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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

In early July, BC Parks held a planning session at Hart Bradley Hall to gather input from islanders with interest in local land uses for several designated areas. Discussions spanned two days, with a public meeting on Thursday 5 July, which Zeke Blazecka attended on our behalf, as well as several other Trail and Nature Club members, who offered their views during the evening session. The next day, I attended a three-hour workshop, also held in the Lions' Hall, that was well attended by various groups and individuals who wanted to have their say regarding how best to use Burgoyne Bay, Mount Erskine, and Mount Maxwell Provincial Parks, as well as nearby ecological reserves at Mount Tuam and Maxwell. Also, comments were received concerning Ruckle Park and Cusheon Cove.

These open sessions were well organized and provided very reasonable opportunities for public voices to be clearly heard. I presented the position supported by other executive members in an e-mail I sent on behalf of the club to the Minister of the Environment. Essentially, I stated the strong desire to preserve and protect the lands involved, and offered reasons for avoiding other proposed developmental uses, some of which would go too far and would alter the essential character of the land. It was reassuring to me to observe what appeared to be genuine receptiveness by BC Parks representatives to hearing all the thoughts of the various parties in attendance. I would hope this means that they will proceed with prudence in their decisions. We will keep you informed as new aspects arise on this subject.

I received a response on June 21 from Transportation Minister Kevin Falcon to my e-mail to him in late May regarding

our concerns over proposed increases to ferry fares and their likely impacts on club members wishing to go on our regular off-island events.

Minister Falcon offered several observations, mainly asserting that Islands Trust ferries are currently very well subsidized (\$55 million/year). He vowed to "maintain a lasting and financially stable ferry system".

As you know, press releases from the provincial government recently confirmed continued rises in ferry fares of 6.5 % per year on average for the next five years.

I hope for good fall weather so that our trails will offer us all safe footing once we start up again in September.

Ron Hall

Beach at Taylor Point, Saturna Island



IT IS TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

Your Club's membership fee is due now. Fees are kept at \$17 per year per person. Please fill out the attached membership and waiver form and send it with your payment to:

Barry Spence, Membership Secretary,
SS Trail & Nature Club
PO Box 203, Ganges PO,
Salt Spring Island, BC, V8K 2V9.
Or drop both form and payment in the
Cobbler's box.

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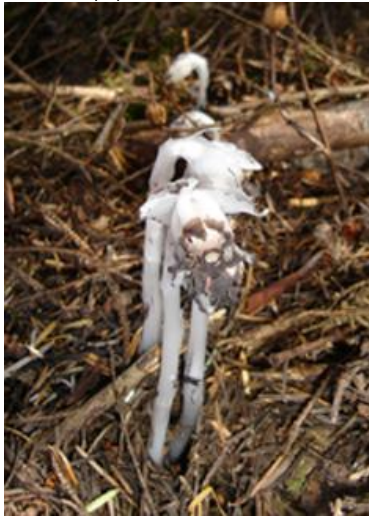
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CLUB CHAT

Indian pipe-Photo Nieke Visser



Our cool and rainy spring delayed the growing season apparently to the benefit of the wildflowers that were more abundant than ever. The club made excursions to Mt Tzouhalem and the Harewood Plains, where many wildflowers are known to be present. And in July, I came across a bunch of Indian Pipe (*Monotropa uniflora*) on three different sites: along the Jack Foster trail, on Mt. Maxwell, and in the lower Peter Arnell Park. Also in Peter Arnell,

Rein-orchid Photo: Nieke Visser



I found one bluff covered with Rein-orchids (*Platanthera unalascensis*). They were already on their way down, but I managed to find a nice one that I took a picture of. A visit to Whistler Mountain surprised me with an abundance of alpine flowers on a normally bone dry ridge, flowering all at once as if to make up for lost time. A pretty amazing season!

Tolmie's saxifrage: Photo: Nieke Visser



In June, Jack Gunn took us on a walk (or a scramble, depending on your ability) over the rocky shore along the campground in Ruckle Park and showed us numerous geological treasures on display in the outcrops. Thanks to Jack for this enlightening excursion. And thanks to all other nature outing experts who gave their time and shared their knowledge in the past year: Bill Earl on trees, Alex Olchowecki on mushrooms, Owen Benwell on orientation, Marc Johnson on ferns, and David Denning on intertidal exploration.

July 21 was BC Parks Day and Ruckle park was going to be the place to be on Salt Spring. The Trail & Nature Club was asked to provide some assistance with the organization of a hike and a natural history outing. Unfortunately, the weather was not really cooperating. The hike had one participant (a park ranger from Goldstream!), while no-one was interested in the critters that call Merganser Pond home.

While summer is usually not the time for organized Tuesday excursions, some of us managed to go for a hike on Tuesday. Lynn Thompson had advertised his intention to organize something every Tuesday on the website, and although he personally did not manage to attend every week, there was a hike every week from Strawberry to Blackberry Fest. Could this be a first in the Club's history?

In the last issue of the Oystercatcher, we called for someone who was willing and able to assist Lynn managing the Club's website. Gloria Murphy offered to take on the challenge and we thank her for stepping forward. Lynn and Gloria will have the website up and running at the start of the new season.

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Attending the general meeting following the Strawberry Festival
Photo: Arleen Sadler



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SPRING TRIP TO THE SUNSHINE COAST

At the end of May, about 60 club members gathered at the historic Lund Hotel for a three day stay on the Sunshine Coast. The weather was perfect, the excursions well worth the effort and the food was great. Thanks to Simon Rook and Kees Visser for organizing this event, and thanks to both as well as to Harold Page and Nieke Visser for leading various excursions. Here are some pictures taken during the trip.



Photo 1,3,4: Arleen Sadler ,
photo 2,5,6,7,8, 9, and 10: Nieke Visser.

1. Drop-off at Sarah point
2. Wobbly dock at Rieveley's pond
3. Desolation sound
4. On the Sarah point to Gilpin road trail
5. At the Appleton Creek campsite - time for a snack
6. Arriving back at the hotel a small electric fire forced everyone outside
7. A nap after lunch on Gibraltar point
8. One of the Appleton Canyon waterfalls
9. View of Savary Island from Hurtado point.
10. Happy hour while waiting for the firemen to douse the "flames".

On the first day, the hikers left by water taxi for a 30 minute ride to Sara Point and hiked the first 16 kilometres of the Sunshine Coast trail. The walkers hiked from Dinner Rock to Hurtado point after a failed attempt to find the trailhead starting at Brown's Creek. The rambler took the wrong trailhead, and rambled over a logging road dodging bear scat, until they had enough of the bear's leftovers and decided to try out the nearby restaurant with a view of the Okeover Arm. The second day, most went over to Savary Island, but a select group of hikers and walkers took on another section of the Sunshine Coast trail leading to spectacular views over the Georgia Strait. When returning to the hotel, a small electrical fire at the hotel kept everyone outside. Fortunately it was nothing serious, and all gathered on the deck for happy hour until the fire chief gave the go-ahead to return to the rooms.

CALENDAR

October 2:
Trip to Saturna by water taxi:
Hikes, walks, and rambles,
followed by
lunch at the winery.

October 16:
Nature excursion:
Looking for mushrooms in
the Cowichan lake area with
Alex and Victoria Olchowecki.
Meet at Portlock Park at 10.00
am to carpool on the 10.40
Vesuvius to Crofton ferry.
Each participant should bring
a sharp knife, brown paper bag
(s) and a basket for collecting
mushrooms.

October 25:
Social evening
7:30 pm at the United Church
Zeke Blazecka on Partners
Creating Pathways

November 20:
Nature excursion:
Short hike and bird watching
at Hemer Lake on Yellowpoint
with Nieke Visser. Meet at
Portlock at 8:30 am for the
9:00 am ferry to Crofton.
Bring your binoculars and bird
guide books.
Lunch at the Crow and Gate
afterwards.

November 22:
Social evening
7:30 pm at the United Church
Andrea Rankin on Labrador

December 11:
Christmas lunch at the Meaden
Hall
11:30 am—2:00 pm

January 24, 2008
Annual General Meeting at
Meaden Hall. Details to fol-
low.

Kees and Nieke Visser

SALT SPRING GEOLOGY (3) : GLACIAL EVIDENCE ON SALT SPRING ISLAND

Most of the landscape forms we see today on Salt Spring Island are the result of the last of the three Pleistocene "ice ages" (the Fraser Glaciation) which ended about 10,000 years ago. Geologically speaking, this was a very recent event. Since then we live in the Holocene, basically a warming interglacial time, with some recent fluvial deposits and some beach re-working from glacial and marine sediments.

During the Fraser Glaciation, all of Salt Spring Island was covered by an ice cap. This glacier connected to larger glaciers in the straits between the islands and also to the main

glacier in the Strait of Georgia and the Juan de Fuca Strait. The moving glaciers scraped off all the soil and softer rocks from the hill tops leaving behind grooves, scratches, and scours (as seen in Ruckle Park). All the hills on the Salt Spring Island and the islands around are rounded and smooth (see picture above).

The erosion products of the glaciers were carried by melt water streams and deposited at the sides and the fronts of the glacier and later reworked by small rivers and the sea. Erratic boulders (the result of erosion of higher peaks) were carried by the ice and dropped when the ice melted. Evidence thereof can be seen all around Mt. Maxwell, in particular in the Burgoyne Bay area. Although we see on Salt Spring only the results of the Fraser glaciation which lasted about 20,000 years, glaciations and warmer interglacial periods are normal and have occurred regularly, even cyclically on earth.

Without going into great detail, I like to expand a bit on this. The main causes for global temperature fluctuations are:

- 1) the earth's orbit around the sun, which changes from elliptical to near circular every 90,000 years,
- 2) the earth's axis which varies in angle of tilt to the sun (a 43,000 year cycle), and
- 3) the earth's axis which wobbles and gyrates during this change in tilt (a 24,000 and 19,000 year cycle respectively).

In 1938, Milankovitch (a Serbian mathematical geologist) and Wegener (a German geophysicist who explained continental drift) both used this information and also took into account the positions of the continents over time and the corresponding ocean currents. They could thus calculate and explain every "ice age" and "warmer interval" in the Earth's geological record. Obviously, when all three cycles are at their extreme at

the same time and most continental landmass is near the poles, we get a major ice age, such as during the Permian time (250 million year ago). During the Pleistocene, when the last 3 ice ages occurred, only 1 or 2 cycles reached their extreme and fortunately not simultaneously. Also, terrestrial events such as giant volcano eruptions and solar anomalies may influence the climate, but these are usually of shorter duration.

Since the last 10,000 years (the Holocene period), we are in an interglacial interval, characterized by melting ice and warming temperatures. Homo sapiens is at least 250,000 years old and survived a few ice ages and interglacial periods, but not all

species were so lucky. Just think of the mammoth! But this is the first time in 10,000 years that modern man experiences a warming trend. Although in the last 150 years we put huge

amounts of CO² in the atmosphere and trying to make it even warmer, we might slightly delay the inevitable "cold snap". However, we cannot control the earth's movements, volcanoes and the sun. Within the next 10,000 to 15,000 years we will see again colder temperatures and the beginning of the next ice age, notwithstanding our pollution and other bad habits.

Kees Visser

NATURE GROUP EXCURSIONS

The Nature Group activities occur on the 3rd Tuesday of the months in which the club is active. The outings are open to all club members and are intended to acquaint members of the Club with various aspects of the natural world in which we live. The activities usually involve either a moderate walk to a specific ecosystem (pond, stream, geological formation, etc.) followed by an investigation of that ecosystem or a moderate walk with stops along the way to listen to, look at, or examine some specific part of a larger ecosystem (birds, plants, mushrooms, etc.). Each outing is led by an amateur or professional expert on the subject to be explored.

The nature coordinator, John Flannagan, 653-2344, would be interested in hearing from people knowledgeable in some aspect of "nature" and willing to lead an outing.

John Flannagan



Fulford harbour, Pender, and Saturna from Hope Hill

Photo: Nieke Visser

TRAIL ETIQUETTE

On occasion some disturbing behaviour was observed during last year's outings and socials that go against the Club's etiquette and good name. Thus, with the start of the new season, it may be prudent to remember the do's and don'ts while on the trail:

- * Participants need to sign a waiver to be able participate.
- * Wear boots appropriate for the terrain.
- * The leader is responsible for the trip and has the final word on any change of plans and has the responsibility to alter or even abort the trip if deemed advisable.
- * The leader determines:
 - A) the destination;
 - B) when and where to stop for lunch.
- * No dogs are allowed on any club activity.
- * No litter is to be left: pack in and pack out!
- * Plants, flowers, and animals are not to be disturbed and nothing is removed.
- * The leader appoints an end-person or "sweep" whose responsibility it is to make sure no-one is left behind.
- * Under no circumstances, the group is allowed to split up without consent from the leader.

If we all obey these principles, our outings stay pleasant experiences, and the Club's name stays in good standing.

TNC RELATIONSHIPS

Last February, a few Club members spent some time thinking about what the TNC was doing and what they thought it should be doing. One concrete result was the development of an improved TNC website, with links to other like-minded organizations. At the time I found myself curious to know what the TNC's relationships were with other organizations; after some research I discovered the following links:

- BC Nature (Brian Radford is TNC's formal representative)
- Nature Canada (our membership with BC Nature is our link)
- Parks Canada (Fred Powell and Charles Kahn are our points of contact)
- Island Pathways (Zeke Blazecka is the TNC representative and is a member of their executive committee)
- Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) (Mark Ritchie sits on the Trails Advisory Committee)
- CRD Parks (Hugh and Ann King, Brian Radford, Nancy Braithwaite are park wardens)

As for more informal relationships, think about the TNC members who are also active with groups such as Island Paddlers, Salt Spring Conservancy, the Chamber of Commerce or Visitors Information Centre, Salt Spring Historical Society and BC Parks. And then there are the informal off-island links through the TNC members who keep contact with, for example, the Sierra Club of Canada and hiking clubs in Victoria and the Cowichan Valley.

I think, if necessary, we can distribute the Club's activities and interests to a variety of influential groups. Perhaps these

are the ones with which we should be electronically linked on our new website? And maybe the embryonic Salt Spring Transportation Commission is one organization we should think about linking with? Thoughts for you consideration. Let us know what you think!

Zeke Blazecka (zekegiz@ssiland.com)

TRAIL BLAZER: SIMON ROOK

No, Simon is not holding up a fish in this picture, although it came from a lake: it is a piece of the Robson Glacier that floated in Berg Lake, Mt. Robson Provincial Park. It is well known that Simon is an enthusiastic hiker, that he was president of the Club at one time, that he does not shun a controversial topic (to the contrary), that he



plays the piano, and that he is from England. Actually, Simon was born in London, went to boarding school, earned himself a scholarship to study German and French and spent a year at a German university, as well as a year at the Salzburg University in Austria. Canada heard about this brilliant young fellow and offered him a scholarship to do his masters, again in Germanic languages in Toronto. That's where he met Heather. At one point Simon decided he had enough of Germanics and turned to carpentry and other handyman skills, encouraged by his landlady who needed renovations done. This worked so well, that he tried this for a while, until he and Heather listened to their hearts and moved to Salt Spring Island in 1989. There they run a B&B for 9 years. And Simon taught piano. Now you may wonder where he picked up this skill, as playing the piano and studying Germanic languages are not that closely related, let alone pianos and carpenter tools. It is rumoured that Simon's mother played the piano at concert level, and Simon started studying piano at the age of 9. He did not pursue a degree in music, but he honed his skills by taking lessons. And that paid off, as a number of us witnessed when Simon gave a concert at the Music and Munch last April. Two years ago, Simon retired from the executive committee, but lately was "sucked in" again when Owen Benwell left. He is now Trail Coordinator behind the scenes and apart from the odd comment, he is keeping his profile low for now...

SALT SPRING PARKS AND BC PARKS

Many of you already know about, indeed participated in, the BC Parks initiative to develop plans for the management of Salt Spring's parks and ecological reserves, specifically:

- a. Burgoyne Bay, Mount Maxwell, Mount Erskine and Ruckle Provincial Parks, and
- b. Mount Maxwell and Mount Tuam Ecological Reserves.

In July there was a two-day Open House to allow islanders to comment about the parks. Groups and individuals participated. Our Club had this to say about the Burgoyne area:

"We would support any efforts to limit the overall impact on this unique area, leaving it open to public trails for people to walk and enjoy the quiet surroundings. People of all ages could stroll paths at their leisure with friends or family members. In addition, consideration could be offered to low-impact camping. This would help ease the present heavy use of Ruckle Park and its campsites. Of course, measures would need to be in place, as they are with Ruckle Park, to ensure proper care of the area and the removal of garbage left there. Access could be by roads in private vehicles or by the water for kayakers, but as with Ruckle Park, keeping cars in designated areas away from the water's edge or the campsites, thus maintaining a more natural, safe, and quiet environment.

Some other proposals submitted include farming, soccer fields, an ice rink, and a marina. It is our perception that such developed facilities such as these are not consistent with this particular area. They could bring both larger concentrations and numbers of people (except for farming) and are not very low impact activities. There are already such sites elsewhere on the island and it seems more sensible to locate any further ones in more developed areas where they are readily accessed and do not conflict with the general wilderness aspect of the park.

Our club's focus is to preserve and protect our natural environment, which is inevitably being enclosed by an ever-increasing population. We hope that this lovely park refuge is left with minimal changes, for everyone to escape to so they can restore their connections with nature."

BC Parks continues to look for your views about the activities best suited for the areas; the lands that need the greatest protection; the natural, cultural and archaeological values of the lands; and how the areas will be managed in the future. Consider, for example; should farming continue as it has, should there be fixed-roof accommodation, who should have access to the areas, should trails be created and maintained? Your thoughts are most welcome. Send them to:

- a. BC Parks Planning Section 250-751-3206
- b. BC Parks attention Peggy Burfield, Planner, Ministry of Environment, 2080-A Labieux Road, Nanaimo, BC V9T 6J9

- c. www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/planning/mgmtplns/active_mgmt_process

The development of the plans will take at least another six months and more meetings on Salt Spring will take place. Keep your ears to the ground. Participate.

Zeke Blazicka

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You may wish to check it out: www.saltspringtnc.ca and let us know what you think of it. Perhaps you can think of additional topics to include. Direct your suggestions to Lynn Thompson (lthompson@saltspring.ca) or Nieke Visser (cnvisser@shaw.ca).



Strawberry festival - Photo: Arleen Sadler

ser (cnvisser@shaw.ca).

About 70 people attended the Strawberry festival. After several helpings of berries and ice cream, a general meeting was held where the issue of off-island taxi fares was addressed. A resolution to adjust the rate from 40 ¢ to 30 ¢ per kilometre was adopted. Unfortunately, ferry fares are likely to increase on a steady basis, so car pooling will be essential to keep the costs of off-island excursions affordable.

And finally, Mark Ritchie and Simon Rook have taken on the task of trail coordinators following Owen Benwell's departure. Mark will take on the "public relations" part and Simon will provide "technical support" (i.e. using the chain-saw). A warm welcome to both.

Unfortunately, no-one came forward to organize a fall trip. Very disappointing, but understandable as it takes quite a bit of organization to put it all together. Alternatively, there is the BC Nature Fall Conference at Harrison lake from October 11 to 14 with some very interesting excursions. Members are encouraged to attend this meeting in stead. Details are listed in the summer edition of the BC Nature magazine for further details.

Nieke Visser

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Salt Spring Trail & Nature Club features Tuesday outings September through June at three levels of ability. The monthly schedule of outings and events is published in the Driftwood on the last Wednesday of the month. Or visit our website for the schedule: On the fourth Thursday in October, November and February through May, the Club meets at 7:30 pm at the lower hall of the United Church. The Club is affiliated with BC Nature and Nature Canada.

Ramblers enjoy walking without pressure with frequent "time-outs" to take pictures, to examine plants, flowers, stones, fossils, and from time to time sample local restaurants. Members of any level of fitness are welcome. Ramblers start at 10:00 am and usually end by 1:30 pm.



Walkers move at a relaxed pace taking time to smell the roses. They usually try to avoid long steep climbs and will stop to catch their breath along the way. Outings generally cover 8 km or less and end by 2:00pm.



Hikers like long, adventurous and occasionally quite strenuous hikes, and like to gain a bit of altitude. They need strong boots and a good but not excessive level of fitness. Hikes usually start at about 10:00 am and end between 2:30 to 3:30 pm.



Nature excursions are organized every third Tuesday of the month except December led by an expert naturalist.

Membership Annual dues are \$17 per person. New members must sign a waiver. Send completed membership and waiver forms to the Membership Secretary, PO Box 203, Salt Spring Island, BC, V8K 2V9.

Taxi fare: Members are encouraged to carpool during outings and reimburse the driver as follows:



On-island trips: North of Duke Road: \$2 pp; South of Duke Road: \$3 pp; Ruckle Park and non-paved roads: \$4 pp.

Off Island trips: \$0.30 per km per vehicle plus ferry costs.

Spring/Fall trips: No club policy.

Moving? Change of email address? Please let your Membership Director know a.s.a.p.:

Email: sspence@telus.net Tel: 537-2332

Your comments or contributions are welcome. Please email them to Nieke Visser: cnvisser@shaw.ca or drop them off in the cobbler's box.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you want to contribute to the well-being of the Club? The following positions will become available per January, 2008:

HIKING COORDINATOR:

Duties: Scheduling hikes each month. Attending about 8 or 9 executive meetings annually. Attending hikes on a regular basis.

Skills: None in particular. Being an enthusiastic hiker an asset.

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Duties: Attending about 8 or 9 executive meetings annually. Together with the President setting the agenda, distributing the agenda, recoding and distributing the minutes, keeping records and filing correspondence.

Skills: Some computer knowledge (Microsoft Word, email skills).

VICE PRESIDENT:

Duties: Assisting the President in his duties. Organizing the Social Evenings.

Skills: None in particular.

Detailed job descriptions are available for all vacancies, as well as training to get familiar with the job. If you are interested in one of the above positions, please contact Fred Powell at 537-4739 or Nieke Visser at 537-5443.

Anise swallowtail larva, the 4th stage pupa of the swallowtail butterfly. When disturbed, the larva ejects an orange coloured horn as a warning sign. This fellow was munching on the fennel in our veggie garden and was not too pleased to share with us. As these butterflies are rare, we let him be and took another plant.



NEW MEMBERS

Joan Calderhead
Sharon Callahan
Betty Campbell
Craig Chisholm
Joanne Chisholm
Nirmal Dryden
Lee Evans
Kirstin Flannagan
Lise Fraser
Terry Fuoco
Alex Golder
Mataji Ishaya
(Eleanor Joy)
Michel Jutras
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Owen Benwell and
George Hignell
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Bob and Betty Ball
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MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION and WAIVER OF LIABILITY

This document affects your legal rights. Please read it carefully.

NAME(S): (Please Print)

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

_____ POSTAL CODE: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ email address: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT: _____ Phone: _____

Signature of this agreement is a condition of participation in Salt Spring Trail & Nature Club activities. By signing this agreement you will waive certain legal rights, including the right to make a claim for damages with respect to these activities and you will absolve the Club and its representatives from liability. Participants who are not members of the Club and/or the federation of BC Naturalists (FBCN) will be eligible for liability coverage under the FBCN insurance scheme for a maximum of three (3) field trips.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK, RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND WAIVER OF CLAIMS

Assumption of Risk

I am aware that certain activities of the Club, including field trips and nature trips involve risks and may result in personal injury, death, property damage, expense or related loss, including loss of income. These risks include negligence on the part of the Club, its directors, officers, members, employees and volunteers who organize or lead activities, described herein as the "the Club and its representatives".

I freely accept and fully assume all such risks and the possibility of personal injury, death, property damage, expense and related loss, including loss of income, resulting from participation in such activities.

Release of Liability and Waiver of Claims

In consideration of the club accepting my application to participate in the activities described, I/We agree as follows:

1. To waive any and all claims that I/We, or my/our heirs, may have in the future against the Club and its representatives with respect to these activities.
2. To release the Club and its representatives from any and all liability for any personal injury, death, property damage, expense and related loss, including loss of income, which I/We may suffer as a result of my/our participation in this activity, due to any cause whatsoever, including negligence, breach of contract or breach of any statutory duty of care.

I/We have read this agreement and I/we understand it. I/we are aware that by signing this document, I/we are waiving certain rights, which I/we may have with respect to the Club.

SIGNATURE (S): 1. _____ DATE: _____

2. _____ DATE: _____