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NEWSLETTER - APRIL 1985

Dear Member:

LAKE O'HARA CO-OPERATING ASSOCIATION

With the formation of the Lake O'Hara Co-operating Association has come some confusion as to the difference between it and the Trails Club. Essentially the Co-operating Association is the arm of the Trails Club that is legally connected to Parks Canada such that it may receive funding and administrative assistance directly from Parks Canada.

Technically the Club and the Association are two separate entities, each with their own financial reports but in terms of their goals and their concern for the welfare of the Lake O'Hara Region; they are one and the same. The two organizations will hold a joint annual meeting and all members of the Trails Club are also members of the Co-operating Association.

In 1984 the Co-operating Association reproduced the "Don't Step on the Flowers" logo (a boot stepping on a flower with a red slash through it) on a pin and a cloth crest. The 500 pins produced were sold out by mid-summer and by the end of September 434 of the 500 crests produced were sold.

This year it is hoped that the pins and crests will also be sold through Parks Canada outlets in Yoho Park (i.e., campground attendants, East Information Centre).

A new map to replace the four sheet Parks Canada series covering Lake O'Hara should be ready for this summer season. It will provide a less expensive alternative to the Trails Club map, and will be intended mainly for those people visiting O'Hara on a day trip only.

Funding to initiate all the above projects was received from Parks Canada in 1984.

TRAIL WORK

The volunteer gravel bag program started in 1983 was continued in 1984 resulting in further improvements to the Lake O'Hara Circuit Trail. Positive comments have been received from both Parks Canada and those involved in the program, and it will be set up again this season. Some bags will be filled with less gravel for those wishing a

lighter load and correspondingly, those wishing to carry more will be encouraged to take two bags.

The Parks Canada Trail crew led by Back Country Maintenance Co-ordinator, Alex Brook as well as a contract crew with Edwin Knox as foreman were busy in the Lake O'Hara area last summer. Repairs were made to areas damaged by flooding in July. Both approaches (Opabin and Oesa) to Yukness Ledge were improved, a new route on East Opabin was put in to bypass the two bridges, re-routes were constructed around the Big Larch and Morning Glory Trails, a new bridge was put in near the cabins and tread hardening was started on the trails leading through the Alpine Meadows.

This season work is planned on the trails on the Opabin and Odaray Plateaux. A new trail to bypass the Lake McArthur High Level Trails is also in the works.

HELICOPTER TRAIL WORK

More than \$1,500.00 in funding from the Trails Club and the Co-operating Association provided the helicopter time to transport materials for the new East Opabin Trail bridge and gravel to finish off the Opabin approach to Yukness Ledge and rock slabs to the Alpine Meadow for trail hardening. This work was done in September. We have included some photographs of this work in progress.

PARKS CANADA CENTENNIAL

This year Parks Canada is celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the creation of Canada's first National Park in Banff. There will be projects and events in each National Park to commemorate the centennial.

The Trails Club is planning to develop some trail related projects in conjunction with Parks Canada in Yoho Park and the Yoho Park Naturalists are planning some special event for the summer season.

NEXT ANNUAL MEETING

The 1985 Annual Meeting of the Lake O'Hara Trails Club will be held at 9 P.M., Thursday, July 25th at Lake O'Hara Lodge.

Happy Hiking!

Tim Wake
President

LAKE O'HARA TRAILS CLUB

HI-LITES ANNUAL MEETING

JULY 25, 1984

PRESIDENT TIM WAKE REPORTS

Recognized with appreciation, the attendance of Glenn Webber, Chief of Visitor Services, Yoho National Park.

Active Membership as end of 1983 was 390 and anticipated this would be 450 by end of 1984.

Lake O'Hara Co-operating Association has received funding of \$5,500.00 from Federal Government to assist in Club Projects. Parks Canada has donated old trail maps to Lake O'Hara Trails Club, thus freeing funds previously allocated for Map Project to other projects.

Arrangements have now been completed so that Trail Club members can assist trail crews directly.

Expressed appreciation to Mrs. Elsie Snell for her work on Membership Records and mailing of newsletter, to John Hutchinson for work as Treasurer and Bob Taylorson for work on newsletter.

PROJECT REPORTS

The project "Don't Step On The Flowers" pins and crests is doing extremely well. Fifty percent of the total inventory was sold in five weeks. The bag and gravel distribution project continues to do well. There are currently two designated dumpsites on the O'Hara Circuit Trail.

GLENN WEBBER explained Parks Canada's interest in setting up the Co-operating Associations to achieve common goals. Discussed new map to be produced - trail hiking time and distance to be included if possible.

GENERAL

Decided that Lake O'Hara Trails Club will allocate 90% of available funds (Maximum of \$1,000.00) to specific trail improvement projects at the discretion of the Club Officers.

Appreciation was expressed to bus drivers and campground attendants for their effort in educating park visitors to protect the park and keep it clean.

Expression of appreciation was given to President Tim Wake for work and leadership of the Trails Club.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President	Tim Wake
Vice President	Michael Brown
Treasurer	John Hutchinson
Membership Secretary	Elsie Snell
Recording Secretary	Opal Taylorson
Newsletter Editor	Bob Taylorson

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

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Funds from Lake O'Hara Trails Club and Lake O'Hara Co-operating Association provided helicopter time for transport of materials to the New East Opabin bridge, and also for trail hardening gravel used on the Opabin approach to the Yukeness Ledge and rock slopes to the alpine meadow.

