

NEWSLETTER - APRIL 1983

Dear Member:

MANAGEMENT PLAN

This past month Parks Canada held public hearings to help formulate management policies for the Mountain Parks. The hearings were only one step in the process that will determine the future of backcountry use, commercial development and environmental protection. To the O'Hara Region the future of road access, the campground, the Alpine Club Hut and the lodge are all open to discussion. Your views on the future of the Parks in general and the O'Hara region specifically can still be expressed by mail. Letters should be addressed to Al Fisk, Superintendent, Yoho National Park, Box 99, Field, BC, Canada, VOA 1GO.

LINK/GRASSI BOOK

Jon White is in the final stages of the Link/Grassi book. Proof-reading and printing are all that are left to completion, so by late June Tommy and Lawrence should be available for around the \$5.50 mark.

CO-OPERATING ASSOCIATION

The past summer saw the initiation of a co-operating association between Parks Canada and the Trails Club. In August an agreement to permit volunteer trail work was reached. The Trails Club provided twenty canvas bags to haul gravel in, at a cost of \$3.00 each while Parks Canada supplied three cubic meters of gravel. Visitors were encouraged to take a bag of gravel and fill in the low spots on the lakeshore trail as they headed out for a days hiking. Although the program only began in mid August almost half the gravel was moved. This summer should see the program continued. However, a gravel depot system may be tried to minimize wastage. Another joint project being considered is producing a badge using Park's popular "Do not walk off the trail" logo, which many of you saw as a decal on the O'Hara bus. Any further suggestions for joint projects would be most welcomed.

FRANCES KLATZEL

A familiar face around the Lake O'Hara Region, Park Naturalist Frances Klatzel, has changed jobs and will be replaced by Dave Harris

this summer. Frances is currently in Nepal and has plans for a book upon returning. Her efforts and concerns for the O'Hara Region over the years are appreciated by all.

NEXT ANNUAL MEETING

The 1983 Annual Meeting of the Lake O'Hara Trails Club will be held at Lake O'Hara Lodge on Thursday, July 28th at 9:00 P.M.

Happy Hiking!

Michael Brown, Vice President