



# ON THE TRAIL NEWSLETTER



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**Winter  
Edition**

### Important Dates

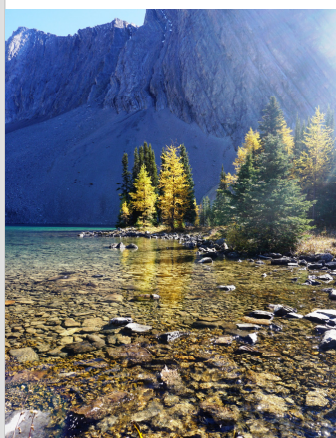
- AGM –  
Jan 23, 2016  
Marda Loop  
Community Hall  
16<sup>th</sup> Street SW at  
32<sup>nd</sup> Ave. SW.  
(one block north  
of 33 Ave. SW)

### From the Online Photo Gallery

- [Nice settings.  
Wenchemna Pass](#)



- [Nifty photography.  
Fall Colours—  
Chester Lake](#)

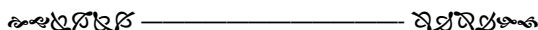


### From the editor



Where does the time fly... end of another hiking season and just weeks to Christmas and the New Year! I am delighted that more members are now sending in items for the Newsletter. This is your Newsletter after all, so I find it wonderful that you want to contribute. Hope you enjoy the read, there is quite a variety.

Cheers!  
Robyn



### President's Message



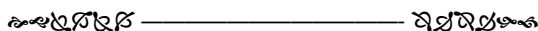
As I look out the window this afternoon at the end of October, I am looking upon another crisp but clear day. What a September and October we have had! In the twenty plus years that I have been a member in the CWH, I cannot remember a time in the late fall when we were still able to hike on bare trails in the mountains this late in the year. I hope you have had a good hiking season. It certainly has been one where new trails and scrambles have been on the schedule. Thank you to all those people that have stepped forward to serve as Hike Coordinators thus making this a memorable and successful season.

This fall, we moved the venue for the annual Potluck Social to a new location (Marda Loop Community Association), and, from the feedback that I have received, people were delighted with the clean and bright space, and ample parking. I want to extend our thanks to those members of our Executive that scouted out the facility and recommended the change (Elke, Fritz, Peter and Shirley). We plan to continue using this facility for the foreseeable future and the next event to be held there is our AGM in January.

Our Executive has been a great group to work with this year. Unfortunately, we will be losing Elke Schapansky as our Social Coordinator. I want to thank Elke for the three years she devoted to the Club in this role. Well done, Elke!

Lastly, I want to remind you of the Annual General Meeting which will take place on Saturday, January 23, 2016 at the Marda Loop Community Association. I hope to see you there!

Richard



### The CWH Executive Committee

President:	Richard Walker	Social Coordinator:	Elke Schapansky
Vice President:	Doug Hackbarth	Communications Coordinator:	Fritz Kiessling
Secretary:	Peter Morgan	Archivist:	Janet McMaster
Treasurer:	Terry Wilson	Newsletter:	Robyn Hay
Hike Coordinators:	Barry and Wendy Schur	Webmaster:	Fritz Kiessling
Membership:	Shirley Marsh		



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# CALGARY WEEKEND HIKERS

## Hike Planning Coordinators

WOW!! Another amazing hiking season has come to a close. And what a season it was. We started with a bang in April, when 650 members participated on 46 hikes. This quest continued through the entire hiking season. Even as the season was winding down, more than 240 hikers participated in 17 hikes during October.



Wendy Schur



Barry Schur

I would like to thank the 97 hike coordinators who led hikes this season. There were 17 new hike coordinators this season. The CWH Club is what it is today largely because of the efforts of these hike coordinations.

Time for a quiz - What do Fort MacLeod, Mount Everest & The International Space Station,

Revelstoke and Halifax all have in common??

### **It is all in the numbers.**

Fort Macleod, AB - The population of Fort Macleod is approximately 3,100 individuals. This is the number of club members that participated in 256 hikes this season.

Mount Everest & The International Space Station -

CWH members climbed a total elevation of 1.1 million meters or 1,100 kilometers during the 2015 season. This is equivalent to sending 115 members to the top of Mount Everest, or one member climbing up to the International Space Station twice.

Revelstoke, BC - 81 members hiked a total of 854 km on April 11, 2015. This is equivalent to a member hiking from Calgary to Revelstoke and back.



Pat McInnis, Floe Lake Hike  
Aug. 26, 2015

Halifax, NS - This season, the club hiked a total distance of 35,169 kilometers, 5,000 kilometers short of hiking around the world. This might be a good goal for next season. However, it is equivalent to 104 members hiking from Calgary to Halifax and back.

As the season comes to a close, I think members should be proud of the enthusiasm and level of participation we had within the club. I hope that next season will provide all of us with more opportunities to get out and enjoy the great outdoors.

There are a number of trips already being planned for next season. I encourage you to check them out on the website under "Opportunities".

Have a terrific winter, and think about the hikes you would like to do next year. Wendy and Barry Schur



## Garbage In... Garbage Out.

-- by Steve Thor --

Garbage is a difficult and negative topic to discuss to be sure, however it is important so we ALL know the consequences of our actions and in-actions.

Let's start by mentioning that our mountains have the best trails and there is an army of steadfast and dedicated hikers on our trails who take the reduction of garbage seriously. They are the hikers who take a

garbage bag with them on a hike just for the purpose of picking up non-native items carelessly left by people of differing ideas, or stray Kleenex tissue or other pieces that get away from hikers without their knowledge or for anything non-plastic that some hikers think is fine for everyone to see for a few years to come.

### A tale of unintended consequences:

Let me tell you something I learned this year when I asked a friend of mine who lives at the top of a mountain in a fire lookout from April until October. I asked him how the feeding of the Canada Jays was going. Previously he had left porridge at the bottom of his bowl and rinsed it out for years. He liked to see the Canada Jays pick it up and mix it with their saliva and deposit it under branches in the trees to store it for later in the winter. Sometimes the squirrels would pick it up too. This year there were no squirrels at all around the top of the

### Floe

-- by Author Pat McInnis --

*matchsticks  
pick-up sticks*

*flowing fireweed tides*

*scorched trees  
screaming trees  
warped trees  
bowing trees*

*monuments  
renewal sentinels  
still, waiting, watching*

*growing trees  
lush, velvet green  
pines reaching up  
answering the call  
living sentinels  
marching upward*

*solace, comfort  
under tangerine, filtered skies*





