



# The Chinook

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The next Calgary Section Meeting is on Tuesday May 17th at 7:30 pm  
at the Bow Waters Canoe Club Clubhouse, 1975 - 26 Street S.E

This Month:

**Winter Crossing of the Himalaya: the Indian Haute Route**  
**By Ben Stephenson**



Frost on Austerity  
Danielle Tardif

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**NOTICE**

**Alpine Club of Canada  
Annual General Meeting**

**4:00 p.m. Saturday 14 May 2005**  
at  
Canmore Civic Centre Chambers  
600 9th Street  
Canmore, Alberta

All members are invited

Wine and Cheese Reception  
After the meeting

***ACC Calgary Section***

***Talus Lodge Hiking/Scrambling Camp  
July 22 to 29, 2005***

Join us for a hiking and scrambling camp this summer at the beautiful new Talus Lodge just west of Mount Assiniboine Provincial Park. We have chosen the dates for the peak of the alpine flower season! Lots of objectives for hiking and scrambling, with the possibility of glacier walking nearby. Great views everywhere! There are few made trails in this area – so you will be able to explore the scenic ridges and flower meadows at will.

The Talus Lodge is situated in an alpine meadow just above tree line. It has individual rooms, a sauna and running water. See the lodge website: [www.taluslodge.com](http://www.taluslodge.com) for pictures and more info.

The camp is fully catered: all food is included, and a cook will prepare delicious meals for us.

Even better, a helicopter will carry us, our food, and all our gear in and out!

The camp is self-guided and is not a teaching camp. You need to be confident with your ability to hike and scramble in an area without trails.

The price of the camp is to be finalized, but will be in the \$1,000 to \$1,100 range, including food and helicopters. A deposit of \$500 will hold your spot.

We are opening this camp to both Calgary Section and Rocky Mountain Section members.

To book your spot, call the camp manager, Ray Norman, at 609-0337 (Canmore), 217-1595 (Calgary), 607-4438 (Cell), 319-3453 (Office) or email at [Raynorm@telus.net](mailto:Raynorm@telus.net).

## **The Zanskar Ski School Ben Stephenson**

*(At the May Calgary section meeting Ben Stephenson will show some slides from one of three ski tours he has made in the NW Indian Himalaya. These journeys inspired him to set up a ski school for the local people.)*

The ancient kingdom of Zanskar in the NW Indian Himalaya is spectacular in its isolation, completely enclosed by mountains up to 7km high. Its location on the lee side of the Greater Himalaya Range ensures snow for up to seven months of the year and winter temperatures of -30°C are common! Having trekked in Zanskar during the summer, whilst studying the geology, I had an irresistible urge to return there in winter; so two friends and I made a ski tour across Zanskar using Nordic skis. I felt privileged to have the opportunity to travel in such a beautiful land on skis, but also felt a deep sense of injustice that the Zanskaris themselves didn't have the same opportunity. Instead they waded through thigh-deep powder snow to carry out daily tasks.

The children are definitely motivated to learn to ski, and even go so far as to fashion makeshift skis from pieces of hosepipe strapped to yak-wool and leather-soled boots. With these crude skis, they manage to career down icy slopes at break-neck speeds. So why hasn't some form of skiing evolved in Zanskar as it did in Scandinavia hundreds of years ago? It is not through lack of skill or ingenuity, for the Zanskaris are able craftsmen, but due to the simple fact that there are no trees because of the thin air and cold, dry climate.

The idea for the Zanskar Ski School was born with the encouragement of Mohammed Amin, the outdoor education instructor for the region. Amin has established a non-religious, non-profit-making N.G.O. (no. 2821-S) called the Zanskar Development Project Society, which aims to raise the standard of living of Zanskaris, without prejudice towards religion, caste, social status or political preference. To this end, he embraced the main aim of the Zanskar Ski School, which is the social and economic development of the people.

### **For Zanskaris, skiing could be much more than a sport.**

**Education** - Often children in Zanskar cannot get to school because of the deep snow, and those that do find effective learning is severely inhibited by the sheer physical effort in getting to school.

**Health** - Zanskaris, especially children, often fall ill when their clothes become wet after wading through deep snow, and rheumatism is becoming more common.

**Communication** - Villages in Zanskar are widely scattered and there is no means of communication between them. Some villages, for example Jildo, are particularly isolated and in the event of an emergency help can be very slow to arrive.

**Sport** - The ski school will provide a sporting activity for the youth of Zanskar during the long and immobilizing winter period, thereby promoting fitness.

**Tourism** - Zanskar provides superb opportunities for cross-country skiing in the winter and for ski mountaineering in the summer. If Zanskaris were proficient at skiing they could accompany tourists as mountain guides, as in the summer.

**How you can help**

In an ideal world every young person in Zanskar would have access to cross-country skis. We believe that the Zanskar Ski School, officially inaugurated on Sunday 19th April 1998, is a small but crucial initial step towards this goal. To date there are 100 pairs of skis, boots and poles in Padum and in 2005, with the most snow for over 40 years in Zanskar, they are being well used.

Urgan Dorjay is the newly appointed manager of the ski school and we would like to provide him with training so that the quality of his instruction can improve and moreover, he is more aware of safety practices and techniques for winter travel, such as crevasse-rescue and avalanche awareness. If anyone is willing to sponsor Dorjay on a course, we would like to hear from you.

If you would like to be a volunteer instructor for one week or a couple of months, please don't hesitate to get in touch. This would be a unique and very rewarding experience, living with the Zanskaris in a close community in one of the most isolated parts of the Himalaya. A strong sense of adventure is more important than teaching qualifications. Late February to early April provide the optimum snow conditions for skiing in Zanskar.

The ZSS is looking for sponsorship for the new ski store, which is to be built in Padum. In addition to being a store, the new building will have a kitchen, toilet, lounge area and basic sleeping accommodation. We also want to build an artificial climbing wall on the outside of the store, so that rope techniques and rock-climbing skills can be practiced. We estimated the cost of building materials and labour to be about CAD\$ 7,000, which we will try to raise through donations.

**Equipment needed**

The ZSS is still receiving donations of ski equipment to take to Zanskar in future years. Most useful are children's sizes of skis and boots of any type. For adults, any free-heel skis (cross-country/Nordic/Telemark/ski-mountaineering/alpine-touring) are most useful, along with small adult boot sizes (maximum size UK 9, US 9.5, European 43).

Other needed items are:

Sunglasses / snow goggles – any quality or fashion

Good quality climbing ropes, harnesses and gear (e.g. belay devices)

Artificial climbing holds for the climbing wall

Ice-hockey skates (maximum size. UK 7, US 7.5, European 41)

Gloves/mittens

If you think you can help please email or call Ben Stephenson at [stephensonben@hotmail.com](mailto:stephensonben@hotmail.com) or tel: (403) 830 9855. Cheers.

**Attention all trip leaders!**

On May 31<sup>st</sup>, you are cordially invited to attend a "leaders evening" of wine, cheese and a round-table discussion involving managing risk on club trips. As leaders, we are often faced with making difficult decisions in relation to unusual situations that present themselves on our ACC trips. At this discussion evening, we will hear examples of situations other leaders have faced on their trips, and collectively brainstorm on ideas that have/can/may work in these types of situations. Our Calgary Section has a wealth of experience within our membership. Please join us whether you are a new leader, a current leader, or an experienced leader who perhaps has not been actively on the trip schedule for a few seasons. The more voices the better!

The place:                    Calgary Area Outdoor Council (CAOC)  
Rocky Mountain Room  
1111 Memorial Drive NW  
SW corner of Memorial Drive and 10<sup>th</sup> St NW

The Date and time:        Tuesday May 31<sup>st</sup>.... 7:00 PM

Parking:                    Lot located immediately west of the building.

**ACC CALGARY – SECTION MEETING  
TUESDAY April 19, 2005**

**Minutes**

*Thanks to Cam Roe (and all the judges) for organizing this year's Photo Contest. There were 280 photos submitted, and the show was outstanding.*

*Also, thanks to Shannon and Leslie for organizing and judging the trail mix / snack contest. All the entries were delicious!*

*Announcements*

There is a Scrambling / Hiking Camp this year. The information is on the web site and is in the Breeze. (see page 3 of this Chinook too)

*ACC Anniversary Committee*

We are looking for a member to represent the Calgary Section at national. It will involve attending some meetings and perhaps the organization of a Wine & Cheese event at one of the Alpine Huts

Please Contact Ray Norman for more information if you are interested.

*Section Camp*

This year the section camp will be held at the Jumbo Glacier

The event will be during the last 2 weeks of July and the 1<sup>st</sup> week of August.

The camp is self guided and self catered. The cost is \$ 300 /person for the week. Gear is flown in and out, and participants walk in and out.

Please see the website for more information.

*Climbing Committee*

The summer schedule will be in the May Chinook

This year's rock review will be on the weekend of May 28 / 29<sup>th</sup>, and will be held in the Ghost area. Contact Robin Owens or one of the other members on the climbing committee for more information.

*Ski Committee*

It was a great season this year. Thanks to all who came out and participated.

The participants for the Fairy Meadows camp will be receiving a \$50 refund. See Sandy Walker for details.

*Training & Leadership Committee*

The Section Rock Leadership and Alpine Leadership courses will be held in July. The deadline for applications is May 12. The cost for the course is covered by the club. The courses are open to 6 participants per course. There will be an "All Coordinators" Night planned for May 31. This will be an evening of discussion between experienced trip coordinators. The main topics will be on experiences handling difficult situations on trips.

*Social Committee*

Next month's slide show will be on the winter crossing of the Himalayas – "The Indian Haute Route".

*Treasurer*

We are tracking on budget. Currently we are up because of deposits for the section camp, but no associated expenditures yet. We paid the \$ 5000 into the Fay Hut re-building fund.

*ACC Board of Directors Meeting*

This meeting will be held in Canmore on May 14 / 15. Cam Roe and Keith Sanford will be attending. Contact one of them if there are issues that you would like them to discuss at the meeting

*The Ghost Wilderness*

The provincial government is working on a plan for the Ghost Wilderness. It will come into effect next year. The planning committee will be made up of government and representatives from user groups

It should only have a minimal effect on our activities in that random camping will be in designated areas.

None the less, if you are in the area this summer, treat it with respect and don't give the committee any excuses to restrict our activities there.

Keith will provide more information as it becomes available.

## **Library**

There is a book "Crystal Horizon" (by Mesner) that has gone missing. If you have it, please return it as there are requests for it.

For those who have other books out for the month, please return them so others may enjoy them.

## **Results from the 2005 Photo Contest**

1. Canadian Mountain Scenes (Richardson Trophy) -  
Mountain scenery  
1st place: Looking West near the horn—Barb Brooks  
2nd place: Perfect Geometry—Sandy Walker  
3rd place: Bills Pond—David Mulligan
2. Mountain Winter Scenes (Rex Gibson Trophy) -  
Canadian mountains in winter  
1st place: Frost on Austerity—Danielle Tardif  
2nd place: From Mount Olive  
3rd place: Minal Tirth—Ken Chatel
3. Mountain scenes outside Canada (Jim Board Trophy) -  
Mountaineering activities outside Canada  
1st place: Mt. Tasman, N.Z. in afternoon—Danielle Tardif  
2nd place: El Glacier Negro, Mt. Tronador, Argentina—Steve Fedyna  
3rd place: Yosemite Sunrise—Steve Fedyna
4. Mountaineering (Marion Fawdry Trophy) -  
Mountaineering activities, summer or winter  
1st place: In the World of Seracs—Danielle Tardif  
2nd place: Tricky Route Finding on Linda Glacier—Danielle Tardif  
3rd place: September Early Snow—James Haston
5. Rock Climbing (Hillbilly Bowl) -  
Technical or solo climbing on rock  
1st place: How did Doug Get there, ....—Steve Fedyna  
2nd place: Marc on Mount Louis—Felix Camire  
3rd place: Working the Crack—Sandy Walker
6. Ice Climbing (Kathleen Lucas Trophy) -  
Waterfall or extreme alpine ice climbing  
1st place: Sunny Lead—Peter Haas  
2nd place: This House of Skye—Shannon Healy  
3rd place: Yellow Bird—Shannon Healy
7. Ski Mountaineering (John Hammond Trophy) -

- Ski mountaineering, ski touring, or telemark  
1st place: On the Approach to St. Nicholas—Ian Rainey  
2nd place: On the Wapta—Felix Camire  
3rd place: Above the Clouds in Roger's Pass—Steve Fedyna
8. Portraits of Mountaineers (L.C. Wilson Trophy) -  
Person or people in a mountain setting  
1st place: Sandy in the Bugs—Felix Camire  
2nd place: Albi Sole at Scott Duncan Hut—Ken Meuse  
3rd place: Stan Bobrow—Peter Haas
9. Flora (Francis Pearce Trophy) -  
Plant life in a mountain region  
1st place: Stick Dressing—Ken Chatel  
2nd place: Nature's Splendour—Peter Haas  
3rd place: Fall, Northern Patagonia—Steve Fedyna
10. Fauna (Buglar Hind Trophy) -  
Wildlife in a mountain region  
1st place: Lord Wilcox—David Mulligan  
2nd place: On Narao Ridge—Alan Mail  
3rd place: Mountain Caribou—Peter Haas
11. Humour (Silver Skillet) -  
Humour or satire, taken in a mountain or mountaineering context  
  
This woman has nuts—Peter Haase
12. Prints (Birks Trophy) -  
Colour or B&W print in a mountain setting  
1st place: Retreat from Abbott Pass—Gord Currie  
2nd place: Spray River—Gord Currie  
3rd place: Takei Ridge, Mt, Robson PP.—Gord Currie
13. **Best of Show (David Oldham Trophy) -**  
All entries are considered for this award  
Lord Wilcox—David Mulligan
14. Unclassified (President's Trophy) -  
Any photograph in a mountain setting that doesn't fit in another category  
1st place: Reflections in K Country—Stan Bobrow

2nd place: Ice Screw Geyser—Ken Chatel  
3rd place: Controlled Burn from Rundle #1—David Mulligan

15. Club Activities -

Person or people involved in a club camp or activity

1st place: Storm Ahead—Stan Bobrow  
2nd place: Liz Parker—A Popular Town—Jackie Clark  
3rd place: Bagging Mt. President—Danielle Tardif

16. Legacy Award -

An appreciation of the mountains being shared by youth or families

1st place: Vanessa Rapping McGillivray Slabs—Keith Sandford  
2nd place: Brother and Sister—Jackie Clark  
3rd place: Family Hike—Illecillewaet—Ken Meuse

Thanks to all who entered

### **HELP needed for the Section Camp!**

Wanted: Gear Guy (guys of either sex are welcome)  
Job: Custodian of the Summer Camp Gear (excluding the big tents)  
Role: To store, maintain, clean, replace, etc. the stoves, small tents, chairs, tables, pots and pans, Rubbermaid containers etc.  
Volume: all gear fits on a 2' x 8' x 8' shelving unit

If interested please contact Bill Marriott <http://webmail.telus.net/horde/imp/>

If you haven't already checked it out, look at the website for information on the section camp, which this year will be held at the Jumbo Glacier. You can choose one of three weeks to attend -- either one of the last two weeks of July or the first week of August.

## Where Are The Crevasses? By Joal Borggard

I've been tasked with writing up the trip titled *Intro to glaciers - Peyto to Bow Traverse*, which was my maiden voyage with the ACC – and my first extended trip associated with glaciers. Since I am kind of new to this realm, you will have to excuse me if I get some of the terminology wrong. There is only so much you can absorb from reading *Freedom of the Hills* a number of times.

Anyway, on with the story. We began our trip training in white-out-like conditions (at least I think the walls were white) in a basement on the west side of Calgary on Wednesday, March 30, 2005. It was cold, conditions were harsh – one of the coldest basement floors I have encountered in years. Creativity was at a maximum. For three strenuous hours we practiced setting up anchors (i.e., basement support columns) and crevasse rescue systems for rescuing victims (i.e., hockey bags) from the icy dark crevasses (i.e., hockey bags hanging from joists). It was great fun– the teachers were brimming with pride as their students mastered the art of crevasse rescue. No incidents to report.

The next leg of the adventure began at 6 am in Calgary on April 2, 2005. The group headed toward Peyto Glacier trail head (via Hwy #1 and Hwy #93) located a couple of kms north of Bow Pass. There were three leaders and 12 participants – 15 in all. The sun was shining in Cow Town but conditions worsened as we approached our starting point.

We set off for Peyto Hut at 9:40 am. Things proceeded smoothly as we crossed Peyto Lake and began to ascend the west side of the Peyto Creek valley towards a large moraine. We had a bit of lunch at 12 noon and then we popped up onto the moraine. Once on the moraine, we were pounded by the elements. With winds howling, we picked our way up the slope. The last 100 m or so were taken with skis-on-pack. Once at the top, we regrouped and sprinted for the Peyto Hut, our final destination for the day. Conditions weren't good, but they weren't that bad either. We reached the hut in just over 6 hours. Big smiles and tired eyes were everywhere. A group of \$500 watches and GPS units pinpointed the total elevation gain between 550 m and 630 m. This might be a mystery that is never solved. No incidents to report.

The hut was cozy, clean and well stocked with pots, plates, cups and the like. The bathroom line was long. The stoves were blazing. Food was everywhere – everyone wanted to pack out as little as possible the next day. Soon bellies were full and the reminiscing began. Lights out soon followed.

The next day (April 3, 2005) was stellar. Blue sky covered the misty white peaks. A semi-early start (9 am) headed us toward the Rhondda – Thompson Pass. Once at the pass the group leaders decided to make an attempt at Rhondda South summit. Some brave souls stayed back to man base camp as other battled the elements toward the peak. The elements won: we turned around and headed for Bow Hut. Who needs blowing snow when there are turns and blue sky to be had?

The next leg of the journey was a coast down to Bow Hut. Once at Bow Hut,

lunch was taken and a few group members headed back up the slopes to get in some final turns. The powder was fantastic – freshies could have been had all day.

The last leg of the journey was the descent from Bow Hut to Num-Ti-Jah Lodge. After some beautiful scenery and a few stretches of avalanche terrain, we arrived safely at the lodge. We hopped in the cars and headed for Canmore where the group met one final time for beers and burgers. No incidents to report.

My only complaint with the trip was that it was over too soon. I couldn't have picked a better group of people to learn from and to share my first glacier-travel experience with. On behalf of the group of twelve, I would like to thank Ray "breaking the trail" Norman, John "sweet tele turns" Gray and Sandy "the patient / witty one" Walker for all their hard work and big smiles during the trip. It will definitely be on my list next year.

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### **Elizabeth Parker Hut Weekend 2005** **By Ormadee Baxter-Lovo**

Down at the Lake O'Hara parking, so many things were about to happen ...such as... RAIN? Okay maybe that was not the best thing to happen, but the 2005 mountain adventure was just minutes away. I had missed the 2004 ski, so this was my chance to test my skills and make new records. We were skiing with Sue to EP hut. After we had a nice lunch in the car, we started to get ready for the trail. I was just too excited. I hadn't really done this for a long time.

Of course then there's always the last minute stuff. After five minutes on the trail Mom realized it was time to bring out the good o'l handy skins. I on the other hand lived the 4 hours on wax, with only one wax replacement. The trails were quite slippery on the way in, but Jackie did warn us to be prepared. Still, ice or no ice the ski was enjoyable. On the trail, I met up with a choir mom who was once my chaperone at one of my choir retreats. She was staying in the lodge.

I still had the fear of running into a cougar along the way. Two years ago (2003) I proclaimed to have stabbed my ski pole into a bear paw. Then I realized it was just a bush covered in mounds of snow. I was determined to sweep up the trail within two hours. But even my Dad could not go that fast. "Hurry up, hurry up!" I kept telling them. I wanted to be the first to discover top quality igloos, renovate them and sleep in one for the night, but I had the fear of a cougar jumping in and doing all the horrible kind of stuff from movies. And I would not be able to make fires in the igloos to warm up or I

would melt the igloo.

I was getting hungry as I panted up the steep hills; my Mom on the other hand had a wonderful time talking to Sue. It's funny; when she talks to someone she often forgets what's happening in the world around her. Dad had no problem up the steep hills; as a matter of fact I think he liked it. So by now we've reached the middle of our four hours up to EP hut. I'm getting so excited I start to speed up gradually, leaving my parents and Sue more in the lurch. I started skate-skiing the rest of the way. As we were enjoying the ski in, I started to think about what I would find up in the hut. Would it be the same as it was two years ago, or have there been changes? The one thing I have not forgotten and won't forget is the outhouses. Talk about stinky!!!!!!! I wondered if the long underwear I found will still be in the snow? I could not wait to see Ian!! Though I wondered, has he changed? Sure he would have changed I thought. Why wouldn't he? He is in grade four now I think, I mean last time I saw him he was in grade two. Ian and I had made igloos, played games of uno, and skied.

"Ornmadee, Ornmadee? Can you please ski slower so I can keep my eye on you please?" Dad suddenly said. I started to slow down as I moved closer to my dad. I asked him how many hours left until we would get to EP hut. He said an hour and a half. "Much faster than two years ago, we are doing really well!" he said with enthusiasm. I stopped my thoughts and thought about the people. Would there be new people? The only people I could remember were Steve, Jackie, MJ, Phyllis, Ian, Fiona and Evan.

I started recognizing many ski paths I took when I was 8. It all started coming back to me. Then for no reason I started thinking about directing a Rapunzel play. Thinking about this made me think about other things rather than thinking about time. I struggled on the hills, so I eventually had to take my skies off. But then I could see the hut. We arrived and nobody was in the cold hut.

Mom quickly got to work unpacking her stuff and warming everyone up with some tea. Dad finally got the fire going. Clarence and Gabrielle later arrived pulling a guitar on a sled!! Wow, now that's dedication! Once Clarence got into a new set of clothes, he picked up his guitar and started playing for a few minutes, while Gabrielle was already doing lots of work. She went outside to get some water from the stream. I rested, and then I got right to business un-folding my sleeping bag and all my other muck. Mom got the drying rack down.

Soon more people started to arrive. I can't remember the order everyone came in, I think Jackie and Steve were next and later that night MJ and Phyllis, Ian, Fiona and Evan. Late at night Sandy S. and Patti came. Felix later came with Sandy W. and Katie. On Saturday afternoon Nathalie came up on her own. When Ian arrived, I hardly noticed him until he mentioned his name. He looked so different to me. Yes he had changed, in height! Okay he wasn't that much taller than me, but I can still call that tall. That night it was calm; we all enjoyed our dinner. People were still getting organized, and I had already submerged myself in the cards.

On Saturday morning Steve and Jackie made some porridge (oatmeal) for breakfast. We all ate well, for the big day. Everyone decided to head off on ski trails to do some touring and skiing. Dad went off too, but Mom stayed at the hut and I made card towers. Earlier that morning Ian and I had found an igloo so we started to renovate the

inside.

When Ian left, someone had already found another igloo. I carefully examined the outside of the igloo before daring to enter in. It seemed sturdy enough. I peered through and looked at the insides; it seemed safe and I went in. It had lots of space. I was so excited to tell Ian about the big igloo news. We did not need the other one, we could renovate this one. I started my procedures, waiting for Ian to get back. Meanwhile Mom was inside, discovering the most horrid things in the drawer. Dead Bugs! Gross, especially in the utensil drawer! I carried on outside ignoring the gross issue; I eventually got cold and found myself shivering over a nice cup of hot cocoa. Mom once again in the kitchen was grossing her self out. Maybe I should have gone skiing, but I didn't want Mom to be alone. I started to throw paper airplanes down to my Mom with messages. Airmail, my friends call it.

In the late afternoon people started to come back. Once Ian arrived we started right away on the new igloo. We put new floors on the base (snow), shaped the outside, created the door, made the grand opening sign, and then decided how we would present the igloo. Next we had to figure out a way to give the igloo away. When everyone else came back the grand opening started. I was the starting narrator and Ian was doing a little show afterwards.

**Ornmadee:** "Welcome to the grand opening of this igloo, presented by me and..."

**Ian:** (Throwing icicles then sliding down for the igloo) "And me!"

Later we got everyone into the igloo. Then we told them to choose a number between, one and one hundred. The person who guessed the closest to the number we had picked (forty-three) would win the igloo. Sandy Sauer won the igloo guessing the number forty and she signed the sign that would symbolize Sandy's new igloo.

That night the food was amazing; everyone brought a little something. While we were singing MJ was in the kitchen preparing some brownies and cookies.

Clarence and Gabrielle brought out their maracas, harmonicas and guitar. Patti asked me to take a photo of the group singing. Unfortunately I did not work the camera properly. They started to sing hut songs, and soon everyone had joined in.

On Sunday morning, John, Louie and Roland got up bright and early to make their pancake breakfast. It was delicious. I had two, with lots of maple syrup.

Sunday was to be the day we all went home. We were the last to leave the hut. I hoped that the igloo would be okay until spring was here. When we finally left, we had some big hills to go down. I fell down at least twice. When all of us made it down to the trail, we took off. It was icy, and the ski was quicker than usual. We got down to the parking lot with a blast.

And that's the end of the 2005 EP Hut weekend!

People on trip: Jackie Clark and Steve Fedyna, Evan, Fiona and Ian Jones, MJ Pedersen, Phyllis Normey, Sandy Sauer, Patti Dolan, Felix Camire, Sandy Walker, Katie McKay, John Kloster, Louie Kloster, Roland Zimmerman, Gabrielle Savard, Clarence Kort, Sue Kuznik, Nathalie Poulin, Ken Baxter, Lee Lovo and Ornmadee Baxter-Lovo

