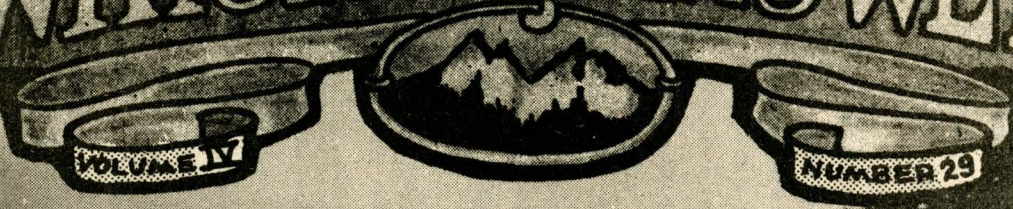
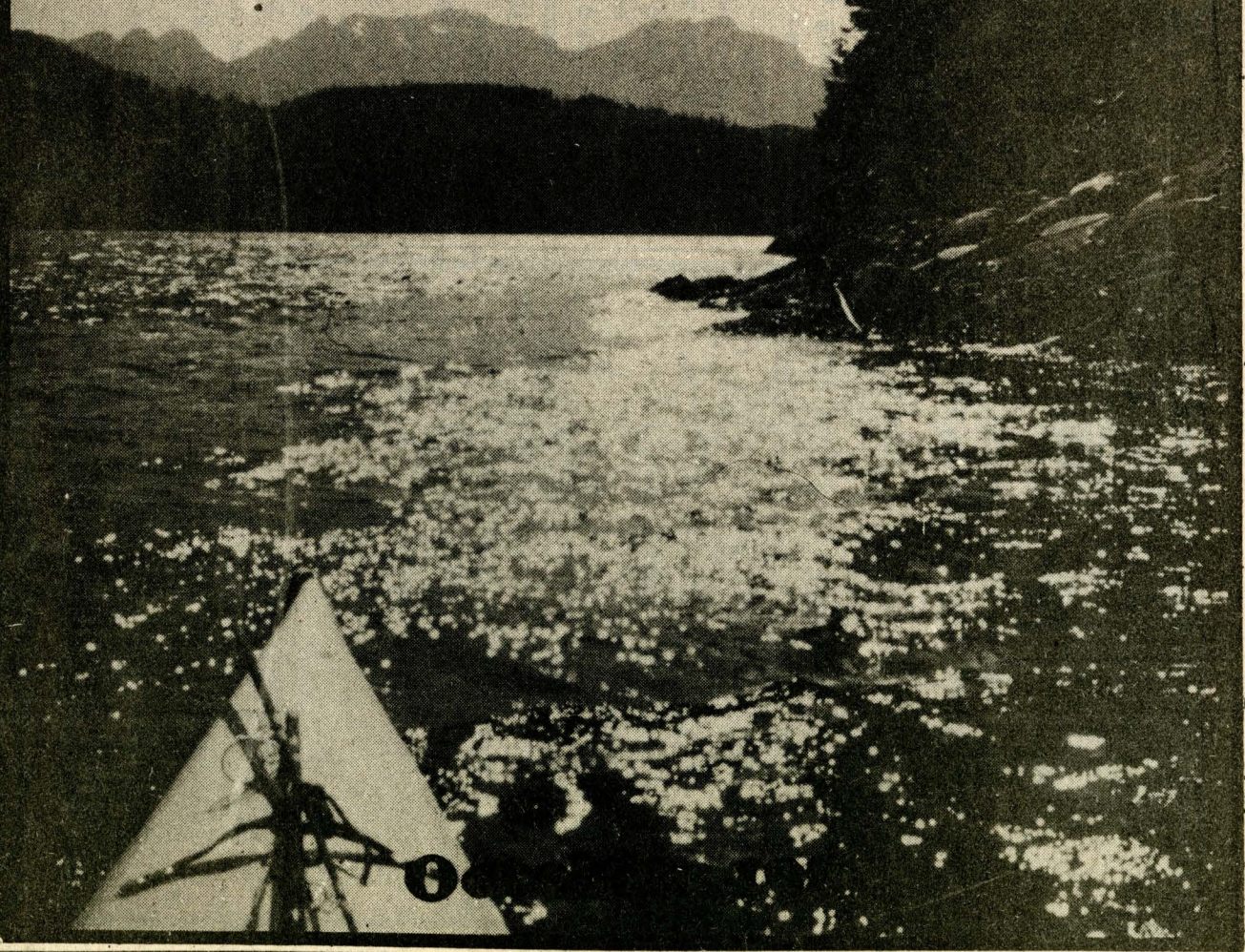


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## COVER PHOTO

On route to Alaska  
by Nigel Protter

The annual Answer Award for Fiction this year, has to go to the imaginative souls down at the Village Land Company and the Resort Association for their magnum opus, "SKI WHISTLER: Canada's new world class ski experience."

What I'm talking about, of course, is that fantastic brochure, poster, advertising snow-job that is presently being distributed throughout the ski world, enticing innocent and unwary skiers to our "spanking new" destination construction site.

It's as though they actually started to believe what they were printing in the Whistler Village Report and /or were suffering from massive halucinations. Now, what will you tell a tourist who wants to "Relax with a stroll around our shops, full of exciting things for skiers and non skiers. Things useful and things memorable and something for everyone (and every age)?" Now, a drug store, a hardware store, and a deli may be front page news to a Whistlerite but it will hardly turn someones crank from L. A.

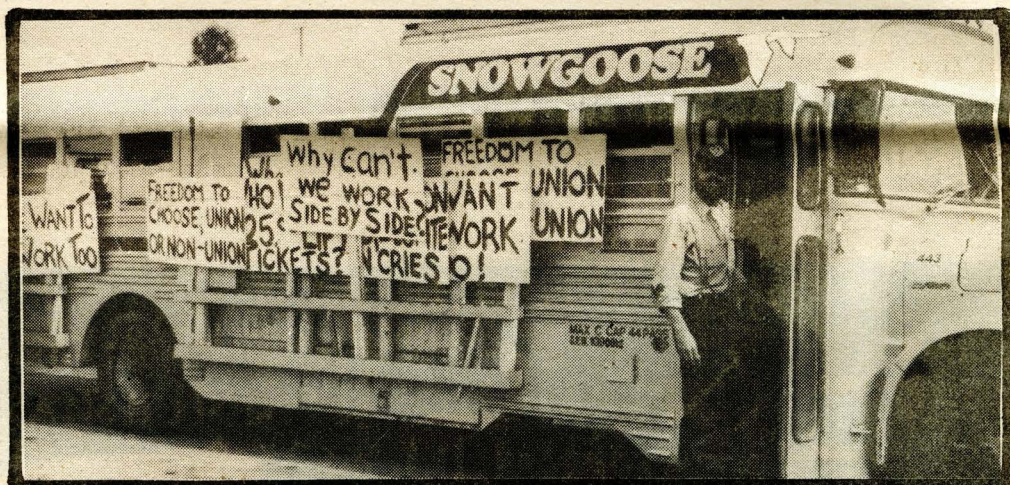
To call the artist's conceptions misleading is monumental understatement. The drawings used in the two brochures, (drawn by the same artist) don't even remotely resemble each other, let alone the real thing. It isn't the same town! Not one building is the same.

If I was a tourist who decided to ski and shop Whistler due to information supplied by this blasphemous brochure I'd either sue or perpetrate some monstrous outrage. Beware!

O.K. I'm ranting! I admit that some sort of speculation had to be made in the production of the brochures. These things take time. But wouldn't a more realistic approach be prudent. We knew that only the first phase had a hope of operating this winter.

Wouldn't it be wiser to have a moderate number "of happy tourists" than a horde of crazed skiers running around with this brochure crumpled up in their hands? Word of mouth is very powerful promo.

I think we should sentence the author's of this marvelous fiction, a years hard labour, operating the Information Centre.



SUE CAMERON PHOTO

The picket signs are packed away. Both union and non-union workers are back at work. Whistler Village is buzzing to beat the snow.

This would seem to be good news and in the short term, definitely is. The job's getting done and people are getting paid.

But should the guard be put down? The Whistler Contractors Association did, through a beautifully conducted media campaign, convinced the Labour Relations Board that the interm goal must be immediate labour peace. However the site is still commom - legally it must be all union or all non-union. The catch being that the union can not strike or walk out until Labour Relations makes their final decision.

Whistlerites" must have a decision to protect our long term position" is the stand of the contractors Association. The union wants ALL construction in B.C. to be union.

A tenuous peace at best!



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## UNDER the BARRIER by Micheal Leierer

The town of Garibaldi B.C. is soon to become a ghost town if the provincial government has it's way. The removal of inhabitants from the Garibaldi area is prompted by the firm belief of the Provincial Cabinet that a cliff called the Barrier will come tumbling down in whole or in part, destroying all life in its path; namely Garibaldi. The basis for this belief and subsequent action is a report from the Garibaldi Advisory Panel to the Department of Highways in July of 1978.

The Garibaldi Advisory Panel consisted of three people, of indicated credibility; gleaning information from research done by others with impressive credentials. Their purpose was to ascertain the stability along Rubble Creek and the potential hazards to life and property associated with these conditions.

The panel and experts make one assumption which overshadows all that follows. From the notes of an explorer named Major William Downie, the rubble from the barrier found in Garibaldi is assumed to have tumbled to its present spot in 1855. This term of reference puts the latest slide and two others layered underneath within recent time, (1400 - 1855). This time frame excites interest in the stability of the Barrier. A time frame of 1,000 years ago on the other hand, possibly indicates little hazard.

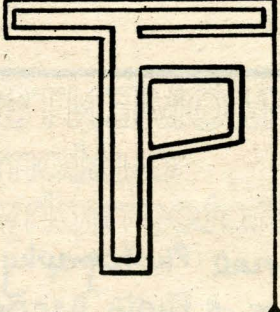
In 1858 Major Downie saw a devastated area around present day Garibaldi. He was told by local Indians that flooding had happened three years before. The Indians speak of flooding, Major Downie writes landslide and the report states, "While some water was undoubtedly present, its presence was not central to the main transport process." The panel examined evidence of trees growing some 300 years old. A slide 125 years ago would mean the oldest trees could only be 125 years old. The time frame which underlies all further research is possibly in error.

The panel examines, (aerial photos, measurements of volumes of other rock, other slides, velocity and destruction of past slides and other information which generally relates to the debris of past slides. The panel examines no evidence as to the present structure of the Barrier except from a surface level. There was no drilling to determine the internal stability of the Barrier; too costly. In the words of the report, "Although the panel would have been very interested in the findings from such drill holes, it was not possible to justify the need for such subsurface geotechnical evidence in the present circumstances." There has been no work examined by the panel as to the present condition of the Barrier to substantiate or disprove stability other than conjecture.

The report does not convince me or a good percentage of people in Garibaldi that a hazard exists, especially in terms of the massive destruction deemed imminent. The Provincial Cabinet is convinced, and under the Emergency Measures Act, the removal of people is carried out by an order in council, which makes it impossible to transfer title of ownership to anyone but the Crown. The report states, "However, in the view of the panel, it is neither practical nor reasonable to completely abandon the area to all development." The Provincial Government is acting harshly in response to the seemingly tenuous report and finally not following the advice of the report they accept carte blanche.

There are people determined to stay who are seeking legal recourse and others who are accepting the provincial government offer to buy improved land at market value. When the owner dies the land reverts to the Crown anyway so you "might as well get some money out of the deal." To add to this bureaucratic landslide there is a time limit upon your decision.

Is the cabinet acting on insufficient evidence or is there something else afoot? As Norm Arundel says, "I'll be dead and long buried before that thing comes down."



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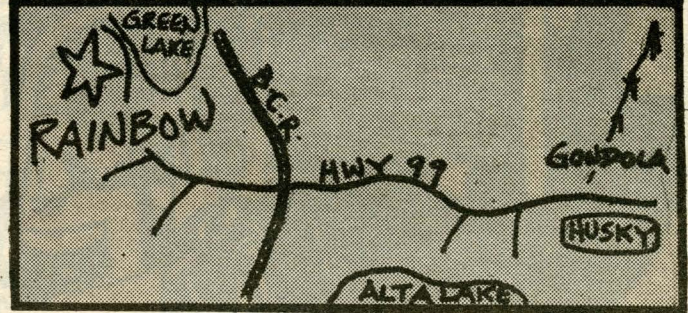
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# NORTH to ALASKA by kayak.



LARGE  
 SWELLS

by Nigel Protten

The day that I received my acceptance for the great grey university that I had planned to attend in the fall of '80, Pete Lazier and I were already one month into our training for a kayak tour through the inside passage north to Alaska. After nine strenuous hours framing up houses, we would sharpen our paddling skills on the boiling rapids of the Cheakamus River, or strengthen our backs by putting on miles in the choppy waters of Daisy Lake.

Money that I had saved for school, books, clothes, rent, and future frolic was mercilessly squandered on the best brands of new gear. We each ordered custom Kevlar-Vinylester composite ocean touring kayaks. Seventeen feet long, twenty-six inches wide, and designed like an eskimo hunting kayak, our "Esky's" were beautifully built and finished by the Nimbus Paddle Company down in Port Coquitlam.

In mid August we left the Okeover Inlet near Powell River, each loaded with fifty pounds of food, polar-guard bags, fishing gear, wet suits, spare paddle, first-aid kit and a two man tent. After two days on the water, we dumped half of the food, and mailed back much of gear from a small resort, keeping with us only the bare essentials. Fast and light is the only way to paddle the long routes.

Mornings we would wake up to usually overcast skies and restless breezes, and soon after a hot hearty breakfast of bacon and eggs, toast and jam, hot cereal, accompanied by lots of fresh brewed coffee we would slip into our kayaks and only begin to feel warm with the day's first few miles behind us.

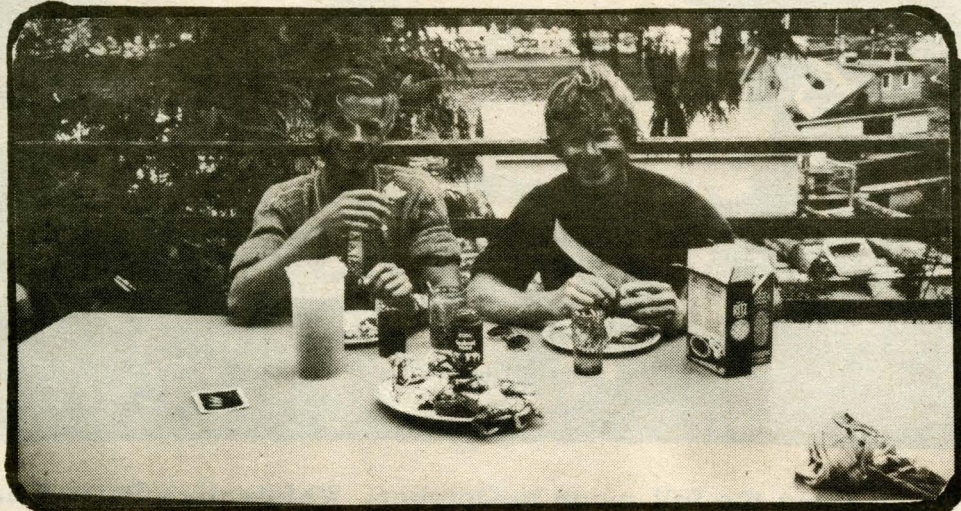
Never knowing what our exact route would be we paddled wherever we could to make the best time. When the wind blew against us, as it usually did, the boats felt as heavy as freight trains and it was a constant effort to make headway. Over the hours, our bodies and minds would numb from the strain. If we could we would follow the lee shore, gaining protection from the points and small islands, dreading the all too frequent open crossings, where we would be hit by the full force of the wind and waves.



BULL  
 KELP  
 SLOWS  
 PACE

Pete and I were never alone, Bottle Nosed dolphins always played nearby, watching us, their two legged cousins struggle through the water, while the dolphins only had to think to glide effortlessly through their medium. When the dolphins disappeared, it often meant Killer whales were cruising near by. Described by many scientists as having the most highly developed brain of any creature on the planet, I was quite surprised, and suitably impressed one day, when a large male orca popped his eight foot long head out of the water scarcely a paddles length from my kayak. We were both quite interested in each other, and so we moved together through the water for a few moments, each trying to understand the other, and

NIGEL  
&  
PETE



both knowing that we never would.

Thirty or so miles down the road, the hunger pangs would hit us, and our eyes would turn to the shore. Good campsites were not hard to find, we needed a three foot by seven foot level spot for the tent, and driftwood was always piled knee deep at the high tide line. Pete would set up the tent while I prepared our evening's grub. We would usually have soup to start, then fresh salmon steaks or maybe crab, abalone, oysters, clams or just caught rock cod. To go with the main course, there were fresh vegetables, sea weed, instant potatoes, brown rice, or macaroni and cheese, and plenty of honey sweetened Twinning Tea to wash it all down. I often enjoyed cooking up big desserts like cheesecake, or sponge pudding, and fresh fruit was always a hit when we had it. With the pots scrubbed we'd sit by the fire, and I would play my harmonica for the night creatures who had never heard the blues.

One by one we closed in on the villages and fish camps of the North Coast, then passed them by, enlightened by the stories and cultures of the native peoples and fishermen who lived in them; Echo Bay, Port Neville, then around Cape Caution to Namu, Bella-Bella, Klentu, Butedale with it's huge water fall and hydro system, and finally our last Canadian port of call, Prince Rupert.

Past 'Rupert, four days of fine weather brought us through the potentially violent waters of the Dixon entrance. Lying north of the Charlottes, these waters mark the international boundary, where we crossed without incident to Alaskan waters.

NEAR  
TRIP'S  
END



Two hundred miles further on, the magic of the adventure left us. Our minds and bodys had been cleansed by the journey. Refreshed, and feeling very strong, we decided to head home to Whistler, to pad our bank accounts, and embark on adventures of other kinds. The Alaska ferry brought us from Ketchikan to Prince Rupert, then we spent a day on B.C. ferry's "Queen of the North", which brought us down to Port Hardy, on the northern tip of Vancouver Island. Here, we met a friendly Whistler girl who generously offered us and kayaks a ride home to the high country.

It's exiting being back in town, there's houses to build, mountains to ski, wild rivers to run, and a lady to love, but I can't help wishing that I was back paddling on the North-west waters, thinking introspective thoughts, and only worrying about the waves, the whales, and the wind.

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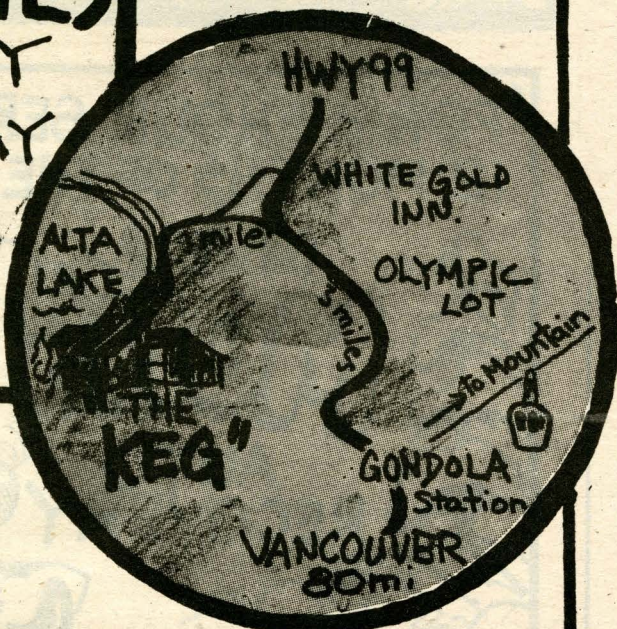
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On or about the full moon in October, Whislerites Peter Chzranowski and Jaques Thibeault will attempt the first ski descent of Mount Robson.

Mount Robson is a giant. At 12,972 feet it is the highest and one of the most striking mountains in the Canadian Rockies. It was first climbed in 1913 after years of attempts and is considered a difficult and dangerous climb, even today, due to its affinity to severe weather and avalanche.

The North-west of Robson is the route chosen for the ski descent and it's extreme. It is over 7,000 feet long with 3,000 feet approaching 65 degrees. That's steep! To those unfamiliar with the terminology it translates - "If you stand on the slope with your toes kicked into the snow your face is only a foot and a half away from the slope."

This steepness is the outer limit of the mushrooming sport of extreme skiing, pioneered by Sylvain Soudain of Switzerland and pushed to even greater extremes by Patrick Valecant of France. Couloirs, chutes and major peaks that were once the leading edge for snow and ice climbers are now the territory of the extreme skier. First descents are being recorded on the major mountains of Europe, the U.S., South America, and even Everest. The competition for first descents is keen and Mount Robson is a major gem.

Peter has skied extensively in the Coastal Range and has had some hair raising experiences in the mountains of South America. "Ski Peru" is a short film produced by Peter chronicling his attempt of Huscuaron, Peru's highest peak. Peter has written several skiing articles for the Whistler Answer, a column on summer skiing for the Question and articles for Powder Magazine.

Jacques is from Quebec and has worked as a helicopter ski guide for Canadian Mountain Holidays, worked on Whistler Mountain, and has several ascents of Robson under his belt. His familiarity with the mountain and his highly touted skiing abilities will be a great asset to the attempt. Peter and Jacques are spending the month prior to their descent in Valemont B.C., training, climbing and exploring Robson to determine the most feasible route down the steep face.

If rumours are to be believed it seems this may turn into a real media event. The A.B.C. show "That's Incredible" is filming the descent. Prominent ski film makers Dick Barrymore and Warren Miller are vying for the film rights. Ski magazines and wire services will be there. Even Paddy Sherman, publisher of the Province, mountaineer of some note himself and author of the "Cloud Walkers" (which chronicles the first ascent of Robson) will be there.

Over the summer Peter's writing and skiing provoked more letters to the editor in the Question than the dog bylaw and the upcoming elections put together. The unfortunate death of a member of their ski party in the west couloir of Wedge had every guide, pseudo guide and armchair mountaineer in these parts writing in to condemn Peter in particular and extreme skiing in general. It brings up the age old philosophical question, "Is a man free to place his life in danger?" In the past men like Edmund Hillary, Admiral Byrd and Chris Columbus have become heroes for doing it. Today many brand these types as fools or possessors of a death wish, that is until they pull off whatever they're trying to do. It's our bet that Peter and Jacques pull this one off and that the first ski descent of Mount Robson rests with Canadians, where it belongs.

# THE HIGH COUNTRY EXPERIENCE

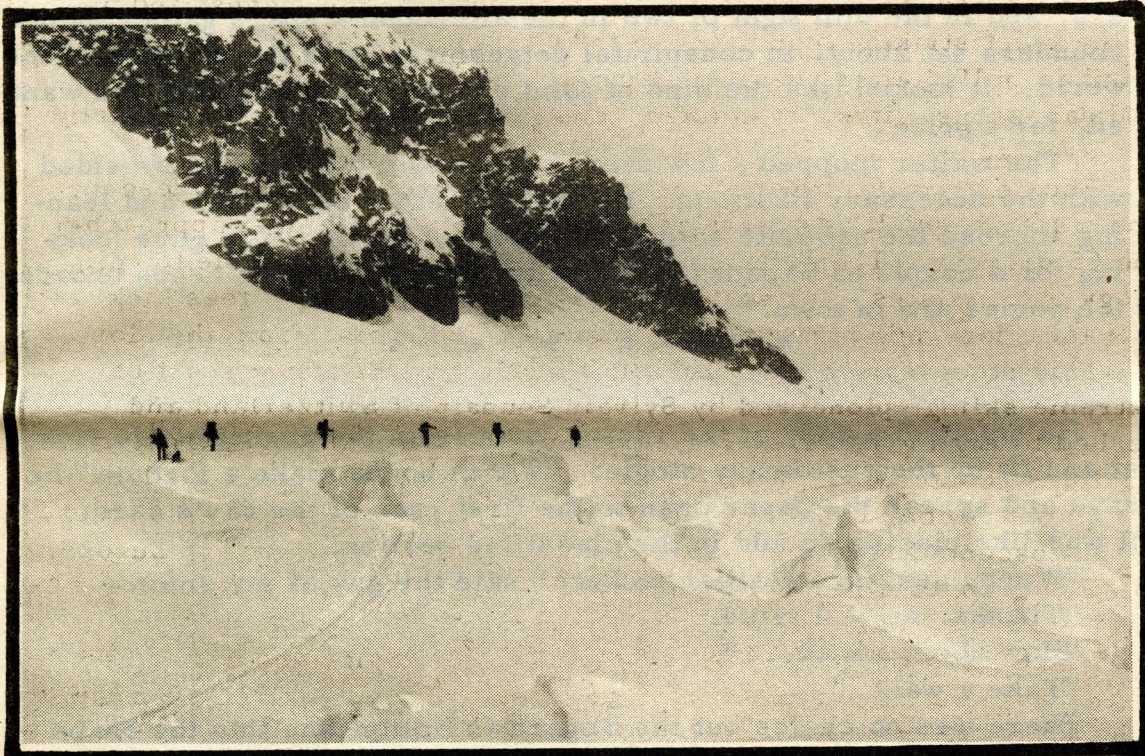
This month's column by  
CHRIS STETHAM

This new column in the Whistler Answer will center on the Mountain experience. It will cater to all levels of high country travels. From the Alpine Flowers of Singing Pass to the 2,000 foot Granite walls of the Tantalus Range. We invite all of our readers to send us their accounts, their experiences and discoveries. Share your High Country Experiences!

Ah yes, the fall rains. Time to don the gumboots and rain gear. Yet perhaps Indian Summer will bless us with a few fine days. They can be some of the finest for hiking in the coast range - clear days, cool nights, and no bugs. Some of the peaks will begin to accumulate snow, tempting the keen ski hiker. Finally one day the clouds will open up and all will be white.

Whistler has easy access to spectacular alpine terrain. To many people the musical peaks of the Fitzsimmons range have yielded smiling days of powder snow and sunshine. To a few unlucky ones there are memories not quite so pleasant and to some their last memory. One should remember that the alpine environment can go from one of pure joy to one of danger and panic very quickly.

With the development of Blackcomb the Spearhead Range will begin to tempt more than the traditional mountaineer. Routes such as the Spearhead Traverse may now become quite popular with the nasty part, the coastal bushwack below 5,000 feet eliminated. These easy routes of access combined with an expansion of the local population and an upsurge in interest in mountaineering, point to the need for some basic information for those who would like to enjoy the local



WINTER TRAVERS OF THE GARIBALDI NEVE

mountains. One of the best sources of high country information is Mountaineering: The Freedom of the Hills, published in Seattle. This "Bible of mountain travel" gives all the information necessary for safe hiking and serious climbing. Equipment, route finding, backpacking food, weather forecasting and medicine are explained in a thorough, inspiring and often humorous way.

The drive for this mountain recreation is somehow related to the question of attitude - that nebulous word which brought disdain and scorn to mind in our schooldays when most everyone knew it wasn't cool to be a suck. Many of those attitudes have carried over into the ski industry - words such as macho, jock, burger etc. are commonplace. The ego drive of the competitive skier is an important element in that environment. We've all skied like madmen up on Whistler with little thought in mind of anything ever going wrong. If it did there was always the ski patrol to help you out. However if you traverse off into the back country or should you hike up somewhere out of the valley, you are placed in a very different situation. The knowledge and preparation of yourself and your group becomes very important. The skills and equipment to deal with any situations which may arise and the experience which teaches you respect for the environment are the foundations of mountaineering.

To emphasize this I'll quote a sobering statistic from the field of avalanche safety. The U.S.F.S. Avalanche Handbook, contains the following chart on 61 organized avalanche rescues in the United States:

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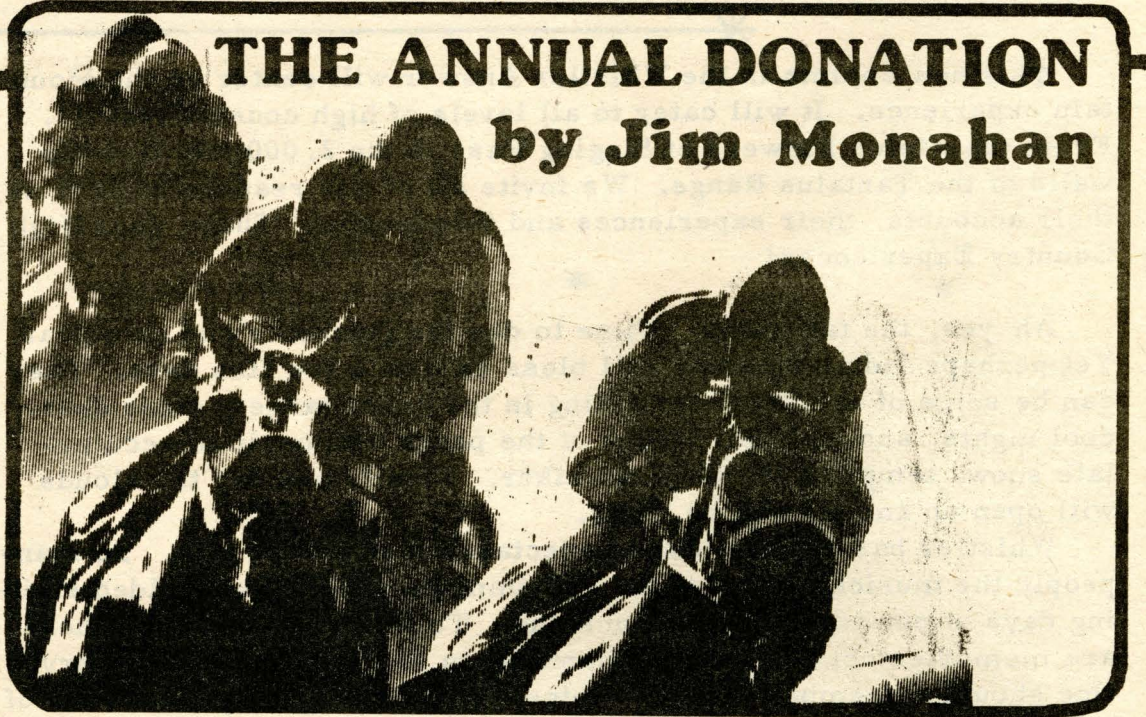
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**THE ANNUAL DONATION**  
by Jim Monahan

The first inkling that Jack Bolton had the fever became apparent when we saddled up to the bar in the Ritz. He brushed back a few wisps of hair across his balding pate and ordered a tall ginger ale with ice.

"What's with these guys, what is this place?" he said in a great hurry. "What's with these guys?"

It was a dark and primeval cave along Georgia St. called Blinkers, and in the dim light of two in the afternoon a spare gathering of rounders sat about, in conspiratorial detachment from the worries of the world. It looked like the kind of joint you could get anything you wanted, for a price.

The waiter mopped a few stray ashes from the bar and provided with the necessary libations. He put a forearm on the bar and leaning across the arborite said in a coarse whisper: "You guys looking for a couple of Broads?" "Broads", said J.B., "Who needs broads, the ponies are in town."

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He unfolded a copy of the racing form from the pocket of his jacket and lit up the customary stogie. "We'se gonna make a fortune," he says and spread the paper open to the first race of the day's card. It was like placing an add in the classified section.

"Wanna deal on a leather jacket?" said the guy at my side.

"Thanks, no," I tried.

"How about a nice..."

"Take a walk."

There was no choice but the Bogart as Bolton was into the soaps of another world. Handicapping race horses is an art known only to denizens of shed row, while Bolton is invariably ill advised and goes home broke.

"I can pick a winner," said a fillie

"I can pick a winner," said a fillie pulling up a stool beside him. She brushed a few strands of hair back across his dome and giggled, "You should have a sign that reads, Post No Bills."

"Haw, haw, haw," said Jack Bolton and gave me that let's get out of here motion.

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The grandstand view includes the 2nd narrows across a touch of the Pacific to the mountains of the North Shore. There is a pond in the infield complete with a couple of flamigoes and flower bed arranged to read Exhibition Park. A big hall of flame was sinking into the western sky. Bolton had the fever.

"We bet on races five, seven, nine and the quinella in the tenth," he said.

"I don't know," I says, "wish I had a ticket."

"There at the Post," said the track announcer in his nasal tone.

"And they're off!"

The first race was off and running a \$2000 claiming race for three year old maidens and non-winners of more than one.

They pounded around the clubhouse turn and through the back stretch. At the three quarter pole a speed horse held the lead by two lengths. Coming for home a thorough bred came three wide and caught him at the wire in a terrific, hard charging finish.

"In the winners's enclosure, number three Dark Star, owned and trained by F.D. Jones and ridden today by jockey Rick Hedge."

"Aw jeeze," said Jack Bolton turning to the second race in his program.

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We bet every race from two through the ninth and feature. The progressive betting system went lose two, bet four, lose four bet eight. A lesson in bad handicapping and poor selection, we retired to the bar.

"What's with this place, who are these guys," said Bolton in a hurry. "We need a long shot in the quinella."

"Can't pick one let alone two," I said.

"I'm down to two bucks, I might have to fine you a fin to get home." he said. "This is it, two and four."

Two is a long shot called Fast and Loose with a track record to match. Four was one of Jack's favorites and an older horse named Uncle Smoothie.

"What about number eight," I said. "Whistler Morn is thirty to one."

"Whistler's mother is thirty to one," said Bolton qualifying an ale. "It 's gotta be two and four."

"But he's got the hedge."

"I'm gonna trim the hedge," he said.

There was a hell of a line up at the ticket window and by the time we got back it was post time. They show the race on closed circuit television but at the last moment it just wouldn't do.

"There at the post," said the track announcer.

"Let's get out there," said Bolton hurriedly.

"And they're off!"

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"The horses are by the grandstand for the 1st time and into the clubhouse turn. It's Uncle Smoothie by a head, Kaiser Bill along the rail, Dexter's pride, Fast and Loose on the outside...."

"He's first," said Bolton pushing through the tables.

"Past the far turn and into the back stretch it's Dexter's pride by one, Uncle Smoothie, Kaiser Bill by the two and Fast and Loose moving up well, Shumka Dancer, Hard Cash, Hangover and trailing the field is Whistler Morn."

"He's second," said Bolton climbing the stairs and fighting his way through the standing area as the horses rounded the three quarter pole.

"At the head of the stretch it's Uncle Smoothie by a nose, Dexter's Pride, Fast and Loose and now making a strong bid on the outside is Whistler Morn."

"He's first-come on smoothie," hollered Bolton climbing the restraining fence at the wire.

"It's Uncle Smoothie, Fast and Loose. It's Uncle Smoothie, it's Fast and Loose and here comes Whistler Morn, it's Whistler Morn by a head, Fast and Loose...."

"He ran third," cried Bolton.

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"Well if it ain't Willie Ketchum and Shudda Haddim," said the bartender at the Ritz. He polished up the bar with a know it all smirk on his face.

"He ran third," said Bolton dispondently.

"Aw, what a shame," the barkeep grinned to himself.

The fillie was still there on the stool beside Bolton. She half turned so that her back was towards him and reached for her drink. I pulled a ducat from my shirt pocket and tossed it on the bar.

"Two and four," I said "Another bale of hay."

"Two and four," he said picking it up like a dear John letter.

"Two and eight."

"Two and what?"

"Two and eight. You bought the wrong ticket."

"Two and Four."

"You bought the wrong ticket."

"Yeah but two and...."

"Two and eight's the winner!" shouted Jack Bolton.

In this joint a pari mutual win ticket is better than American Express. The fillie beside Bolton was about to be claimed. They stared at one another with some very dark stars in their eyes.

"Jack I says your going to the dogs."

"The dogs," he turned, "In Florida?"

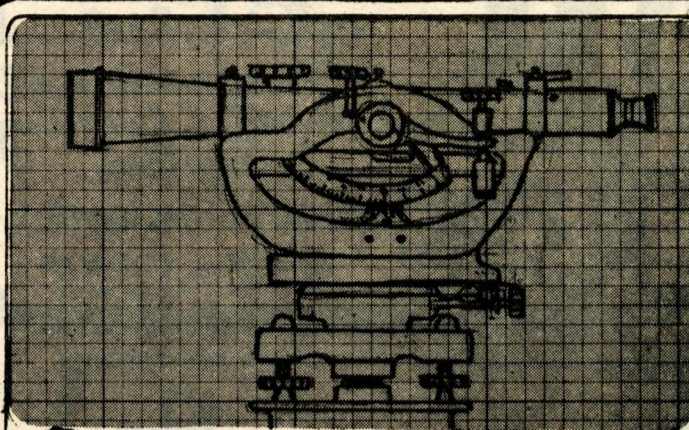
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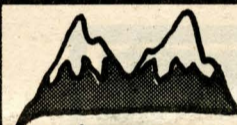
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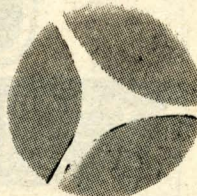
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# WHAT IS A MAN'S JOB?

This article was inspired and created by Dianski, Celeste & Leslie, three woman who worked in a predominantly mans world.

Construction was tough at first - shovelling all day. But there's hardly been any jobs that I've been excused from because they were too hard. One learns from the old timers. They know how to do things the easy way.

It really is great having a good foreman and crew. The foreman, at first thought I would be a distraction or a source of friction but it hasn't happened. Everyone gets a variety of jobs and their doesn't seem to be any complaints.

I think they're even kind of protective. One morning I was late - the first and only time. The foreman sent someone over to check my house because I lived alone. He wanted to make sure nothing was wrong.

An element to learn in the construction scene is not to stand out. Generally if you stand out you get shit. As one of very few women on the site I guess I stand out. It's a lot easier for men to...er... "fuck the dog." I think that's the only negative factor in being a women on a worksite.

A day in the life of a constructo labourer is not one without its perils. Being a woman on this job can certainly add a few twists. Mornings can bebearable depending on whether or not half of the crew actually slept or spent the night shaking somewhere. There is a usual half of grace called silence. Not all carpenters are this grumpy in the morning but usually there home life is better. If your a minority at a work place that is one thing, being the only on the site is another. If you feel you are being put on, not being taken seriously, or taken advantage of, you are probably right. Not to take it too seriously. Through all the games going down be sure to utilize the ever needed encouraging energy. It's not to be missed. These encouragements come in small and varied guises but are essential to a good day.

Trying to work harder and faster does have it's merits for making the day go by a little quicker. The important idea to remember is not to overdue this. Over zealous female labours are viewed with eyebrows raised.

I was hired by a large mining outfit. The pay was good for a first year bush cook. But when the day came to leave I was scared shitty, and uncontrollably excited as we flew by helicopter to our basecamp at 6, 200 feet.

I was totally responsible for management of the kitchen. Walking into this blindfolded, my days were filled with experimentation.

Some men will tell you exactly what they want. If it isn't that, it ends up on the floor or in your face. Fortunately, I didn't experience the latter!

I was warned that what they want is meat and potatoes, eggs and bacon. I didn't believe it but it was true. No sauces for these boys. If it can be fried - fry it!

I was concerned at first about being the only women in camp but our relationship quickly filled with respect, humour and casualness. In short - an interesting 10 weeks!

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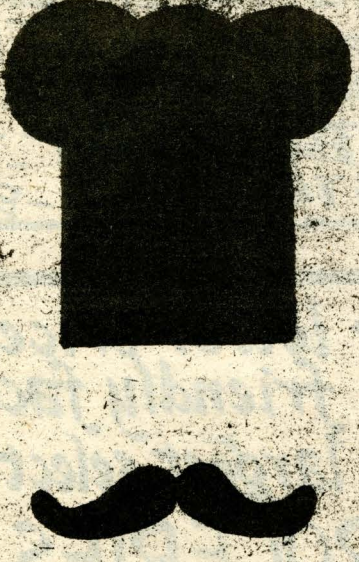
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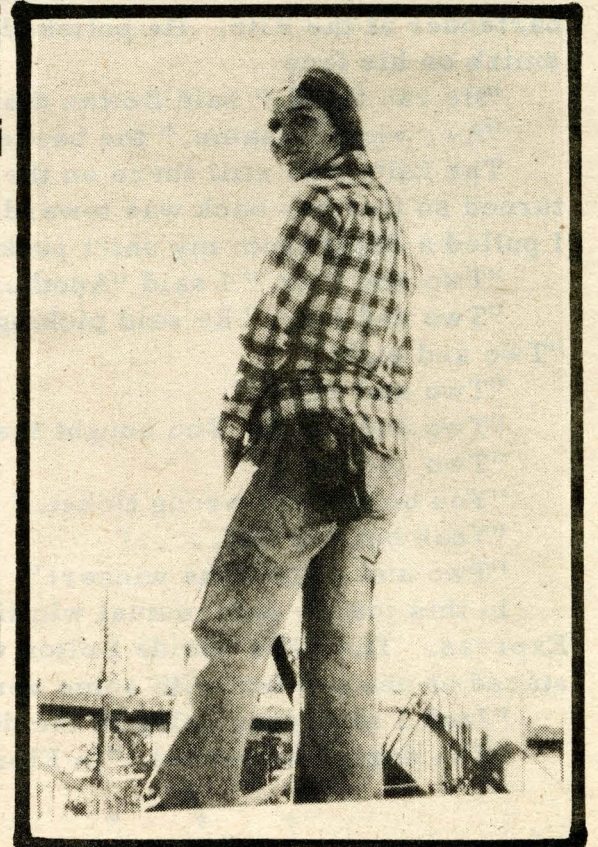
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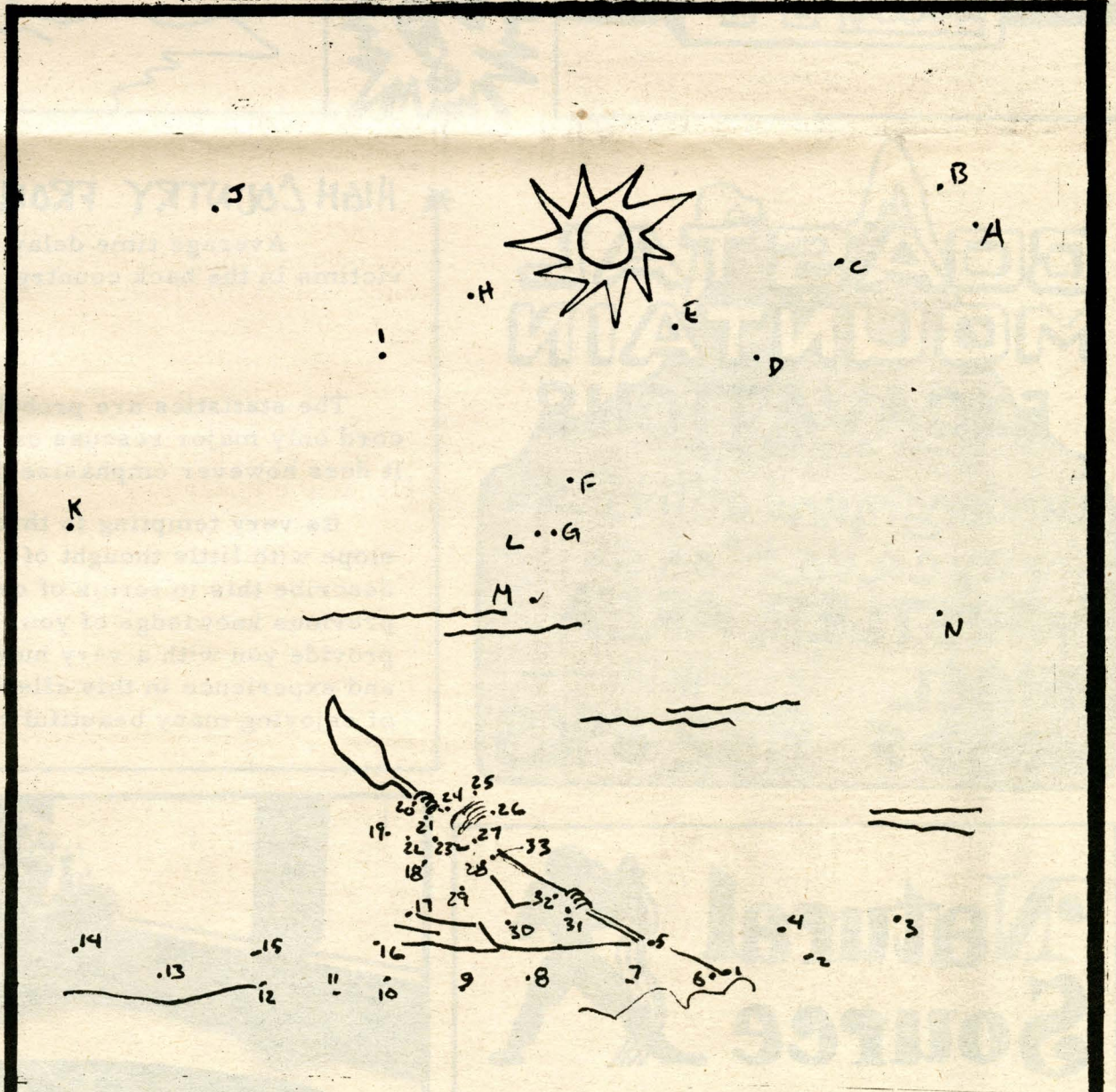
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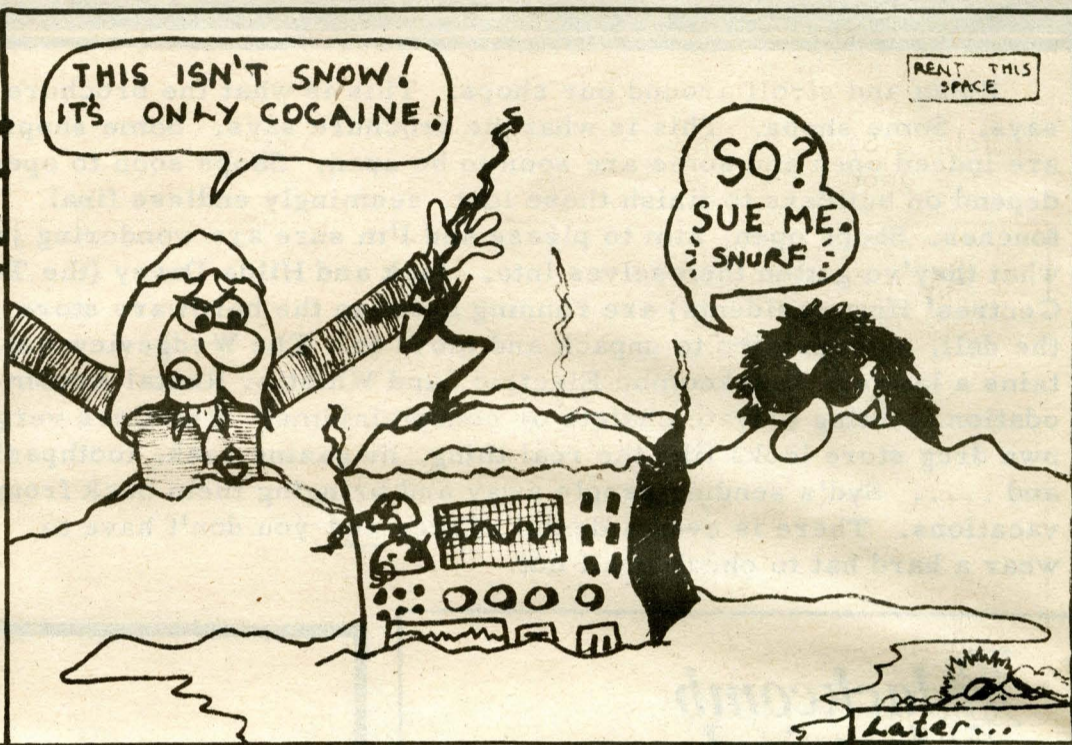
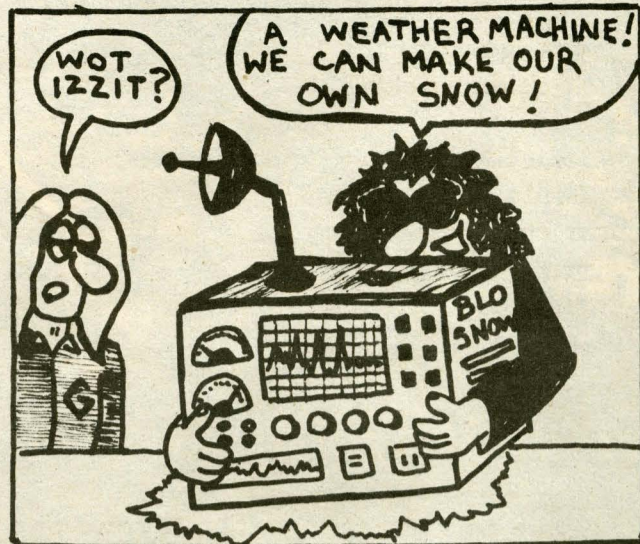


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### \* HIGH COUNTRY FROM PAGE 7

Average time delay in organized rescues of buried avalanche victims in the back country:

sounding of alarm	5.25 hours
arrival of rescuers	10 hours
discovery of victims	38 hours

The statistics are probably biased because of a tendency to record only major rescues or those leading to death or severe injury. It does however emphasize the need for party preparation.

Its very tempting to throw yourself off a cornice onto a steep slope with little thought of the consequences. Perhaps you can describe this in terms of calculated risk, although this implies a previous knowledge of your situation. The mountains can quickly provide you with a very humbling encounter. As your knowledge and experience in this alien world increases so will the chances of enjoying many beautiful rewarding and exciting adventures.

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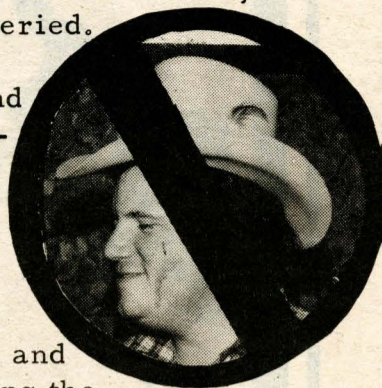
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# Notes From Nowhere:

\* Ian of Le Club fame was surprised to find his familiar yellow Volkswagon Porche van hand painted brown while he was away for the weekend. "What are friends for?" he queried.

\* An interesting letter is circulating around the Valley restaurants declaring Bosco "persona non-gratis" at the Keg. We're thinking about re-issuing the familiar international symbol that guarantees patrons a peaceful meal.



\* Rumours of divorce are in the air. Max and Lisa, married for five years are finally pulling the plug. Settlement is rumoured to be a bottle of Kahlua.

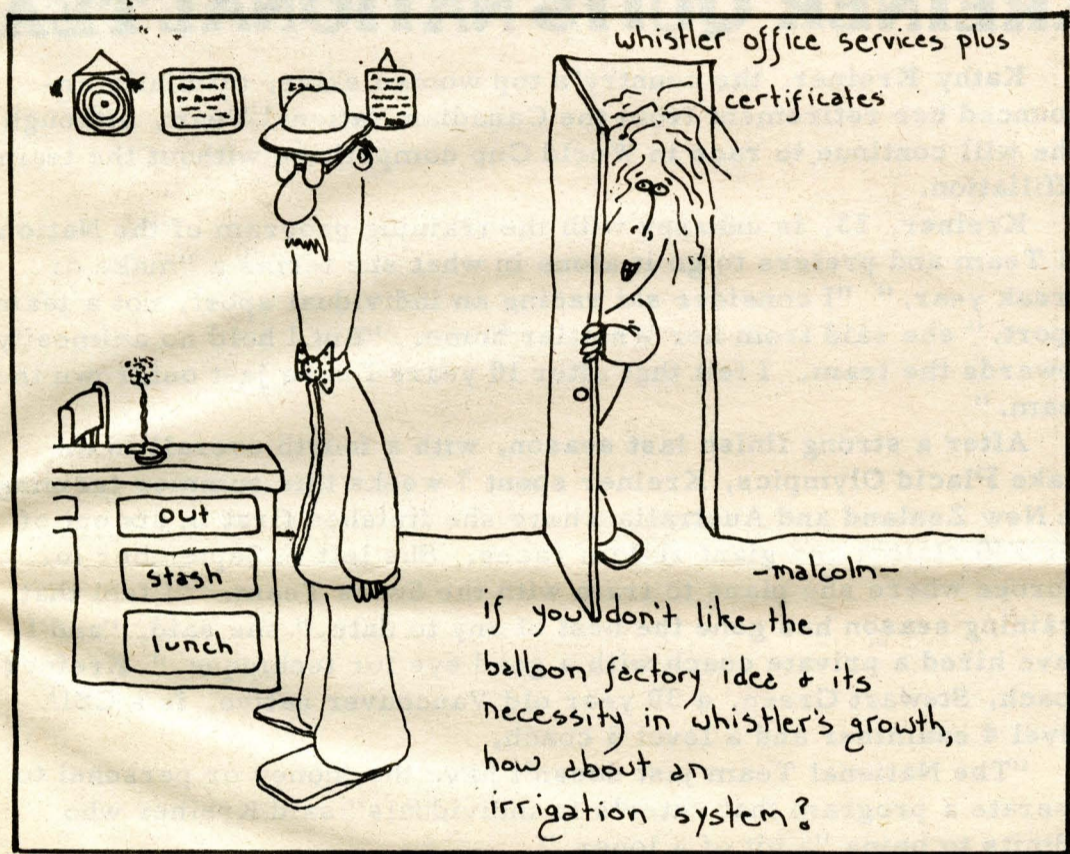
\* The Answer bids a fond farewell to Dick Fairhurst, long time resident and good friend, who is leaving the valley. Dick is moving to Vancouver Island.

\* The latest hopefuls to throw their hats in the Aldermanic ring are Doug O'Mara & Micheal Burns.

\* John & Sandy are visiting from California and managing to keep Zinger in good shape.

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KATHY KREINER IN OLYMPIC G.S. LAKE PLACID

**KREINER QUILTS NATIONAL TEAM**

Kathy Kreiner, the country's top woman skier, officially announced her retirement from the Canadian National Team, although she will continue to race in World Cup competition without the team affiliation.

Kreiner, 23, is unhappy with the training program of the National Team and prefers to go it alone in what she terms a "make or break year." "I consider ski racing an individual sport, not a team sport," she said from her Whistler home. "But I hold no animosity towards the team. I felt that after 10 years I have just outgrown the team."

After a strong finish last season, with a fourth overall in the Lake Placid Olympics, Kreiner spent 7 weeks this summer training in New Zealand and Australia where she finished first in six out of nine FIS slalom and giant slalom races. She left in September for Europe where she plans to train with the Swiss Team. "I feel that training season has gone the best of any to date," she said, "and I have hired a private coach with a good eye for technique." Kreiner's coach, Stewart Green, a 30 year old Vancouver native, is a CSIA level 4 examiner and a level 3 coach.

"The National Team just doesn't have the money or personnel to operate a program that caters to individuals" said Kreiner who admits to being "a bit of a loner."

Cathy will be skiing on Blizzard/Garmont and will be working closely with the Blizzard Ski Rep in Europe.

By quitting the team Kreiner will forfeit financial assistance from the Canadian Ski Association and will have to make her own travel and accommodation arrangements.

The ski world and especially Canadians will be watching with some curiosity to see how this bold move will affect the ski career of Kathy Kreiner.

**CAMERON COME'S THIRD**

Local sailor, Sue Cameron placed 3rd overall, on September 21 and 22, in the Alberta Boardsailing Championships in Calgary. There was a turnout of 87 sailors from all over B.C. and Alberta.

The regatta was held on Chestermere Lake outside of Calgary. Competition was split into 3 classes; one design for windsurfers, one class for different brand boards and a separate women's class.

The first day of races didn't get off to a very quick start with no wind for the first two olympic triangles. The 3rd race in the afternoon saw a complete change of conditions. Very high winds made for an exciting race, but didn't allow for a 4th due to gale force velocity.

The second day started cold and windless. Motivation was difficult to find for a lot of people due to the temperature of the water, but we did manage to finish 2 more Olympic triangle races and a long distance race. The threat of hypothermia forces the cancellation of the women's freestyle although a few hardy guys got into some action in good high winds with Rolly Ebner of Penticton winning the freestyle competition.

Congratulations to the Alberta organizers for a very successful regatta that saw lots of great sailing and a great party spirit.

# FALL PROGRAMS

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The fall, Whistler Adult Education Program at Myrtle Philip Elementary School starts the week of October 6th and runs until December 12th.

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 - Instructor: Dennis Hansen

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 - 8:00 - 10:00 P.M.

Yoga - (Wed., & Fri.) 10 sessions: \$10  
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Karate - (Wed., Thur., & Fri.) \$5.00 plus monthly fee  
 - 6:00 - 8:00 P.M. - 6:30 - 8:30 Thursday

Men's Basketball - (Wednesday) 10 sessions: \$10.  
 - 8:00 - 10:00 P.M.

Volleyball - (Thursday) -10 sessions: \$10  
 - 8:30 - 10:15

To register for any course turn up and pay fees the first night of the course. Payment for complete session is required.

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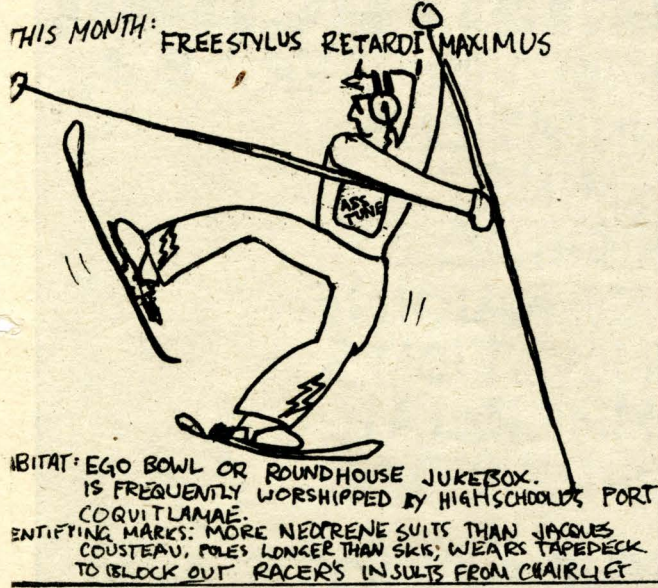
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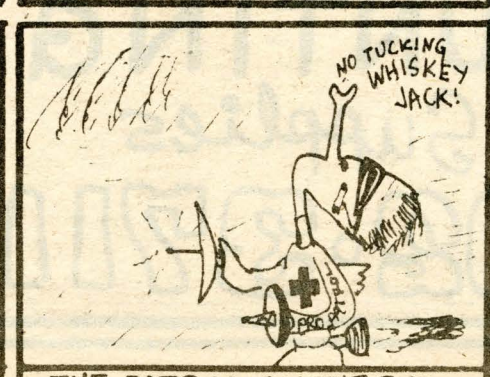
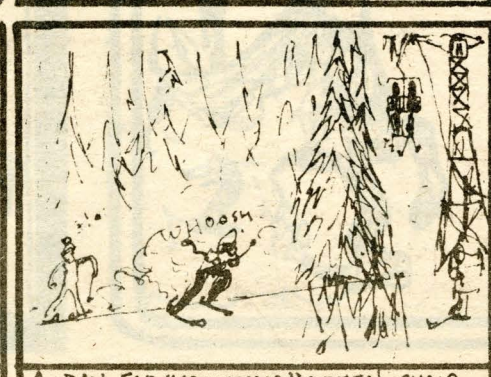
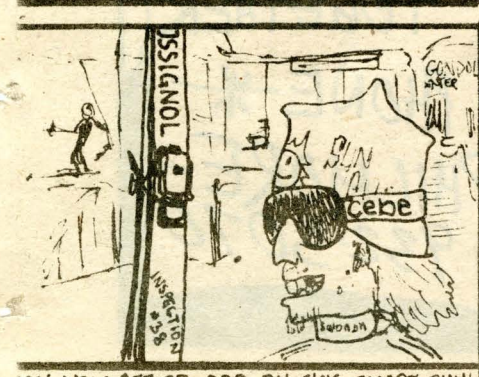
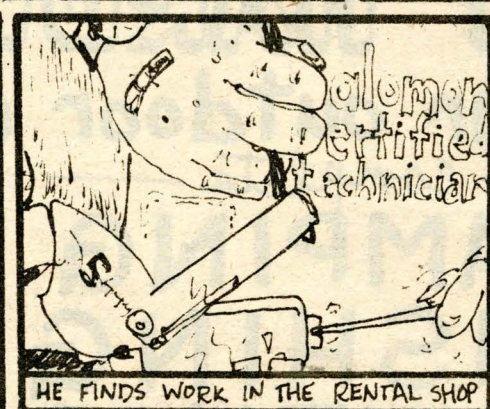
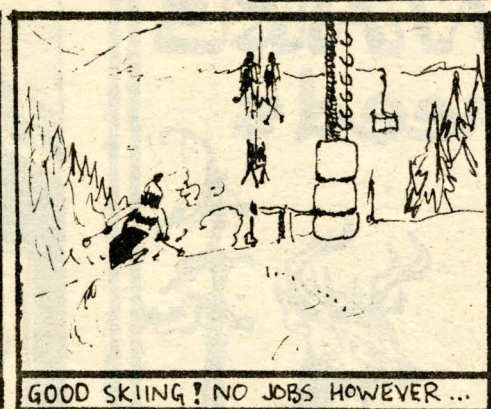
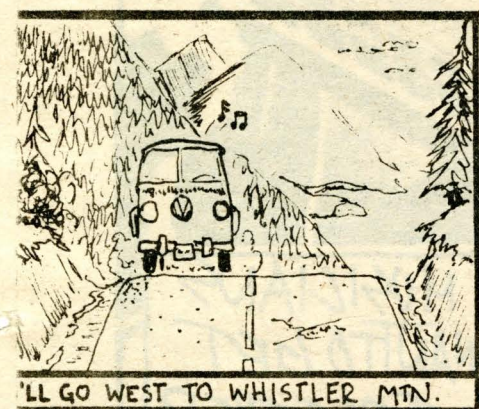
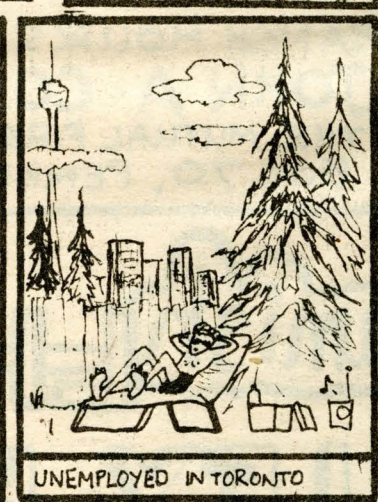
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