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and having backup plans in place for when things go wrong e.g. requiring a minimum of 4 persons on a hike etc.

However, the other day, four of us were bushwhacking and had a close call that none of us would have ever imagined. We were stopped on a trail having a conversation and turned to the right looking watching a deer that was running. Someone said "I wonder what the deer is running from". As he said that, we heard a noise from down the trail.

We all spun around and froze as there were two huge wild horses running at full speed down the trail towards us. There was no time for any of us to move out of the way and at the last moment the lead horse looked up and both horses swerved off the trail. We could have reached out and touched them as they flew by.

You never know what you are going to encounter in the wilderness. Perhaps that's why we do this risky stuff!

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## Hikes Planning Committee

-- by Lorna Jurgens --

Thanks to everyone for another successful year. These stats are to November 5, 2023:  
164 day hikes with 202 people signing up.

This is up by 23 hikes from 2022 and 29 hikes from 2021.

There were:

- 117 Mountain hikes
- 47 City hikes which includes Glenbow Ranch.
- 87 Weekend hikes
- 77 Week day hikes.
- 53 Easy Hikes
- 72 Moderate Hikes
- 34 Difficult Hikes
- 5 Extra Difficult Hikes

31 people who stepped forward to coordinate hikes this year.

- Steve & Ruth Bodie together led the list with 40 hikes.
- Lynn Andres was a close 2<sup>nd</sup> with 31 hikes.

- Those who led 10 or more hikes are Shirley Marsh, Gerry Cyre, Gord McLean, Pati Roberts & Neil Martin together.

A big thanks to everyone for coordinating as you are the ones who keep the Club going.

This year saw 3 multi day trips:

1. Nordegg organized by Susan Korba,
2. Waterton organized by Pati Roberts & Lorna Jurgens,
3. Sentry Lodge organized by Sigrid Wili.

For 2024 there are 2 multi day trips planned:

1. East Glacier, Montana, July 26 -30
2. Campbell Ice Field Chalet, July 29 – August 2

There are still 8 spots available for the Campbell trip which is an all inclusive accommodation & flight by helicopter.

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Membership Coordinators

-- by Julia Tsang & Deb Steele --

Hello Hikers! Thanks to all our members who renewed.

Congratulations to our NEW Honorary Members: Doug & Elaine Bouey, Otto & Elly de Nooij, Dick & Lenora Flynn, Lois Hinz & Brian Osaka, Maureen Kelly, Neil Martin & Pati Robers, Peter & Jackie Morgan, and Branda Yee. These 14 individuals have completed 20 years of active memberships with the Club. This is something to be proud of!

As the Club no longer has a wait list, we will continue to offer new memberships for the 2024 season. A big thank you to Deb Steele who will continue to be responsible for New Member requests in 2024. Please do not hesitate to contact either one of us for membership inquiries.

Name Tags. I will probably be ordering new name tags in April 2024.

HAPPY HIKING EVERYONE!

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*Get Out there and hike before it's too late!!*



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## Social Committee

-- by Sigrid Wili and Pat Booker --

### Potluck Dinner, October 20

The end of the 2023 summer hiking season seemed to come very quickly! We celebrated with the traditional potluck evening. The 37 people who attended had a fine time, and as always, people brought great dishes which everyone enjoyed.

The 14 enthusiastic volunteers were tremendous at registering attendees at the door, setting up and taking down the tables and chairs, pouring wine, making coffee and tea, ensuring the slideshow ran smoothly and the mic projecting voices of those who spoke, and lending a helping hand wherever it was needed.

Thank you to everyone who came, wetting our appetites with a variety of delicious cuisine and contributing to fine conversation and shared laughter. You made our first potluck dinner since 2019 a great success! We'll do this again next year.

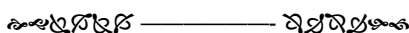
### Sentry Lodge July 2023

Seven of us from the Club and five Kamloops folk spent a wonderful four days at Sentry Lodge and hiking in alpine terrain. We first all met in Golden, BC, on July 23 for dinner at Eleven22-an excellent restaurant where I have eaten on a number of occasions when in Golden.

We helicoptered in to the Lodge on the 24th and began with a half-day hike that day, followed by hikes each day of 7-10 km and 300-700 m elevation gain, depending on what hikes were offered and what each hiker wanted to do.

An excellent team of two very professional guides and a chef who provided excellent meals, feeding us extremely well, added to the experience. Although the sky was mostly grey and the days rather cool, we had very good visibility and few bugs. The flowers were abundant and brilliant. It was difficult to say good-bye to our time at Sentry Lodge.

Sigrid Wili & Pat Booker  
Social Conveners



## Still Having Trouble with Emails?

-- by Fritz Kiessling --

It is now around two years that we at CWH have been troubled with our website sending out emails.

It all started when Google changed their policies to curb spammers from whatever they do. Then it started to cause our Gmail members to not get email notifications for club events. The emails bounce back to the originator. Sometimes to the website, sometimes to the event coordinator.

We eventually fixed this with helpful instruction from our ISP. But periodically we were, and unfortunately still are getting reports about what seems similar issues, more so now with other email service providers, like Telus or Shaw, and also smaller ones.

Over the recent year we have applied a couple of changes to the email code that sends out our club emails, and they have reduced the issues.

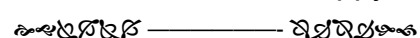
Unfortunately not all. To help debugging those issues, what I would like to ask, and am quite willing to receive, is for any of our members that see, or feel they have any issues with receiving emails, please send me a report.

The more reports I get, the better I can judge if it is say a one-timer, like a communication issue, or if in fact it is a larger issue that needs looking into.

However, here is the kicker. To really help, don't just forward me the errand email. That does not give me the information I need, other than a statistic of the incident.

What I ask is that in order to send me the errand email, please first open a "New" email, then attached the errand email as a file. This lets me look at the email header, and I, or our ISP if necessary, can look at the email header for all the bits and bytes that made that email float around the Internet. That's the information that is useful to us.

Please keep sending me this kind of stuff. As webmaster it's what I live by. If I don't hear from you I must assume all is well. Happy Trails.





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