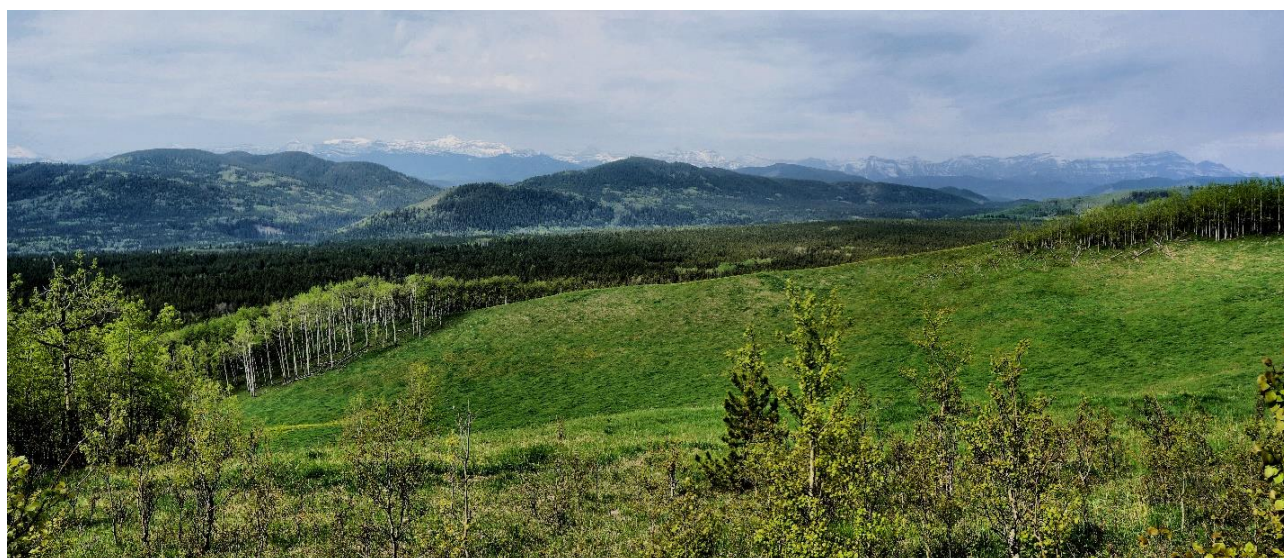


Evergreen

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Quarantine Edition



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Message from the President

April 15, 2020

I hope that everyone is keeping well both mentally and physically in these challenging times. I expect we are all eager to get back to something at least resembling normal activities including hiking. I expect that eagerness will only increase as the weather improves. It will eventually happen, and we will be able to get out as a club, but unfortunately it does not appear that it will be for some time.



On a personal note Monique and I managed to fly back from Florida on March 17th, 3 days earlier than scheduled, without incident. We finished our 14 days quarantine on April 1st, both remaining healthy. On April 1st about the only thing that changed was that we could do our own shopping. I do make sure that I get out once a day for a walk around the neighbourhood, which I am sure many of you are also doing. We also managed to have an isolation version of a block party last Friday, 7 neighbours sitting in front yards talking over fences. Our visits to the family consist of FaceTime or standing talking in the garage. Fun times!

If you have some exciting news (exciting being a relative term these days) that you wish to share, please post it under News on the website. John McLean has already started the ball rolling. Great idea John.

There has been a couple of things going on since the suspension of the club activities in March, most of which has been reported in previous e-mails.

Board Meeting

A virtual Board meeting was held on April 1st. The minutes of the meeting are posted on the Club's website under Members/Club Documents.

At the meeting the board unanimously passed a motion to postpone the AGM. This simply ratified the decision made on March 15th. The motion also affirmed that the existing board will continue until the AGM can be held.

The AGM has at a minimum 3 purposes 1) to elect a new Board, 2) to receive and approve the audited financial statements of the Club, 3) to receive reports of the Directors.

The club's bylaws state that the board must be elected by the members in person so an on-line AGM would not be acceptable even if feasible.

The Treasurers Report from March 1, 2019 to February 29th, 2020 has been posted on the Club's website under Members/Club Documents if any member wishes to take a look. It has not been audited at this time as the Club's Treasurer and 2 Auditor's cannot meet in person.

The next virtual board meeting will be held sometime in June, earlier if things improve more quickly than expected. Hopefully by then we will have more clarity on when we may resume club activities including rescheduling the AGM but time and the virus will tell.

Provincial Parks Changes

The reply by the Minister of Environment and Parks to a letter written on behalf of the club has been posted on the Club's website under News. It said very little, really just a repeat of their press release. An e-mail reply from the Premier was also received, but was nothing more than an acknowledgement of receiving the letter. Several other hiking clubs received the same response. I believe that individual letters to MLA's receive a similar reply.

As mentioned previously the Alberta Hiking Association is conducting a survey of hikers. It is still posted on their website www.abhiking.ca if you have not completed. It should help them in whatever response they have planned to the park changes.

CPAWS-Southern Chapter conducted a virtual town hall on April 8th. John McLean and I both attended. A summary of the town hall presentations was sent by e-mail to all members. I believe what struck most people was the lack of consultation and rationalization in making these decisions.

A survey carried out by Leger indicated that 70% of the 1,002 respondents were not in favour of the changes. Hopefully this and a volume of letters, e-mails, and phone calls to the Minister and MLA's will get some attention.

A form letter to the Minister is posted on the CPAWS website for anyone who would like to add their name. Over 10,000 have been sent as of the date of the Town Hall.

You are however still encouraged to write your own letter, or to phone, your local MLA or the Minister if you disagree with some or all, of these changes.

Stay well everyone.

Craig Barnstable
President, ESOC



Saskatchewan Nordic Ski Team



Beginnings.

It was the hottest day that summer. The old yellow (school) bus had no air conditioning, no leg room and no power. We slowly reached our hike destination of Lake Minnewanka shoreline and Aylmer Lookout . Setting out on the trail's south east exposure took its toll. We drank most of our water. There was little fluid left for the ride home. Dehydration was a threat.

As we passed C O P a female voice rose in a plaintive cry from the back of the bus.

"Somebody! Please help me!! I need an ice-cold beer, or I will surely perish"

Fortunately (for her) I remembered a cozy pub from my beer league hockey days. Our driver made the last two kilometers in record time. The lady survived and is now our fearless, enlightened and our beloved leader for eternity.

The cozy pub is PAZZER'S "SASKATCHEWAN" PUB. Hence - forth our name and our purpose.

The legend was born that day.

I am just the messenger. I would never let the whole truth ruin a good story.

P.S. Pazzers Saskatchewan Pub is located directly across 16 Ave from Montgomery parking lot. Look west about 50 meters from the KFC on 16 Ave. and Home Road. We meet when called on the bus. We have our usual beverage and share some nachos. Takes about an hour and \$ 12

2019 Club Hikers Award

Each year at the Annual General Meeting, the membership coordinator awards three people bus passes for their excellent participation in club outings and events. Lynn Whittingham has sent passes to:



Art Johnson	44 outings	(3 passes)
Tom Van Dijk	41 outings	(2 passes)
Cheryl Whitehead	38 outings	(1 pass)

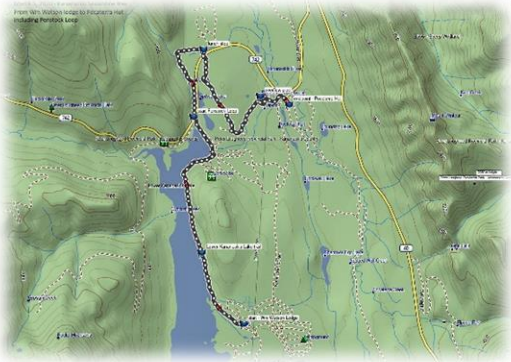
Congratulations to all three Evergreen members.

Evergreen Website and Club Photo Gallery

Jane Fraser has uploaded more maps on to the website which members are able to access. This will be a great help to day leaders and those thinking about volunteering to be a day leader (Hint hint).

Also, there are many photos of club events and destinations on the website. Don't forget to lookup the photo gallery that Bernie Nemeth has maintained for the club at <http://sdrv.ms/Sa41Rb>

Bernie has the photos in files and often show the map of the route taken on their trip.



Check out the Evergreen website when you have time, and go down memory lane with Bernie's slideshows.

Summer BBQ

Plans are being made for the 2020 Summer Barbeque. This will take place on July 9, 2020 at Boundary Ranch if groups are allowed to gather. The ranch is temporarily closed and the BBQ will be dependant on their ability to reopen. If we are not together then, we will hope to be together soon. Happy Trails until that time.



Photo Credit: Boundary Ranch, Elsie Boutillier (Summer 2019)

The Last Word



As we pack up our winter gear and look forward to summer time in Alberta, it is a good time to check our gear and make sure we are prepared for conditions in the mountains that can change quickly, and that we ensure we have supplies that may be needed due to unexpected weather changes or mishaps. On the website, there is a document (Trail and Safety Guidelines) new members receive. To locate the information, go to Members and then Club Documents.

Let's be ready for when the trails are ready for us!