



The Silver Ice Axe

The Newsletter of the Jasper/Hinton Section
of the Alpine Club of Canada

Summer 2010

We are now be hosting this Newsletter on the section website. Check it out for more information regarding updates and trip schedule entries.

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Welcome

Message from the Chair

Another winter has passed by and slowly we look at another spring season. For many of us it was a very challenging winter in the ski industry and for me, the most sensitive snowpack I have seen in my skiing career! The words "persistent weak layers" were always in the avalanche bulletins, as well as numerous "Special Avalanche Warnings" through out the winter made for a "exciting" winter in trip planning.

Overall our numbers for trips were down and this may have been due to the snowpack, or maybe just because the valleys were quite dry and we tended to lose our drive to ski.

I do believe that even now in mid May the winter is not over yet and we will have to pay attention to the snowpack for a while to come!

As always the executive and leaders try to put out trips that will both entice our members, and trips that the leaders want to do! In any volunteer organization it is the members that drive the trips and justify the existence of the club. Without our members the club would not exist.

As well and just as important, we have to give thanks to all our leaders who every season volunteer their time to do trips for the section. I would like to thank all the leaders who have put on trips over the winter, last summer and all the years in the past.

Thanks to all the leaders and I hope the club helps fulfill your love of the mountains, your personal goals and your willingness to share it with our membership.

We hope to have already sent out a poll for our members, but if not it is coming soon. We would love to hear about what you would like to see happen in the section.

Have a great summer, and hope you get a chance to get our on one of our trips!

Peter Amann
Section Chair

Courses

June 18-19 – Section Leadership course

We will be running a section leadership course on June 18-19 for our local members and leaders. We thought this year we would do one on snow and ice or mix it up with one day on rock, another on snow. We will leave this up to participants. Again the focus will be on group handling on moderate terrain, as well as doing some glacier travel skills and crevasse rescue. Cost will be: \$210. We will either camp or stay at the Hilda Creek Hostel. Minimum 4 participants are needed. I will need some commitment by June 10th.

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2010 Summer Schedule

Welcome to summer! The following trips are filled on a first call first in basis. **Please contact leaders one to two weeks before the trip.** Volunteers lead all trips. **The exact date for the trip may change due to the leader's commitments.** For liability protection, each participant must sign a waiver.

Be sure to ask section leaders what other equipment may be necessary. Some section equipment is available on loan for club outings.

Mid-week Madness throughout the summer

If you are looking for a partner for mid-week rock climbing please give me a call. I'm not working and I'm always keen to get out.

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Weekly rock climbing

Throughout the summer meet one evening during the week for climbing at local venues. All levels of experience welcome. Evening to be determined based on interest.

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May 28 Kerkeslin Crag

Rock climbing for all levels

Wayne Campbell

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June ?? No name summit on the Boule Range.

Hiking a no name summit on the Boule Range close to Hinton. Great view of Bedson Range and surroundings. Challenging hike, short and snappy. Elevation 3500 feet, 5 to 6 hours round trip. Exact date to be determined – call for details.

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June 5 Kerkeslin Crag

Rock climbing for all levels

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June 9 Morro Canyon

A descent through Morro canyon, with the high snowpack this year, we should have a lot of water for the rappels. Participants should have harness, helmet and a rappel device, and expect to get wet.

Alan Dalziel

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June 14 Roche Perdrix

Great climbing at the east edge of the park. A solid day of scrambling with four technical pitches up to 5.7 Rock climbing, belay, and rappel skills required.

Jeff Andrews

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June 26 Nigel Peak
A moderate scramble in the Icefields area, with excellent views of many 11,000'+ peaks. Ascent is about 1200 metres, and takes about 4 hours. There is a mix of scree and snow, so an ice axe and experience with self arrest is necessary
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July No name summit around Beaver Lake on the Colin Range
Scrambling a No name summit around Beaver Lake on the Colin Range. Elevation gain about 3000 feet, 5 to 6 hours round trip Possibility of making it a weekend. Exact date to be determined – call for details.
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July 6 "The Arch"
This is a popular climb with local section members. Not a long day, but has some great views and scrambling. Some easy 5th class rock is also a part of this trip. Participants should have some basic rock skills, know how to belay and be in reasonable shape. Leader:
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July 7 Mount O'Hagan
An ascent of Mount O'Hagan near the Miette Hotsprings. This peak sees not too many visitors, and has great views, an interesting creek crossing, and a splendid bit of ridgewalking. A soak in the hotsprings to follow.
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July 10 Crevasse Rescue practice
A day of reviewing and practicing crevasse rescue techniques at Parkers Ridge for the summer alpine climbing season.
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July 17-21 Mountaineering Camp to the Starbird Range
Various objectives in the area.
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August Cadomin area, The "undiscovered area"
Scrambling some no name summits in the area Elevation gain 3000 feet or so, round trip 5 to 6 hours trip. Exact date to be determined – call for details.
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Aug 11 Wilcox north to south
A fun alpine rock climb/scramble traverse. We will need a couple of vehicles... Up from the high point north of the icefields and down to the icefields campground. Basic climbing skills needed, harness, helmet belay device....a fairly longish day.
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August 21-22 Parkers Ridges/ Wilcox Pass
Hiking for everyone
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September 18-20 Fryatt Hut and environs
Hike and scramble in the area
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September 25 Crevasse Rescue practice
Winter ski season starting up soon(?), so I propose a day of reviewing and practicing crevasse rescue techniques at Parkers Ridge.
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October 09 Opal Peak
Easy scramble
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