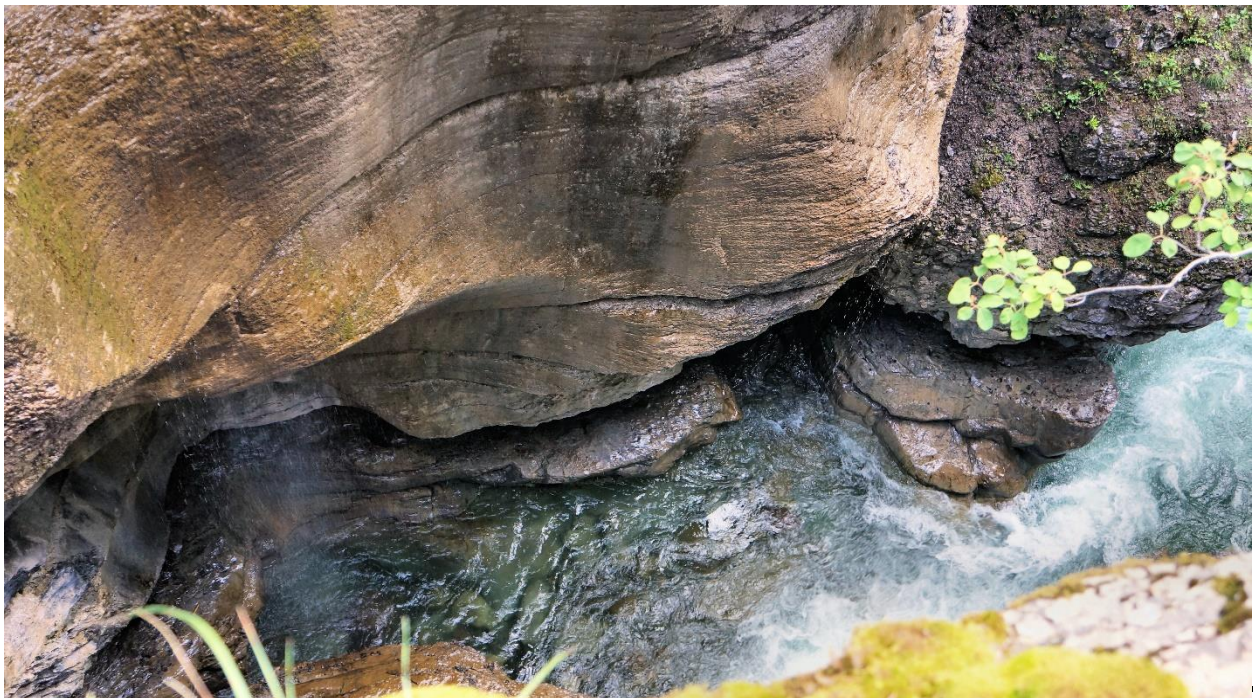


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Editors Note: Thanks to all the contributors. I will contact new members and you may submit your bios anytime. Article submissions can be sent to joanmcl@shaw.ca

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Notes From the “Barbeque Chief”

Several weeks prior to the Annual Summer Barbeque, I received a call from Stefa, asking if I could fill a position that was still vacant. As this was the first time my wife Joan and I had been able to attend, I said, “Of course, what’s the job?”

“Barbeque Chief!”, she replied.

Although I protested that I had no idea how to barbeque that much meat for so many people, I was assured that I had competent helpers who had done the job before and all would be well. Actually, I was left with the impression that I wasn’t really needed and that I was there as backup should someone not show up.



The day *arrived*, and we set out from Calgary at 7:00 A.M. as we were told that the meat had to go on by 9:00. It was a beautiful sunny day and we knew it was going to be special when we spotted not one but two grizzlies along the side of the road, munching fresh grass, seemingly unaware of their magnificent presence. Upon arrival, it was evident that we were not the first to arrive as the kitchen was full of helpers preparing the fruit, making coffee, and setting up the tables. I met my “assistants”, Bill and Dave, and we went to work.

Even though it turned out we were ALL new at the job, we found that by following the detailed instructions from previous years, we were able to get the job done and look like we were seasoned chefs, possibly even celebrity chefs!

Once everyone was gathered in the lodge, Craig Barnstable welcomed everyone on behalf of our President Jane Fraser, and he also announced that we were celebrating Len Grant's 90th Birthday. A rousing rendition of "Happy Birthday" followed.

Before, sitting down to eat, Dave Pawson was asked to give thanks which he did with great style and enthusiasm, reminding us of the many blessings in our lives, including the blessing of knowing Ole West, our friend who left us too soon this past spring.

As this was Stefa's first main event as our new Social Coordinator, we now know that she is a great organizer and has a great way of getting volunteers involved with events! We will look forward to many more great times with Stefa at the helm. Toga party anyone?

John McLean



New Member Introduction

Each issue new members can have their chance to introduce themselves. This issue we hear from Paula Williams

I am originally from Sarnia, Ontario and my husband and I have lived in Calgary for 35 years. I worked in Human Resources for about 25 years (Husky Oil and Shell Canada). I'm an avid reader and enjoy volunteering and golfing. My good friend Phyllis Quarrie introduced me to the Evergreen Club. I enjoy learning and trying new activities. I'm new to snow shoeing and hiking and so far, am enjoying both. I like the organized events the Evergreen Club provides.

Paula Williams

Consider Being a Day Trip Leader

I'm sure you are all aware that an organization such as the Evergreens could not function as it does without a lot of volunteers. Many Evergreen members contribute to the running of the club in various ways: board member, day trip coordinator/leader, hike leader, volunteer at social functions, etc. However, some of you may feel reluctant to volunteer for particular roles because you might be wondering if you would be able to carry out the responsibility. For example, I am generally reluctant to lead hikes because I have a terrible sense of direction and often get off the trail. At first, I was also reluctant to be Day Trip Leader as it appeared too daunting a responsibility.



But eventually I was talked into volunteering and discovered that the club had actually made it very easy by providing a very clear and specific list of what the Day Trip Leader has to do. The instructions include what must be done: prior to the trip (e.g. charge radios, check weather forecast, trail conditions, trail closures, and bear warnings, print up trail maps, etc.), on the bus (e.g. identify yourself, acknowledge the bus driver by name, introduce and welcome guests, describe the various hikes for the day, etc.) and at the end of the trip (e.g. count people on the bus before departure, thank hike leaders by name, thank the bus driver, etc.). You are also given help on acquiring maps for the various hikes at each destination. None of these tasks are in any way difficult or even time consuming. It is not an onerous responsibility and you may even find you enjoy it. Perhaps the most difficult (heaviest) job (at least for me) is simply carrying the bags containing the radios and information binders from the bus to your vehicle. So, if you have never taken your turn at being a Day Trip Leader, I would ask you to seriously consider doing so. Both the Summer Hike Director and Winter Activities Director (currently Peter Fisher and Hugh Powell respectively) would be happy to hear from you. At the start of each season, a list of the trip dates is passed around and you can sign up for one or two dates on which you would be willing to be Day Trip Leader. Just keep in mind that the weekly bus trips to the mountains that we enjoy so much cannot occur without someone volunteering as Day Trip Leader. That someone could be you. Please think about it.

Kiyoko Miyanishi

Thank You

I have received the following thank you card from Kirsten West:

Dear Evergreens,

I have been thinking of all of you and wondering how to thank you for all the calls, cards, visits and kindness that you have shown to me and my family in recent months. The support for the Alberta Wilderness Association in Ole's name was a beautiful way to honour his love of the outdoors.

I will look forward to seeing you soon at upcoming events. In the meantime, enjoy the hiking season.

Thank you all from all my family,

Kirsten West

New Club Website up and running

Our new club website at evergreenoutdoorclub.org has been up and running for about two months now. There are a couple of places to look for hints on using the features of the website. One is under Blogs where there are short instructions on accessing different features of the website.

The other place to look for information is under Members/Club Documents. This includes Newsletters, Minutes and Agendas of Meetings, and a copy of the Member Directory and also a list (it will be updated from time to time) that shows the number of trips credited to each member from the start of the club year.

If you have questions you can email Eric Leavitt.

The Last Word



The Joans have it:

There are three members who are named Joan. Being that it is not a very common name it seemed amazing to have three Joans in one place. Here we are on the windy shores of Lower Kananaskis Lake on the day of the BBQ.