

Vernon Outdoors

Hiking Canoeing Cycling Orienteering

By BOB PLATT

Another good turnout last Sunday when club members followed leader Julia Townsend into Rose and Swanton, east of Armstrong.

SOFT AND HARD COUNTRY

The cedar forest at lower levels is a delight to walk through, not that much was seen on the outward journey because of snow on the ground and water on the trail, but the atmosphere provided by these trees and their dense foliage was felt by everyone.

Swanton is completely different terrain; coming up over the many bald rock surfaces, the hikers were now on a treeless height, 100 metres above sea level and offering a splendid view of the Armstrong valley, very fertile and most of the fields ready for planting.

COMPASS WORK

The leader initiated a short walk through the scrub westwards and soon was on Turner's Ridge, using the compass to get there. It is good to see the current interest in this activity, breaking fresh ground to go bush and make one's way without being able to rely on landmarks for guidance.

MOUNT ROSE

Even with frequent falls and the exercise in orienteering, there was plenty of time to make Rose for the lunch stop and so the party came down from Swanton to cross the intervening saddle below. This is thickly covered with scrub, not verdant or tall, but the spindly trunks shelter deer (and the harmless garter snake). The rock hounds bent down to examine the shale formations and look at the exposed quartz strata — top soil is markedly absent at the Swanton level.

MOUL LOOK-OUT

A grandstand view of the Okanagan, from the North Arm of the lake on the right and over the valley in front, to all that high range to the north.

Binoculars sound much of interest, including a property with two dams, a pump house and intriguing zig-zag board walks out over the impounded water. Many guesses were hazarded as to their use, but no one came up with a logical answer.

A hawk inspected the party from aloft, no doubt resenting the intrusion of the humans into its domain, sending the wildlife away out of sight.

AN EXCELLENT OUTING

It was on the return that it was possible to give more time to study of the cedars, growing in good soil and with plenty of moisture. A delight to the eye, to look ahead at the greenery so close at hand.

PRESERVE THE ENVIRONMENT

Shuswap Outdoors has done a mighty job in signing the trails and it's obvious they are well used. With all this there naturally ensues a certain amount of damage, not all that much was seen Sunday, but plastics were there and it is felt that if a small trash bag was carried by all people on these outings, the offending articles could be taken away for disposal. A permanently clean area may result.

SEYMOUR ARM, SHUSWAP LAKE

Ken May (542-4248) has received a number of acceptances for the trip to Silver Birch May 22, 23 and 24 and he asks that any more people intending to go there with the club, let him know by May 15. This should prove to be a wonderful way to spend the long weekend, in beautiful country.

CAMELS HUMP

Bill Irwin (545-1210) leads the hike Sunday and has all the arrangements well in hand. It is into spectacular terrain, the hikers offering panoramic views from a height of 1,300 metres.

Bill will be at city hall at 9 a.m.

Enderby Cliffs, with Geoff Watton the leader, is the place selected for this hike and for those who have not yet visited the area, there is prospect of seeing lavish displays of wildflowers in a sub-alpine region.

Geoff will meet people at city hall, at 9 a.m. to organize transportation. Phone him at 542-7532 if you require further information.

Three teams battle for Memorial Cup

HULL, Que. (CP) — The three teams vying for the national major junior hockey championship will have special reasons for wanting the Memorial Cup — and all have a good chance of winning. The action in the round-robin series, which starts in Hull on Saturday, should be fierce among the Kitchener Rangers of the Ontario Hockey League, the Sherbrooke Beavers of Quebec and the Portland, Ore., Winter Hawks of the Western Hockey League.

All three have reputations for non-stop skating, have proved their willingness and ability to use the body and have firepower that is drawing an estimated 125 professional scouts to watch the action.

The Winter Hawks are the first non-Canadian entry in the Memorial Cup's 65-year history, and a win would put the icing on the cake — for them and the expected 100 home fans travelling 1,500 kilometres to cheer them on.

The Beavers have three special reasons to want the cup.

First, they will be playing their last games in Sherbrooke

uniforms. The franchise has been shifted to St. Jean to allow the Winnipeg Jets of the National Hockey League to move their American Hockey League affiliate from Tulsa, Okla., to Sherbrooke as an Eastern Hockey League entry.

They also want to keep the cup in Quebec — the Cornwall Royals having won it the last two years before switching to the Ontario league from Quebec.

AVENGE LOSS

And the Rangers want to avenge the cup final loss they suffered last season against Cornwall and prove their claim to being the best junior team in the country.

Robert Savard, Kitchener's over-age defenceman, has his own special reason to want the victory since it would make him the first player in cup history to play on three consecutive championship teams. He was with Cornwall the last two years before being traded to the Rangers.

All three teams have strong credentials for the championship.

After losing only four of their

last 38 games this year, the Rangers racked up 12 wins and a tie in 15 playoff games while the Beavers swarmed to their league championship and then swept best-of-seven semifinal and final playoffs in four straight games each.

The championship opens at the Robert Guerin Arena on Saturday with the Rangers meeting the Beavers. On Sunday, the Rangers meet the Winter Hawks.



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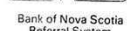
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