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ALBERTA, CANADA,
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NEWSLETTER - APRIL 1980

Dear Member:

New Trails

The summer of 1979 saw an active Parks Canada Trail Crew once again in Lake O'Hara Region. With guidance from Alan Knowles, a new trail was blazed from the Alpine meadow to Odaray Plateau. This new route is a great improvement over the old trail, which was badly eroded and often very wet. The trail crew also improved the route from Morning Glory Lakes to Linda Lake.

Vice President & Directors Chosen

At the 1979 Annual Meeting, Austin H. Ford of Calgary, former owner of Lake O'Hara Lodge was elected Vice President of the Trails Club by the board of directors. Eileen Desbrisay of Vancouver and Milton Fruchtmann of Banff were elected as new members of the board of directors.

Membership

The total number of Life memberships in the Trails Club increased by 35% from 205 to 276 in 1979. With annual members the total membership in the Club at the close of 1979 was 302. This increase can be attributed largely to better public exposure to the club through the pamphlet published last year. The pamphlet has been reprinted and will be distributed again this year. It is anticipated that the Trails Club by the year 1981 will have a membership of 450.

Lillian Gest Honoured

As a gesture of appreciation for her work on the History of Lake O'Hara, the Trails Club presented Lillian Gest with a framed pencil sketch of the O'Hara region done by Dave Biederman of Jasper.

The Trail Ended for Some

As many of you learned last summer. Dr. George Link died in May in Tucson at the age of 91. His death marked the end of an era at Lake O'Hara. His devotion and dedication in achieving the goal of creating a system of ways in this region will long be remembered.

Along with Dr. Link, two other prominent Trails Club members, Harry Green and Sydney Vallance died last Spring. Harry Green came to Canada in 1912 and was associated with the legal department of the CPR. He was a president of the Alpine Club of Canada and a director of the Lake O'Hara Trails Club. Sydney Vallance was a past president of the Lake O'Hara Trails Club.

More recently, Banff area residents mourned the death of Lawrence Grassi, another trailblazer whose fine stonework enhances several of the routes in the O'Hara area.

Proposed Publication on Dr. Link

Jon Whyte of Banff has indicated an interest in writing a small booklet on Dr. Link's activities at Lake O'Hara. It is hoped that this project will be underway this summer and be ready for the 1981 season.

Slide Collection

The Trails Club extends thanks to Don Hehir, Lillian Gest and Mrs. F. Henderson for their generous donations of slides for our library. The Trails Club is in the process of purchasing a slide projector and screen in conjunction with Lake O'Hara Lodge. The library will be divided into a number of slide shows to be shown during the summer season at the lodge. If you would like to donate a few of your favourite shots, please have them duplicated and forward them to us. Credit will be given to all donors at each presentation.

Sales Report 1979

We had a most successful sales season for 1979.

History of Lake O'Hara	Sold 189
Dr. Link Maps	Sold 669
Badges	Sold 92
Life Memberships	Sold 71
Annual Memberships	Sold 26

Next Annual Meeting

The 1980 Annual Meeting of the Lake O'Hara Trails Club will be held at Lake O'Hara Lodge at 9:00 P.M. on Thursday, July 24th. If you have any comments or suggestions and are unable to attend the meeting, please write to us at Box 1677, Banff, Alberta, TOL OCO

We welcome your ideas.

Good Hiking!

Tim Wake
President

LAKE O'HARA TRAILS CLUB

HI-LITES ANNUAL MEETING

JULY 26, 1979

PRESIDENT, TIM WAKE REPORTS

Appreciation was expressed to Parks Canada for the construction of a new trail from Alpine Meadow to Odaray Plateau - a great improvement over the old trail, which was badly eroded.

Appreciation expressed to Canada Parks Trails Crew for the improvements made to the route from Morning Glory Lakes to Linda Lake.

The third edition of the publication "History of Lake O'Hara" has been printed and 80 copies have been sold during the first six weeks.

The revised edition of Dr. Link's Map has been printed and that 200 copies were sold during the first six weeks.

Appreciation expressed to Merle McKnight for the new Logo Design and Artwork.

Donations of slides for proposed slide shows of the Lake O'Hara region were acknowledged.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President- Tim Wake - Banff
Vice President- Austin Ford - Calgary
Secretary- Beverley Brodie - Calgary
Treasurer- Bob Taylorson - Calgary

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Eileen Desbrisay - Vancouver, B.C.
Lillian Gest - Newton Square, Pa.
Maxine Aaron - Pittsburgh, Pa.
Ann Fielding - Toronto, Ont.
Milton Fruchtman - Banff, Alta.
Minuetta Kessler - Belmont, Mass.
Morris Shumiatcher - Regina, Sask.

PROJECT REPORTS

Incorporation of Trails Club - progressing under guidance from Morris Shumiatcher.

Book Library is planned - initial investment not to exceed \$300.00

Proposed Current Membership Package:

Life	- \$10.00
Book & Map	- \$ 4.00
Book, Map & Crest	- \$ 6.00

Planned booklet on Dr. Link, possibility of incorporating information on flowers, birds, history, etc. Suggested that we look into Canada Council funding and Jon Whyte as editor. Need committee to oversee this project.

Authorized purchase of screen to be used for slide shows.

BLESSING OFFERED BY FATHER SZARAMA

For Charles Fielding - Harry Green - Catherine Whyte - Dr.Link

PROPOSED SUGGESTIONS

Promote gift memberships.

Provide guided field trips.

Supply the Lodge Van with a prepared cassette tape commentary with information on the Lake O'Hara area.

Facility for annual members to become life members.

Send letter of commendation to Parks Canada.