

# KOOTENAY MOUNTAINEER

The Kootenay Mountaineering Club Newsletter

January-February 2002 Issue 1

## Upcoming Ski Trips



January	30 Wed	Mitchener (Creek Blueberry-Paulson) B2	Ron Cameron	364-xxxx
February	2 Sat	Neptune (Strawberry Pass) C3	Bert Port	365-xxxx
	3	Kutetl Basin D3	Dwain Boyer	825-xxxx
	3	Moose to Beaver Circuit (Blueberry-Paulson) B2	Jill Watson	362-xxxx
	6 Wed	Bonanza Creek (Blueberry-Paulson) B2	Janet Cameron	364-xxxx
	10	Lost Creek (Kootenay Pass) C3	Peter Jordan	352-xxxx
	17	TBA probably C3	Peter Tchir	352-xxxx
	20 Wed	Sunshine (Nancy Greene Summit) C2	Ron Cameron	364-xxxx
	24	Clearwater-Ymir Traverse D2	Kim Kratky	352-xxxx
	27 Wed	Crowe-Cliff (Nancy Greene Summit) C2	Janet Cameron	364-xxxx
March	3	TBA probably C3	Dave Horner	352-xxxx
	6 Wed	Coffee Run (Rossland) B2	Janet Cameron	364-xxxx
	10	TBA probably D3	Roland Perrin	352-xxxx
	17	TBA probably D3	Fred Thiessen	352-xxxx
	24	TBA probably C-D3	Dwain Boyer	825-xxxx
EASTER	March 29 – April 1	Contact Peter if you would like to do something this weekend, even just one of the four days.		

**Destinations and dates:** Many of the destinations given in the schedule are tentative. Access often changes during the winter, and snow conditions or avalanche hazard may require a change of destination.

**Trip classification:** Trips are classified according to strenuousness (A-D) and level of difficulty (1-4). This classification is very approximate, as the difficulty of a trip will vary greatly depending on snow conditions.

A - easy (a short day, little elevation gain). B - fairly easy (a longer day or moderate elevation gain).

C - average (a full day, reasonable level of fitness required) D - strenuous (a long day, lots of elevation gain)

1 - track skiing. 2 - off-track touring (suitable for cross-country touring skis). 3 - moderate backcountry skiing (telemark or alpine touring skis and skins required, need some ability to turn). 4 - advanced back-country skiing (should be an intermediate or advanced telemarker, steep slopes and difficult route finding may be involved).

**Avalanches:** Many of the trips involve travel in terrain where there is some risk of avalanches. All participants should have avalanche awareness and must carry an avalanche beacon and shovel. The club has Pieps for rent; ask the trip leader for details. If you want to take part in backcountry ski trips, it is highly recommended that you take an avalanche awareness course.

**For more information** phone the winter trips chairperson, Peter Jordan, at 352-xxxx, or e-mail at [pjordan@netidea.com](mailto:pjordan@netidea.com).

## Upcoming snowshoe Trips

February	3	Appledale Golf Course	Nell Plotnikoff	359-xxxx
	10	TBA	Brad Steele	352-xxxx
	17	TBA	Don Harasym	354-xxxx

Snowshoeing Trips Chairman: Don Harasym 354-xxxx

# Kootenay Mountaineering Club News

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## The 2002 Executive:

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Summer Trips	Don Harasym	354-xxxx
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Individual \$20  
Couple/Family \$25  
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Send to: KMC Membership  
c/o Joan Grodzki

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Eliane & Steven Miros

## KMC website

[www.kootenaymountaineering.bc.ca](http://www.kootenaymountaineering.bc.ca)

## Weekly Trips update by e-mail

Contact xxxx@look.ca

## Editorial Policy

We encourage all submissions of writings, cartoons, drawings, book & web site reviews and trip reports. Suitability for publication is at editors' discretion. Articles and advertisements may be edited for clarity and length. Advertising must be thought to be of interest to members in regard to the outdoors, especially locally. Discretion will be used for commercial endeavors.

## KMC Newsletter

Total circulation for this issue is over 100

**2002 KMC Membership Fees are past due!** And only those who have joined or renewed their membership prior to Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> will be included in the hiking camp lottery.

**2002 KMC Hiking Camp** will be located at the headwaters of Blanket Creek in the Monashee Mountains, southwest of Revelstoke. Trip information package is in this newsletter.

**KMC T-Shirts** can be purchased from Jan Micklethwaite at 362-5289 (Leave a message on the machine). Please indicate the number of shirts and the size needed (S-M-L-XL). The cost per shirt is \$15.- and \$2.- for mailing. The address is: Box 652 Rossland BC VOG 1Y0

**Light Touring Cross-Country** ski trip leaders are in demand! If you can give your time for such a rewarding outdoors activity please contact Peter Jordan at 352-xxxx or Janet Cameron at 364-xxxx for possible locations and dates.

## Notes from the January 15<sup>th</sup> Executive Meeting



- A climbing camp coordinator is required to replace Ross Breakwell who has relinquished his position because of injury. A volunteer(s) would be greatly appreciated.
- The Karabiner is well under way. Details are being finalized before being sent to the printers.
- Avalanche Transceivers: The Club has several avalanche transceivers for rent at \$5.00 per day for members and their skiing companions. They are kept in Nelson. Phone Peter Jordan if you want to rent one.
- Some time in the last year or so, one of our transceivers has gone missing. It is a yellow Pieps 457, with KMC #1 written on it in felt pen. If you know its whereabouts please contact Peter Jordan.
- KMC Website: The Club's Website hasn't been updated for a long time, due to a lack of people with the necessary skills and time. If you have a website design and programming skills (or have a teenager who does), and are interested in volunteering some time to update our website, please contact Peter Jordan 352-xxxx e-mail [pjordan@netidea.com](mailto:pjordan@netidea.com)
- We want your trip reports! Documentation of backcountry visits with KMC trip reports helps us establish a valuable precedent of prior use to be considered by the government when a commercial venture

# Trip reports



## KMC's First Snowshoe Trip      Sproule Creek, January 13, 2002

The Sproule Creek Trail is not renowned for a long season of excellent snow conditions. Because of low elevation, varying tree cover and various small streams and water seepages, snow-free patches usually become frequent by March, and following an unusual thaw, we had March conditions in mid-January this year. We started out soon after 10am over a mainly crusty surface. The track left by previous hikers or snowshoers was so firm that Don carried his snowshoes on his pack the whole way. Alan gallantly offered some of the ladies a pick-a-back over one bare patch, so that they would not need to take off their snowshoes. At noon, we had reached the old sawmill site, and took a half-hour lunch break. No one showed any inclination to continue further, as this would have involved either bushwhacking or crossing the creek where there was no longer a proper bridge. So we returned to the road by 2 o'clock. Even though snow conditions weren't the best, the weather was excellent, and we had an enjoyable outing.

Our Group of Seven comprised Don Harasym, Shirley Mondin, Nell Plotnikoff, Carol Potasnyk, Alan and Pat Sheppard and Norman Thyer (co-ordinateur).

## Le Grammont (Grammondo), 1378m, December 21<sup>st</sup> 2001 *(Not a club trip, just a "space filler")*

The past holidays gave us an opportunity to hike the coastal mountains near the French-Italian border. Though nowhere near the elevation of the parent Alps further inland, the striking image created by the rugged mountains quickly rising as cornices from the emerald colored sea to over 1,300m had taunted us for many years. *The following outing description is characteristic of European hiking books because of the many trails options.*

The pre-Alps lie in tiers parallel to the Mediterranean coast. Originally sea bottom, these mountains were formed by the collision of the European and African plates and it is in the region of Monaco-Menton that they are the highest near the coast. It is also in this area where the north-south torrents that drain the Alps have cut out numerous valleys and gorges. The prevalent Karstic relief combined with the vivid mountain greenery (scotch pine, juniper and oak) makes for a lasting scenic impression. We had attempted to explore this area before but the medieval villages and other attractions of the winding, narrow, spectacular coastal highway always swallowed up the precious time we had.

This region is great for hiking. The protection offered to the south facing slopes by these mountains creates a favorable temperate winter climate. This area is part of an ancient thoroughfare and has been inhabited from earliest times. Olive production originally supported this area since before Greek times but the advent of train transportation in the early 1800's greatly changed the area. The "Belle Époque" brought sumptuous hotels, grand reception halls and exotic gardens fit for the grandeur of wealthy and idle holiday makers when their winter mondanities were at their height. Cacti, palm trees, lemons and oranges, were successfully transplanted to the area. Matisse, Picasso, Chagall, Cocteau and Renoir as well as others combined the luminosity of the light and the consequential brilliance of colours with the scenery of the shores and the rich environment of the perched villages. So successful were the attractions (including casino) of the area that Monte Carlo found it no longer necessary to tax its citizens. The coast is highly urbanized but one can easily imagine the natural beauty, as it must have been like a couple of hundred years ago.

Le Grammont (Grand Mont) on the French-Italian border is the highest peak in the area. It is a well-marked trek with numerous directional signposts along the way. It also uses part of the French trail system's GR-52 [These GR trails are actually marked on the road maps and most often pass through the most interesting parts of an area]. To find the trailhead you drive north on the D2566 from the city centre of Menton in the direction of Sospel. An extremely narrow and winding paved main road takes you from sea level up the valley to the small hamlet of Castillon. To get to the parking area and the actual col (pass) you must continue past the hamlet, through the tunnel (which is actually under the pass) and turn at the first left (marked direction Lescarne). After a few meters again turn on the first left continuing a short distance until you come to a well-marked parking area with trail signs. This is the Col de Castillon (707m). From here only residents are permitted to drive along the extremely narrow lane, which offers no further parking spots – a common occurrence in the area! –

The signposts that you follow are marked Mont Razet, Le Grammont and Pierre Pointue. Follow the lane that has yellow markings (on objects) for several hundred meters, past some houses and arrive at the first junction, which offers the Pierre Pointue path going off to the right. Take the left trail marked Grammont (ignore the other trail going down to the village of Sospel). The lane slowly becomes a well-used steep dirt path that switches back up the mountain. Ignore a few other side paths and eventually arrive at the pass called Baisse de Scuvion. Views are onto Italy and the Parc National du Mercantour. Straight ahead and slightly to the right is the trail to Col de Razet and le Grammont. To the left is a fire lane. The small outcropping on the left is the Fort de l'Abrea, a remnant of the Maginot Line, which had some use as a mountain base during WW2. This area was heavily bombed by allied warships prior to the invasion and the fort itself did not see much action as it was quickly overrun by soldiers. It is well worth the 200m walk to explore this small fortification hollowed out of this crag. Continue on the trail that goes through a forest on the north-eastern side of Mont Razet [At this point there is a trail on the right which climbs Mont Razet or can take you back to Castillon via the Pierre Pointue for the return trip]. Eventually the trail arrives at another pass, the Col de Razet 1032m. Here is the GR52 coming from the coast at Menton and going north into the Alps. This pass (as well as several others in the area) was used as a part of the Salt Road which transported the highly valued commodity east and north. Follow the GR southwards through a holly-laden forest, abandoned terraced fields, deteriorating farmhouse ruins (varying from shepherd huts to farm houses) and the occasional flock of sheep or goats. The valley is enchanting, and a treat to discover so near the Riviera! Suffice to say that it is possible to seek out quiet beauty if you know where to look (or stumble upon it). Many of these workings were abandoned after WW1 when the former soldiers, who having experienced the outside world, especially Paris, sought the considerably easier lifestyle offered by an industrialising nation. Head southeast on the trail arriving at the Col de Treitore (sight of a spring) and a short distance later Colla Bassa. At Colla Bassa leave the GR (which descends slightly into the next valley) and follow the well-marked yellow trail scurrying upwards for approximately one hour to the summit of le Grammont (1378m). The peak is a double summit with the western side offering slightly better views. The coast can be seen for many kilometres in either direction. The Alps are clearly visible to the north; the perched Italian villages of Perinaldo, Barado and Airole are below to the east. On a clear day one can see the mountains of Corsica some 150 km away. There is a guest book to sign in the abandoned shrine. You return to your vehicle via the same route or if time allows you can continue following the southern ridge along the border to the small pass between the Pic d'Ormea and Cime de Restaud. Here you gain views of Monaco and the village Castellar. At this point you can pick up the GR and follow it either to the coast (Menton) or back to Col de Razet through the abandoned terraces below. Another recommended hike in the area is the Cime du Boudon (1264m) starting from either Gorbio or Sainte Agnes.

We were: Eliane, Jean, Francois, Steven Miros.

*Ed. Note: Banff also had its "Belle Époque" brought about by the introduction of the railways in the 19<sup>th</sup> century.*

# A Letter of Invitation

*Kindly Submitted by Jane Steed*

I've room for overnight guests in Calgary. If any members need a spot to stay en route somewhere, he or she could contact me. I don't promise a ride from the airport! But it might be helpful occasionally to somebody. I've had such good times with the Club over the years; I can repay it this way.

Yours,

Jane Steed

## *Recommended reading*

Happy New Year to KMC friends!

May I tell you about 2 articles about telemark skiing? They are in a great little volume of travel stories called "Wild Thoughts From Wild Places" by David Quammen. His writing is on a par with John McPhee's I think. Readers of magazines "Outside" and "Powder" may have seen them before. They were new to me in a Christmas book and brought back memories of the beginning of telemark skiing at Whitewater in the 80's before it went mainstream. Back then, it was kind of funky, counter culture stuff with costumes in the annual race. I even received a prize for being the oldest entrant one year. Now it's the seniors' Alpine Ski Club for me!

Happy reading!

Yours, Jane Steed

## Icicles

-The provincial government plans numerous cuts over the next few years. As many cliffs and mountains, and access to them, are actively or nominally managed by the Ministries of Forests and of Parks, they could be in danger of disappearing. In addition to reductions, it seems likely that there will be significantly less regulation of activity on crown land, privatization of many services and areas, and an increase in commercial backcountry recreation licenses. (C.A.S.B.C.)

-For info on the Jumbo Creek Development check out [www.eao.gov.bc.ca/PROJECT/DESTINAT/JUMBOCR](http://www.eao.gov.bc.ca/PROJECT/DESTINAT/JUMBOCR)

- The new trail built into Cougar Creek climbing area in June has been officially approved by the Arrow Lakes Forest District. A guide to the area, including trails, is at [www.cavecreeksystems.com/cougarcreek](http://www.cavecreeksystems.com/cougarcreek).

-The United Nations has declared 2002 as The International Year Of The Mountains. Visit the IYM website [www.mountains2002.org](http://www.mountains2002.org) and get familiar with the aims of this special declaration.

-Help create B.C.'s largest free trails database including cross-country and backcountry skiing!  
[www.trailpeak.com](http://www.trailpeak.com)

\_The following website has good information on maps and map reading [http://maps.nrcan.gc.ca/main\\_e.html](http://maps.nrcan.gc.ca/main_e.html)

\_For finding Canadian maps check out <http://maps.nrcan.gc.ca/search/ntsquery.html> (Fred Thiessen Feb.2001 newsletter)

\_In its July-August issue National Geographic's Adventure Magazine published its list of the 100 greatest adventure books of all time. Many people missed it and little evidence remains other than the following website: [www.martlink.com/greatplaces/greatest\\_adventure\\_books.htm](http://www.martlink.com/greatplaces/greatest_adventure_books.htm)

# BOOKS IN THE KOOTENAY MOUNTAINEERING CLUB LIBRARY

At the home of Eliane & Steven Miros (250) 365-xxxx.

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## 2002 KMC HIKING CAMP - Blanket Creek

### LOCATION:

This years KMC Hiking Camp will be located at the head waters of Blanket Creek, in the Monashee Mountains about 30 km south-west of Revelstoke. Camp will be located at about 6200 ft. by one of the many lakes in the area. There is large alpine area with a number of small lakes. There is a north/south ridge west of the camp with numerous 8,000 - 9,000 ft. peaks and two small icefields. With Mt Begbie to the north and Blanket Mountain to the south, this should provide great hiking and lovely vistas.

**MAPS:** 82 L/16 (Revelstoke) (1:50,000)

### ACCESS:

After crossing the Galena/Shelter Bay ferry we will drive about 25 km north on highway 23. We will rendezvous with the helicopter at a logging area landing west of highway 23.

**DATES:** Camp 1: July 27 - Aug. 3; Camp 2: Aug. 3 - Aug. 10, Camp 3: Aug. 10 - Aug. 17

### FEES:

Total: \$280.00. This includes a cancellation fee of \$50.00. Full fees are payable upon registration. Applications accompanied by post-dated cheques will be considered as of the post-date. Make cheques payable to **KMC Hiking Camp**.

### TO REGISTER:

Return the completed registration form and **SIGNED** waiver form along with a cheque for the full fee to: Drew Desjardins

Please note that the waiver form must be signed by all members of a family who plan to attend camp. An application will not be considered until the signed waiver form and full payment is received. Phoned registrations will not be accepted.

### AGE RESTRICTION:

The minimum age for participants is 15 years as of the date of camp. Members 15 - 18 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Waivers for juniors must be signed by a parent or legal guardian. Children 19 years of age or older are not included in a family membership so they must complete a separate application form.

### PRIORITY:

Vacancies will be filled by lottery on March 15. Members who applied for camp last year prior to the lottery deadline but were on the waiting list will be assigned to camp if they apply this year. If a camp roster is full, additional applications will be placed on a waiting list in the order drawn in the lottery or of receipt after Mar. 15. Only those who have joined or renewed their membership prior to Feb.1 will be included in the lottery. Following this period, vacancies will be filled by members who have paid their fees after Feb.1. If the camps are not filled by April 15, applications will be accepted from non-members.

### CANCELLATIONS:

The cancellation fee of \$50 is not refundable. The remaining fee will be refunded if notice is received prior to June 15. The total fee will be forfeited for cancellations received after June 15 unless a suitable replacement is found. Cancellation vacancies will be filled from the waiting list. If there are no names on the waiting list, the member is responsible for finding a replacement before a refund will be issued. Contact Drew Desjardins before taking action.

### ABOUT HIKING CAMP:

The Kootenay Mountaineering Club does not act as a guide service through its hiking program. Rather, it merely facilitates transportation of members into remote, rugged wilderness areas where one's activities must be governed by the level of experience each possesses in such an environment. Hiking Camp is not for the inexperienced person new to hiking. As the camps are held in a wilderness environment, participants should have some off-trail, backcountry hiking experience, or be a strong trail hiker, to get the most out of camp.

### INFORMATION:

Drew Desjardins