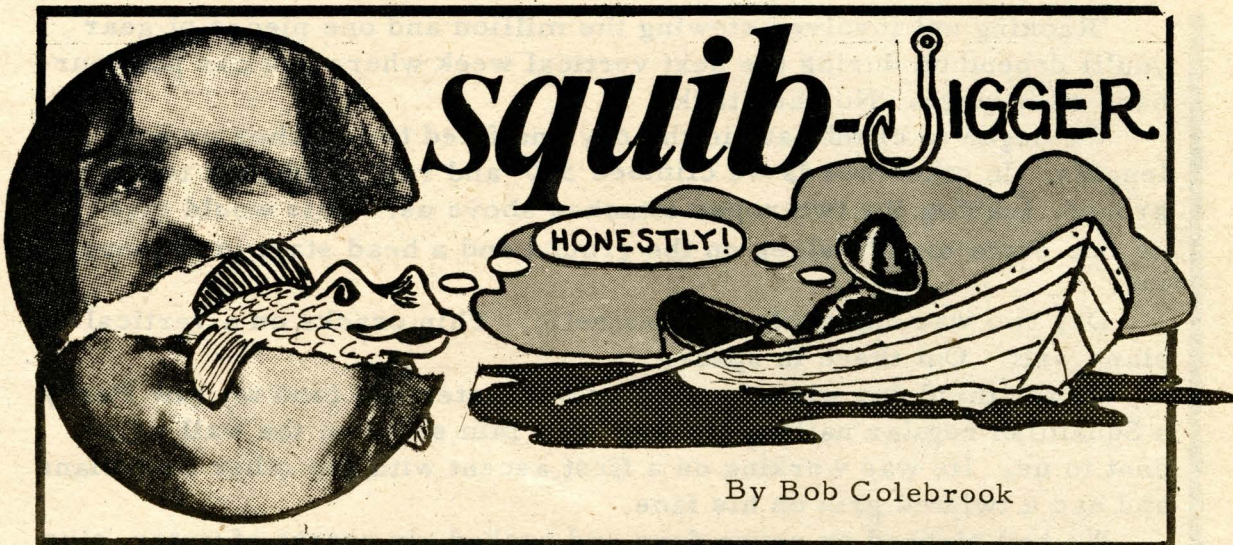
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By Bob Colebrook

The Executive Government and authority of and over Canada is hereby declared to continue and be vested in the Queen.
 -British North America Act of 1867, sec. 9

On a recent mid-morning walk, which of late I have come to refer to as a constitutional, the most profound thoughts of a political nature entered my head. This was most unusual, for with the opening of the Canadian Football League's regular season schedule I should've been pondering the merits of the quick kick.

Canada now has its own national anthem, I thought, and even its own flag, but a Canadian constitution? Could this be going too far? No, I decided, Westminster should give us the keys and let us drive out of the colonial garage.

Finally, we could all sit smugly back in our recliners and burst with pride over our new totally independent Canadian country, or could we?

No. For as nice as the patriation of the BNA act will be, it will mean nothing as a symbolic apron string cutting if the statutory head of government remains a foreign monarch.

(The editor at this point shakes his head, "not another proposal to abolish the monarchy! The Toronto Star got nothing but flack for calling Princess Anne 'baggage'." "But this one is different," I reply, "just watch and see.")

For some reason that I will never grasp, some people view talk of abolishing the monarchy as nothing short of treason. These people flood the radio talk shows and letters-to-the-editor columns whenever a commentator has the audacity to suggest that worshipping the Queen of England is anomalous behavior for a supposed sovereign state. These diehards usually belong to a ridiculous organization called the Monarchist League, a group of tea drinking flower arrangers that is an offshoot from the famed Flat Earth Society.

It is a touchy issue for sure, and maybe this complex and emotional question can best be solved by the famous Canadian method for dealing with anything that might lose votes: compromise. The monarchy if necessary, but not necessarily the monarchy.

Why can't we keep the monarchy but inject some Canadian content into it? And by this I don't mean some cosmetic action like Prince Charles marrying Joni Mitchell.

We should start our own Canadian chessboard with a royal family that is born and raised right here in the renewed confederation. Think of the tourist dollars!

A Canadian Monarchy? But there is nobody currently registered with Canada Employment with the proper qualifications, I hear skeptics reply.

The answer clearly lies in on-the-job training. The successful candidates would have to have a strong affinity for publicity and an ability to cope with the limelight. They would have to be refined and cultured and a regal bearing would be an asset. A strong wrist for endless waving would be another requirement and of course they would have to be extremely photogenic, what with all the posing for stamps and currency.

As tall as that order may be I think there is someone in Canada to fill it. I propose what when Pierre Eliot Trudeau finally throws in the towel as P.M. he be appointed King. Give the bastard his own bannister to slide down.

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Why not, as a savant and philosopher-king he's already in the majors, and besides, it doesn't look like he is going to go away voluntarily.

And Margaret would come running back to the fold to take her rightful place as the true Disco Queen. Do you think she would pass up the opportunity to have weekly command performances by the Rolling Stones?

Yes, I think they would do. They represent both charter groups and have three darling princes to lead us into the 21st century.

And many observers point out that Trudeau would have a minimum of trouble adapting to the new role. Some, in fact, think that he is already labouring under the impression that he has already been coronated.

And there are countless other Canucks to fill the other regal titles. Pierre Berton would become the first Duke of Dawson Creek; Peter Lougheed the Earl of Edmonton; and Barbara Amiel as Marchioness of Maclean's. Other court positions would see Charlie Farquharson as jester and Stompin' Tom Connors as Poet Laureate, or vice versa. A knighthood could go along with the NHL scoring title. It is an exciting prospect.

Maybe then we could all go fox hunting and ride around in coach and sixes. Slowly we could reintroduce the feudal system and... Excuse me, my constitutional is over now and I have to get back to the ward for a head count...

Notes From Nowhere:

Whistlerites past and present

*Jack Bright (millionaire) is now living somewhere in the south of France, where he has cornered the rum and coke market.

*It has been reported from Toe Wrong Toe that Robin (thrush) Blechman is presently studying acting, playing in a rock and roll band, racing ten speeds, consulting a psychic, opening a cookie shop, having a nervous breakdown, debunking Jamaican folklore or any of the above, depending upon the weather.

*Jim (Mogul) Monahan is back in the hack in Oil Town and on the wagon, chasing some doll who sprung the gears on the ten speed of his heart. He always plays the victim; I guess that's why he never gets a series of his own. Rumour has it that he plans further outrage in Banff with no less a celebrity than Dorothy V. Gow, even though he has re-established his outlaw status as a result of his reluctance to continue with his car payments.

*Jack Goodale and Candi are now living in a beer can in Pemberton.

*Someone reported seeing Danny Tolmie in the Salvation Army soup kitchen.

*Rosalie Justus was actually carded at the Luv-A-Fair in Vancouver, where she made her debut in Canuck culture wearing a wet-suit.

*Doc Fingers is still short and an asshole playing at the Anchor in Vancouver.

*Paul Burrows is in Africa (now we know why they call it the dark continent).

*Congratulations to Tim Hicks and Sally who recently got married in England. The exact location is unknown but it was somewhere near a place called Dorking.

*Much sympathy is extended to the writer of this article as he was just fatally wounded by the editor. His estate, which consists of an eight ball, a celluloid dickie and a right-handed shoe horn will be donated to the National Chiggers Prevention League. In lieu of flowers donations to Bushmills Distillers, Dublin would be gratefully accepted.

Hollywood

Queen Elizabeth is rumoured to be taking Sonny Terry's place in the blues duo Sonny Terry and Brownie MacGee. Liz is an accomplished harp player and recently made her national television debut on Saturday Night Live.

Household Hints

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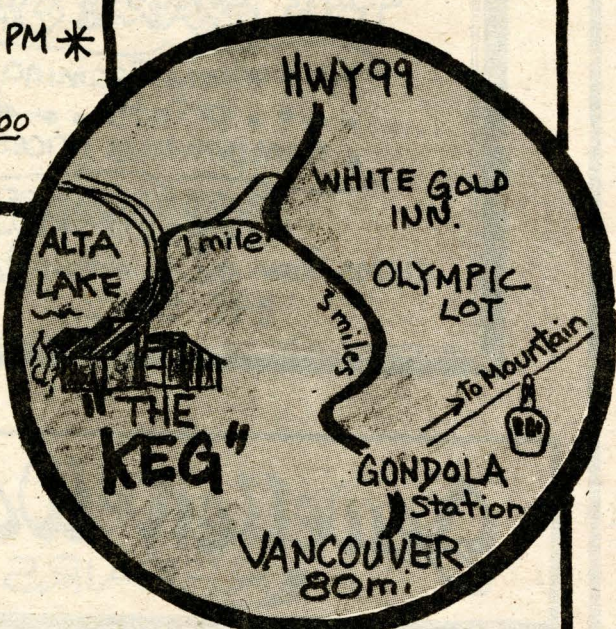
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GADD PUBLISHES BOOK

THE BOOK OF WINDSURFING; A Guide to Freesailing Techniques, By Mike Gadd, John Boothroyd and Ann Durrel. Van Nostrand Reinhold Company, New York, \$9.95.

Whistler resident Mike Gadd has hit the big time with the release of this definitive treatise on the sport that we all know and love.

As Ed McMahon would say, everything you could ever know about windsurfing is in this book. And Johnny would reply, "everything except how to do it, Bacardi-breath."

Make no mistake about it, this book is the Baedeker of windsurfing. It is comprehensive, articulate and profusely illustrated. And it is in no way a self-serving document of local interest only. In fact, Whistler is a mere footnote in the book, which is justifiable considering the international popularity of the sport. This book was obviously designed with an international market in mind, and there is no reason why it should not do very well.

Gadd and his collaborators take the reader from the basics of windsurfing right through to the more esoteric and difficult wave jumping, high wind sailing and competition sailing. And for those more inclined to looking at photographs, there is certainly no shortage of excellent snaps of all manners of windsurfing contortionists.

Perhaps the best photo is a Chris Speedie shot of Chris Blaylock on a beam reach with the Whistler Lodge and peak in the background. Unfortunately the caption only informs the reader that the shot was taken somewhere in Western Canada and Blaylock's best side is turned away from the camera.

Windsurfing has become a regimented and highly standardized sport and will be included as one of the yachting events at the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles. There is little doubt that windsurfing is now a legitimate sport and THE BOOK OF WINDSURFING is adequate proof. It is available here in Whistler at Whistler Windsurfing at the Alta Lake Inn and at all major bookstores in Vancouver.



CN-TOWER ASSAULTED

The Canadian National Railways, as a result of the fourth anniversary attempt to climb the CN Tower in Toronto by two rock climbers, has announced that to discourage any further escapes of this nature they will be constructing an eight-foot fence around the base of the structure.

One has to view this as futile move at best. Presumably, anyone with the skill, daring and equipment to try scaling the largest free standing structure in the world has the resources to scale an eight-foot fence.

It is our opinion that if CN wants to properly protect their structure against trespassers of this nature, they should build a fence that is at least as high as the structure it is supposed to protect. Then CN could also lay claim to the world's largest free standing chain link fence. Of course, then they would have to build an eight-foot fence protecting it from the assaults of people wanting to climb the world's largest fence.

White Rock Regatta

The First Annual Barnacle Bill Sandcastle Regatta for windsurfers will take place on Sunday August 10 at 4 p.m. adjacent to the White Rock pier.

The regatta is being held in conjunction with the Second Annual White Rock Sandcastle Contest, an event that draws thousands to the beach to view teams of castle builders competing for \$40,000 prize money.

The race is open to anyone with a board who wishes to enter and will run on an Olympic Triangle course. Contestants will compete in two divisions, light and heavyweight, on boards of their choice with a maximum of 60 sq. ft. of sail.

Some of the confirmed prizes are wet suits from Bare/Fitzwright, although Bill Mosely stresses that, "the object is fun."

Entries will be taken at Barnacle Bill's Board and Sail on Marine Drive until one hour before the race. Entry fee is \$10 and includes a T-shirt.

Be aware that 80,000 people are expected on the beach for the sandcastle competition and that Marine Drive will be closed to vehicular traffic. Barnacle Bill's will store boards the night before if desired and there will be a trailer to ferry boards out to the waterline.

Contestants will be invited to an after bash in the beer filled border town of Blaine. For more information on the race interested parties can call Barnacle Bill's at 536-4344 or see the posters in local windsurfing establishments.



Barnacle Bill Mosley gets some wind on his home surf - White Rock.

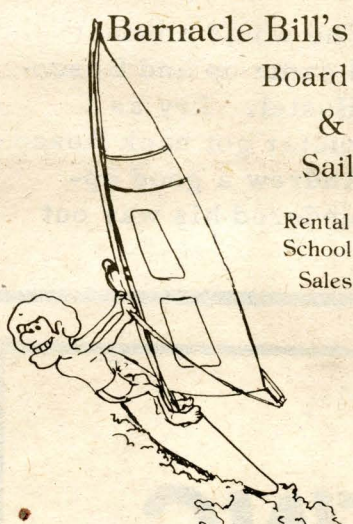


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WHO'S BORE

What caused me to leave the sanctuary of dark and dingy smoke filled rooms for the wind, sun and water only my analyst knows. It may have been a dare, who knows?

(Actually it was so I could write this 'story'.)

So one hot day me and the idioter of this paper jump in my dune buggy, threw on an old Beach Boys tape (is there any other kind?) and headed over to the west side to a place called Blackcomb Boardsailing.

There was a full gale blowing on the lake. The Edmund Fitzgerald was sinking by Tokum.

Our instructor for the day was the Reverend Al Davis a well known figure in windsurfing circles. We couldn't see Barb Simpson anywhere, only it wasn't for want of trying.

There are two very good reasons for taking lessons at Blackcomb Boardsailing. The first is the fact that they have a simulator, which lets you hate the bloody sport without actually getting wet, and the second is that being on the west side you don't have a bunch of lounge sailors laughing at your failures.

Anyway, to make a short story long, we gyrated for a time on this simulator contraption, sustaining only minor injuries and flesh wounds. Davis was reluctant to take rank beginners out in the howling wind. He pointed out in the lake as Tamarisk floated by. But with much cajoling and cries of "jamtart, jamtart" he finally consented.



Reverend Al and Bosco on the dry-land stimulator.

The idea seemed great! Take the most unlikely character to ever grace a windsurfing school—the very antithesis of the slim blonde surfer, someone who has even vehemently denounced the sport publicly, ideally someone who can write, and put him in the able hands of our local instructors. See if the sport is as easy to learn as they say.

Now, who was this person going to be ?

I was sitting on the front porch debating this very matter when a red Subaru slid sideways into the driveway and Bosco emerged; white styrofoam cup in hand.

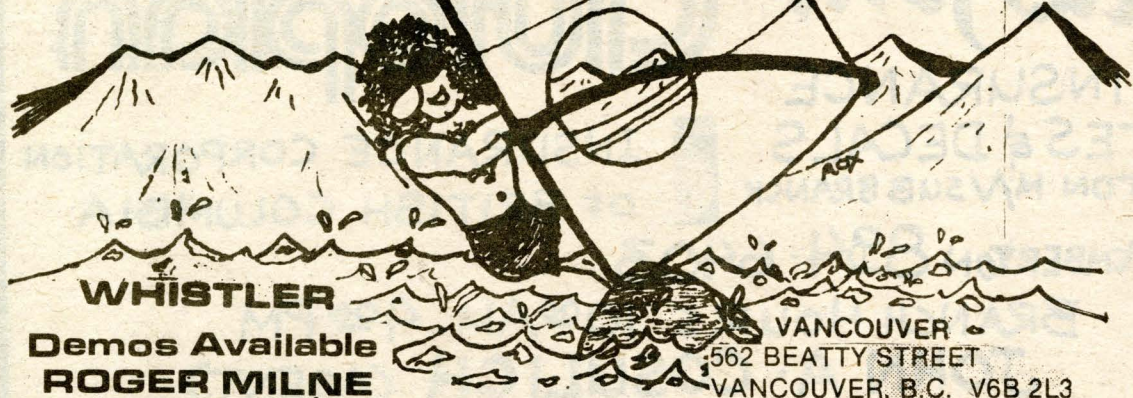
With minimal cajoling he was talked into it and lessons were organized. However, it's one thing to get an instructor to agree to something and it's quite another to get both him and Bosco out on the lake. Either its too calm or its too windy. Finally, Andrew had Bosco on the water with the board and feeling his balance in the little bay at Whistler Windsurfing.

Andrew figured while the student is practising he would conduct a little business and as fate would have it the wind came up and Bosco was launched on a beam reach towards the Youth Hostel. Try as I might I couldn't interject and by the time the instructor got back Bosco was a half-mile away and still cruising. It gave Andrew a good opportunity to practice his low wind starts as he floundered his way out of the bay after this too successful customer.



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It was hell. I felt like a bear club playing with his prick. For an hour and a half up and down, up and down. About the only thing I learned was that Al Davis is a very patient person. But there were glimpses of hope, short wobbly 100 yard marathons in between visits with Davey Jones locker.

But that was paradise compared to the next day. Greg Griffith in a nice gesture that I hated him for, offered to let us use his board, a devious piece of machinery called a Curtis Hawk. Left unattended I swirled around for half an hour in the goo of the Bermuda Triangle, only to be rescued by the idioter, himself now an accomplished windsurfer talking about entering the 1984 Olympics.

It was at this juncture that I realized it was hopeless and that all my suspicions were correct: windsurfing is ridiculous, stupid and only done by complete idiots and cretans.

I mean how great could the sport be when the major point of discussion is whether or not to call it windsurfing or boardsailing. Like the 'little endians' in Gulliver's Travels who cracked their eggs at the little end while the 'big endians' liked the big end.

'If at first you don't succeed, try, try again' is an expression for fools. So next morning I found myself in a stupor down at Whistler Windsurfing looking for a fellow that goes by the name of Andrew Stoner. His mellowness scares me, what outrage is he planning?

Stoner gets this huge board out for me, it even floats when I stand on it. I could give a shit how I do now. The bar is only a couple of feet away, one of the main reasons I'm there in the first place.

All of a sudden I'm windsurfing! Its great! Stoner say move your hand back a little, I move my hand back. He says tilt the sail forward I tilt the sail forward. It's really simple to do when you have someone there directing your every move.

If these schools can teach me to windsurf I truly believe they can teach anybody.

Afterwards Stoner and I celebrated with a glass of water with lime in it and Doug Schull gave me a windsurfer sticker for my woody.

Next issue: either sky diving or hang gliding.



Bosco expressing sentiment for the sport.



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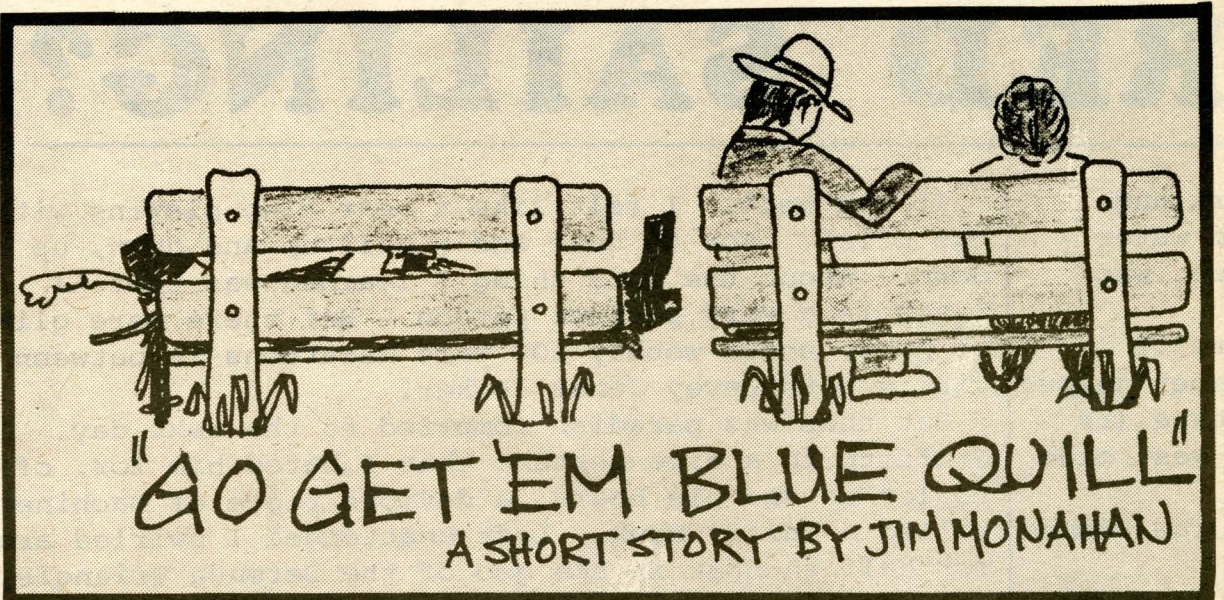
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There is a small park along Cordova, just a city block really, but a relief from the warehouses, rooming houses and sawbuck-a-night hotels of the East End. About twenty Chinese were in a circle, doing Tai Chi exercises, I mean one old doll had to be about eighty, but she could still bend and twist a little so that you couldn't help but admire. A pick-up softball game in the corner and some kids splashing about an opened fire hydrant across the way; it all seemed peaceful enough and there was a bench with a vacancy sign.

"Oh Danny boy, the pipes, the pipes are callin'..."
Hack, hack...

"Well if it isn't Fitzgerald from the Herald," I says, "Fancy meeting you here!"

"How's things with the Anti-Saloon Society?" he poked me with a stick.

"Terrible," I growled, "so what's the scoop?"

A beat cop waltzed down the sidewalk tapping a billy-club in his empty hand. He had kind of a silly grin on his face and I glanced over at the bench beside us. A heavyweight native brother was sprawled the length of it, his mouth was open and I wondered how he could snore so rhythmically in the sticky heat.

"There's a nut on the loose," he said lighting a new cigarette from the old.

"No kiddin'..." I says, "who's your tailor?"

"Five dancers missing in less than a month."

"Must be an underwear man," I mused, "exotic dancers?"

"Exactly," he hacked, "exotic exactly."

He continued, "The guys uptown got nothing. And a hotel owner put up five grand for information."


Whapo! The cop had given the guy next to us the old hot foot with the billy club against the soles of his shoes, then ducked in behind a handy scrub pine. The guy shot up like a jack-in-the-box and when his vision cleared, stared straight at us with a murderous glare.

"Wise guys, eh?" he shouted.

"Let's take a walk," we chorused.


The park was in an uproar. The Chinese rolling about, kids screaming, dogs barking. The guy made good time, sort of Aztec two-stepping one foot to the other and we had to quicken our pace considerably as we crossed the ball diamond and scaled the frost fence that served as a backstop.

The fans hollered from their hotel windows: "Go get 'em Blue Quill. Go get 'em boy!"

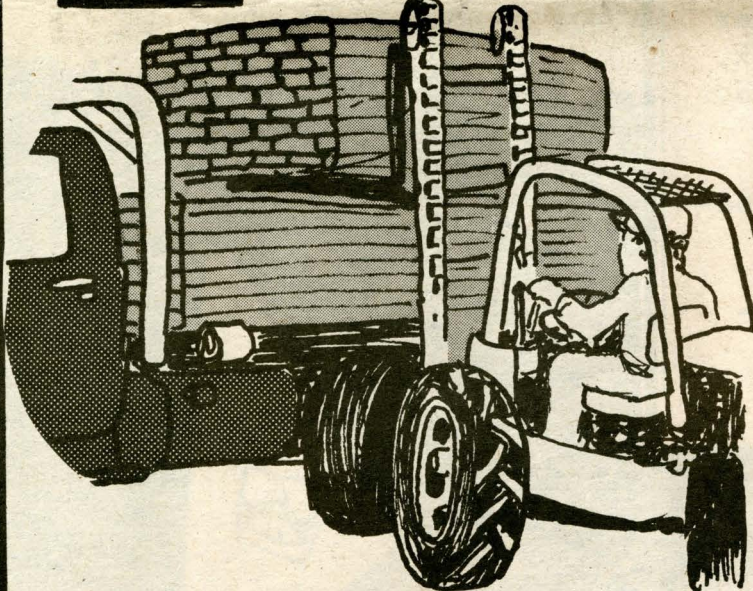


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In view of the current progress being made in the construction of Whistler's Town Centre, there appears to be yet another monkey wrench cast into the gears hindering completion dates.

The as-of-late union/non-union situation would truly infer that completion dates are not going to be the only entities projected further "down the road", but also many deserving local contractors.

The Labor Relations Board is reluctant to enter into and/or even acknowledge the present labor situation in Whistler's Town Centre. Hence, the ball game in Town Centre appears to favor the visitors with their union cards while the home team is in doubt as to whether or not they will even get in the game. Subsequently, the Labor Relations Board would rather ignore the "affiliation clause" issue than resolve it; incompetence such as this will only make matters worse for non-union workers who supported Whistler's construction needs during an earlier time.

The umpire; mediator; arbitrator; procrastinator sits idle and non-committal on the fence. His cheshire grin seems to exhibit support for the union and relates to the local workers its mute point: "somes ya wins, somes ya lose and somes gets rained out but ya gotta get dressed for 'em all." Labor does conquer all as the union way predominates ever northward from the big smoke.

The union monopoly of Town Centre may soon be consummated. Parker Brothers may even re-vise the name of Monopoly to exemplify the union conquest in Whistler. Although the participants in the re-revised game of Whistler need not fear "going to jail" and/or paying rent if they land on "B.C. Rail" they are unilaterally subjected to a group of voracious nail bangers who intend to drain more blood out of Whistler than those double-knit brains behind the "Beak Project" dreamed possible.

Again, unions stick their elongated protruberances in areas where they do the most harm. Once their duty is done, these fly-by-niters will leave Whistler exclaiming their conquests by buzzing our valley with "Omnia Vincit Labour". A parasite by any entomologist's terminology is still a parasite, no matter how the parasite chooses to refer to itself or by whatever code of flowery latin ethics it wishes to adopt as a motto.

It was my initial understanding that the union motto of Omnia Vincit Labor referred to an honorable code of ethics. The code had a respectable purpose guaranteeing an honest day's pay for an honest day's work. If you choose to make an honest dollar for an honest day's work while not being "union" then these parasites will call you either scabs, non-affiliates and/or Aliens if that does not beat all.

If the Labor Relations Board can not make up its mind about this Town Centre union situation soon then you will need a fly swatter bigger than a union pay cheque to combat the precedent unions seek to establish here in Whistler.

The epilogue and hopefully not the eulogy is that it seems a shame that no one has come forward in strong support of the local contractors involved in Town Centre. The small local contractors will inevitably be the hardest ones hit by a decision in favour of a "union only" contractor policy being integrated in Town Centre. Does not democracy enter into a Town Centre situation such as this which is surely big enough to accommodate both union and non-union personnel? Perhaps 'Boot Hill' would be a more appropriate name for Whistler Mountain. A monumental means of paying tribute to those contractors who were denied work in their own valley but are remembered on the Mountain as having a ski run named after them.

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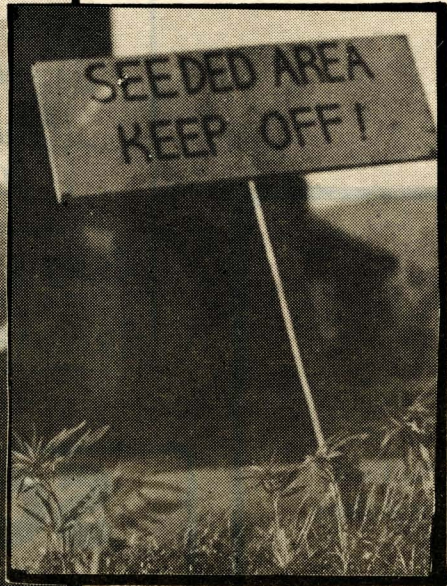


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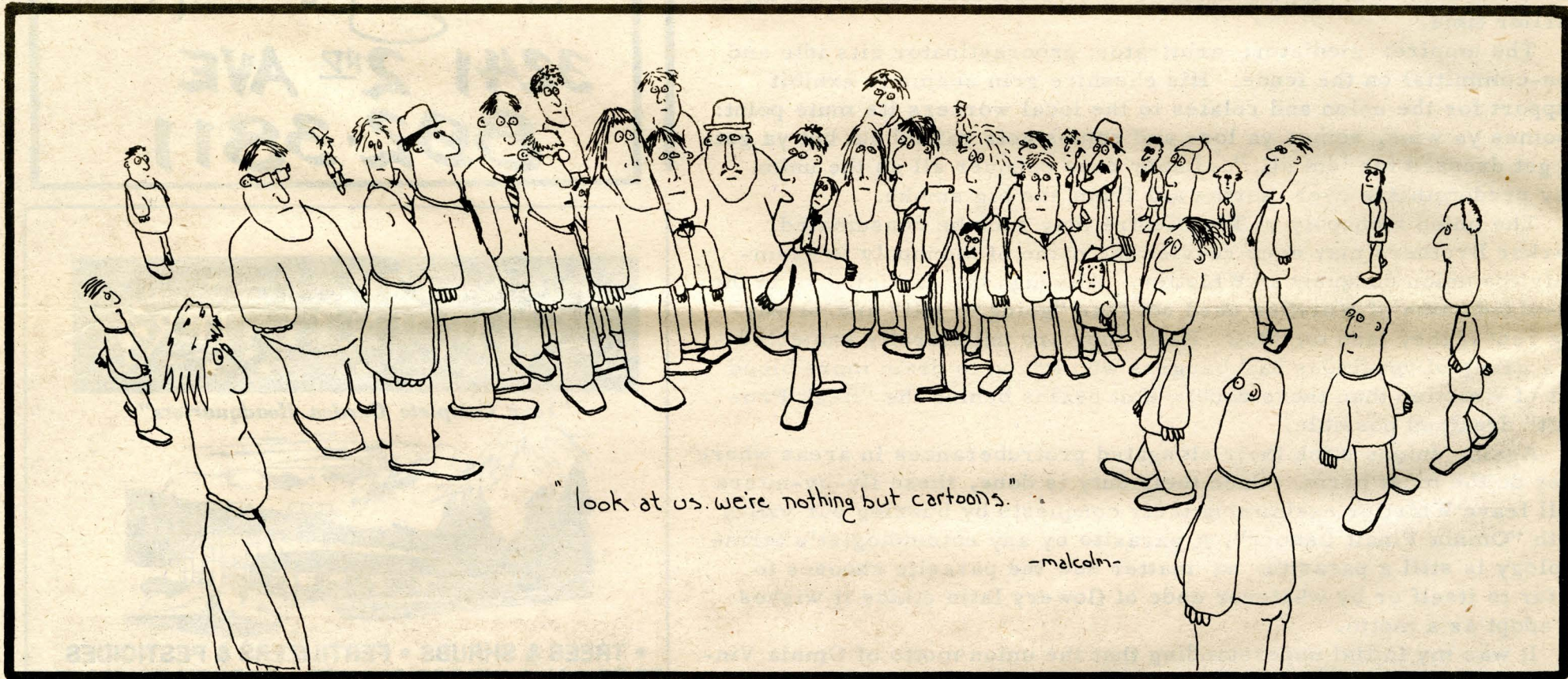
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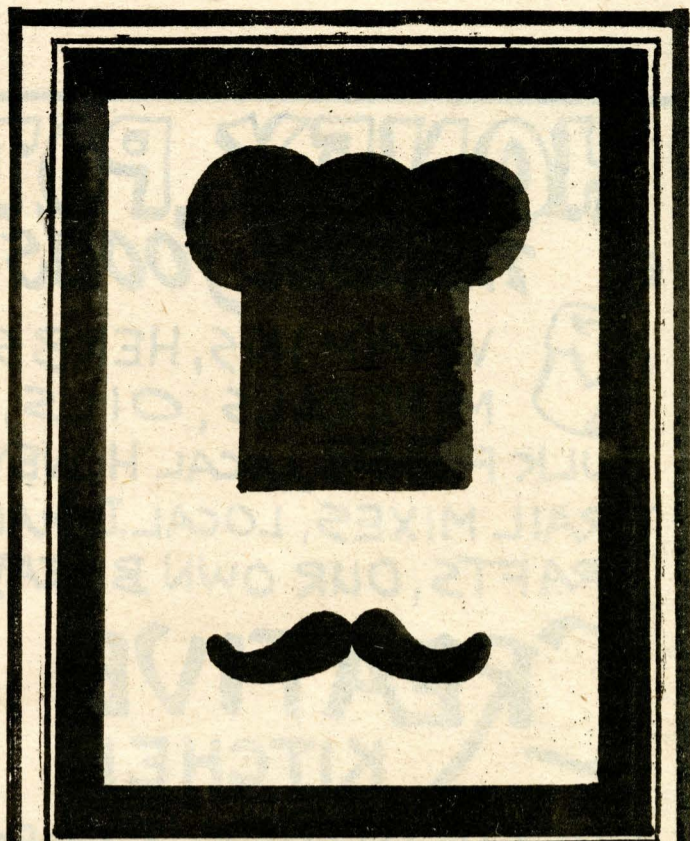
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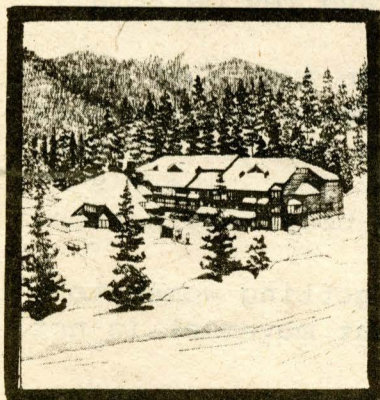
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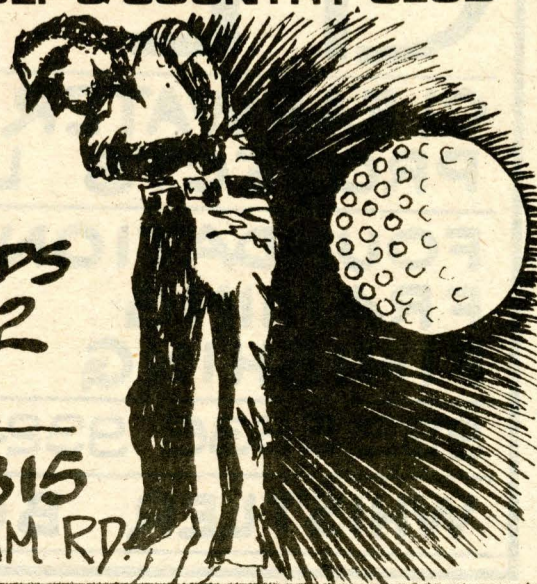
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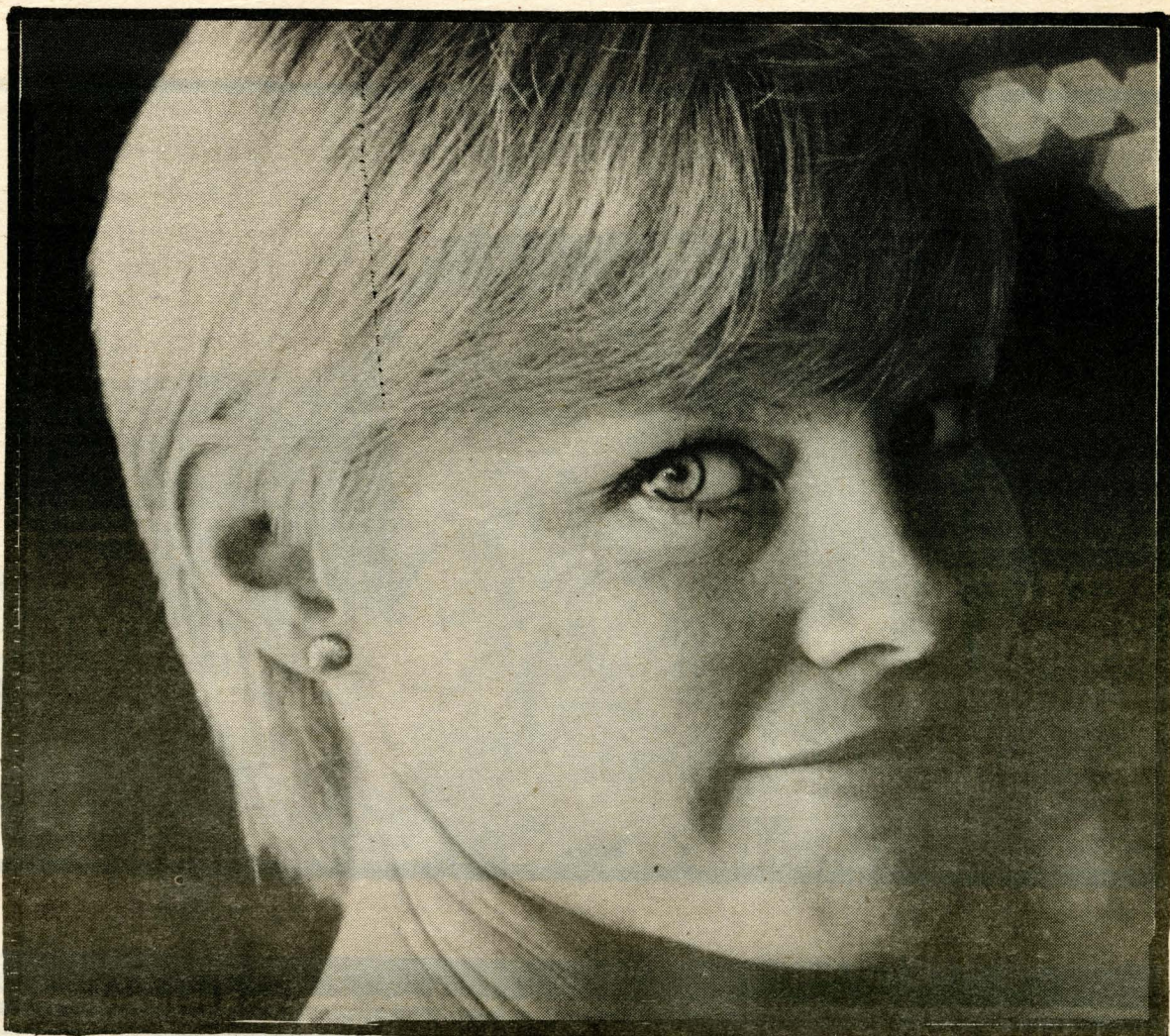
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Aerobic Exercise

by Lloyd Lamont

Physical fitness is a goal that most people share but that is not often regarded as important enough to really do something about. But Sarah Jane Anderson, a California fitness expert, who was recently in Vancouver and interviewed by the Answer, believes that fitness should be fun and aerobic exercise is the best method for eradicating the flab.

Anderson, 30, is a petite and pretty fitness crusader that takes her message to universities, national talk shows and to private sessions in Beverly Hills.

The object of aerobics is to strengthen the heart; to make it beat more efficiently by beating fewer times while pumping more blood. Aerobics also cause the body to use oxygen more efficiently and controls weight and stress. People who have stuck to the regimen for a period of time have seen their heart rates drop from 80 or 90 beats per minute to 50 or 60 beats.

The object of aerobics is to reach a target heart rate for your age. This is done gradually with only 12 minutes of steady and continuous exercise. And while jogging and calisthenics certainly qualify, other less boring activities qualify, such as squaredancing, cross-country skiing, raquetball or brisk walking.

Anderson believes that the reason Europeans are generally in better shape is the fact that they walk more often and when they do they seem to race around.

"I think that brisk walking is going to replace the jogging craze," she says. "Any age can do it and they don't need any equipment."

Anderson cannot stress enough the importance of enjoying exercise. "The problem with overexerting yourself," she says, "is that there is no joy, and you certainly wouldn't stick to it very long."

"There is a lot more to fitness than just what you don't eat and how far you can run. There is also this social fitness that you can work in a job and not get ulcers. That you can relax from your job. There's a lot to fitness, it's a true mind and body combination for true health."

Of special concern to Anderson is getting women to realize that exercise can be fun, that movement is not opposed to feminity.

"Aerobics has been described as a medicine," she says, "because it has wonderful health benefits. But nobody should start it without being informed on what they're doing. There are several guides available in bookstores and it might not be a bad idea to consult your doctor."

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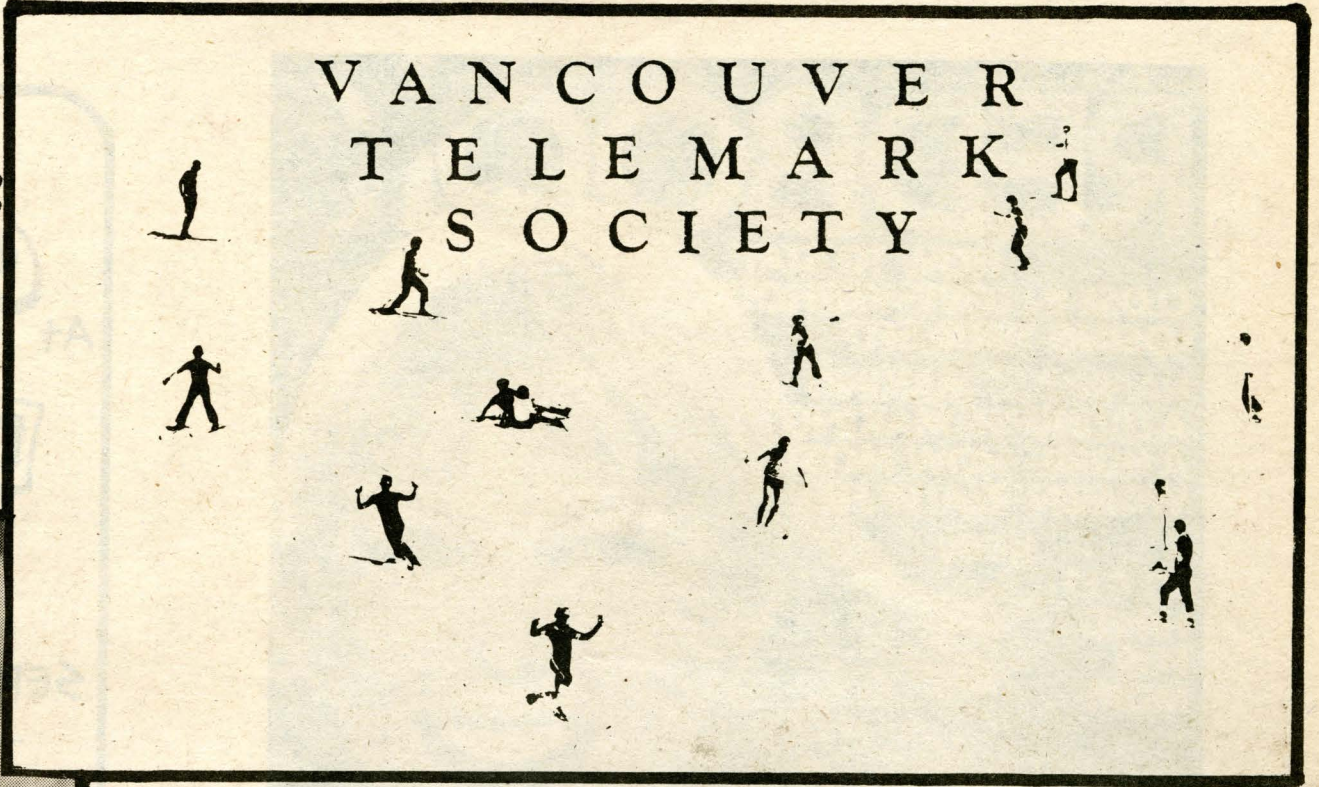


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Waxing up in the shadow of the Tusk.

If you didn't think you'd ever see cross country skiers on downhill terrain and downhill skiers doing cross country turns, you have underestimated western North American culture. The telemark turn has begun a revolution. The revolution that is seeing the emergence of a new half nordic-half downhill sport; telemarking.

The telemark turn allows cross country skiers to ski any skiable terrain, and allows downhill skiers to seek new thrills and challenges in and out of lift-serviced areas. So telemarking has become it's own sport. Specialized telemark ski equipment will be available next season from many manufacturers.

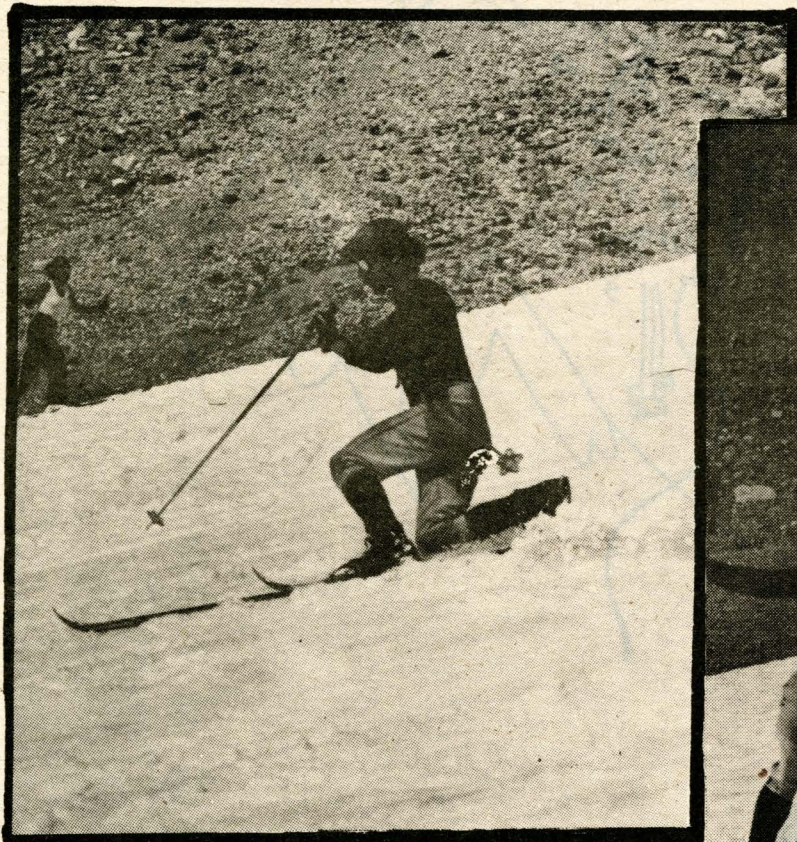
To co-ordinate and promote telemarking, the Vancouver Telemark Society has been born. From all walks of life, telemarkers have joined together to form the Telemark Society.

Plans and proposals are already in the works to run a series of professional head-to-head dual slalom telemark races, a professional telemark demonstration team, and to run a series of free public telemark clinics, under the auspices of the Society, at major ski areas around the province.

On the August 1st weekend thirty telemarkers, including Whistler locals, Aussies, Kiwis, an Aspenite, a New Yorker, Toronton, and a handful of Vancouverites, converged on the snow covered meadows of Black Tusk for a weekend of camping, and telemark instruction.

Good weather and good snow conditions prevailed and instruction was given in telemark skiing, trick skiing and telemark racing.

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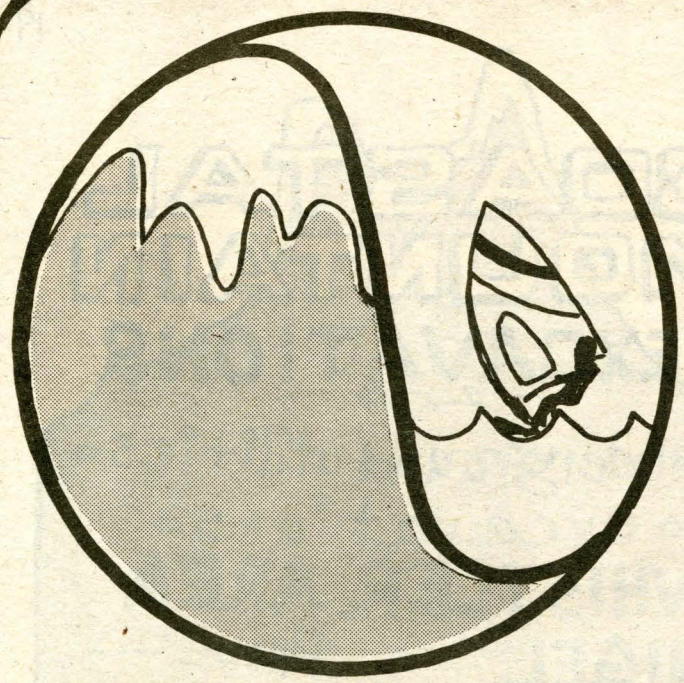
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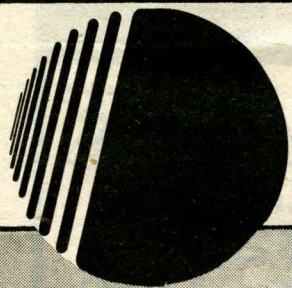
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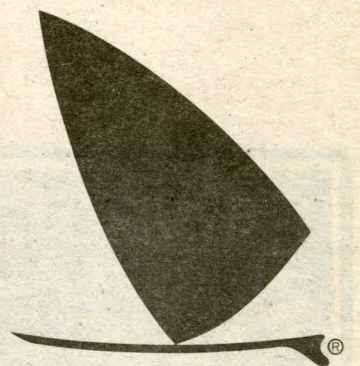
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