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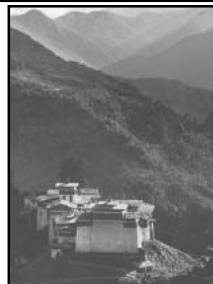
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EVENING SOCIALS

Evening socials are usually held in the ANZA club, upstairs room (corner of 8th Ave. and Ontario, Vancouver) starting at 7:30 p.m. Please bring your own cups to socials if you wish to drink the free tea or coffee provided.

Tuesday, 12 June - Entertainment will be a slide show by Margaret Hanson on trekking in Bhutan.



Spring skiing in the Purcells, North Star Pk. rising over the col.

Bhutan.



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Submissions - of any written, drawn, or photographic material relevant to the B.C. Mountaineering Club are welcome. If possible, submissions should be sent to the editor by email or on a diskette. Deadline for submissions is the first Tuesday of the month preceding the publication month.

Send submissions to Michael Feller (email - feller@interchg.ubc.ca, ph. 270-4050).

Editorial policy - All submitted material relevant to the B.C. Mountaineering Club will be published unless the club executive decides otherwise. Submitted material may be edited for clarity or brevity.

Opinions and comments expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily those of the B.C. Mountaineering Club.

SCHEDULED TRIPS

Participation on club trips is open to any person with adequate skills and experience, subject to the approval of the trip organizer. All non-member participants must sign a disclosure and waiver form relieving the club and all other participants on the trip from any liability. A trip organizer is not a certified guide. The function of the organizer is to organize the trip, ensure that it gets underway, know the access to the area, and know a route or routes on the climb. It is expected that each person on a club trip has the necessary skills, experience, fitness, and equipment. The organizer may specify certain equipment mandatory for participation in a trip. Any person who attempts to participate in a club trip without such mandatory equipment, may be requested to withdraw from the trip. Each person on a club trip is responsible for his or her own safety and for checking the equipment used. Please be considerate and call the trip organizer by Thursday evening for weekend trips, and by Friday for Sunday trips.

		ORGANIZER	
June 2: Sky Pilot Mtn. (bike/hike)	C3-4/2025 m	Ian McGillivray	988-3618
Climbing above Howe Sound, both Sky Pilot and the Copilot.			
June 2: Black Mtn. (hike)	A2/1712 m	George Malburg	877-1784
Family hiking trip in Cypress Bowl above West Vancouver.			
June 2-3: Mt. Artaban	B2	Liz Ball	879-4648

Kayaking and hiking around/on Gambier Island.			
June 9: Mt. Martyn (bike/hike)	C3/1573 m	Brett McConchie	525-7029
Scrambling through the bush in Golden Ears park.			
June 9: Lynn Pk. (hike)	A2/1000 m	Nikki Ducharme	389-7851
Hiking in the North Shore mountains.			
June 9: Mt. Baker (ski)	C3/3286 m	Todd Ponzini	983-2612
Late season extended skiing in N. Washington.			
June 10: Mt. Artaban (hike)	B2	Michelle Martineau	873-3606
Hiking on Gambier Island.			
June 10: Mt. MacFarlane	C2/2099 m	Cameron Long	581-1848
Hiking and scrambling in the Chilliwack valley.			
June 10: Eagle Ridge	B1	Terry Thompson	941-5887
Hiking above Indian Arm.			
June 16: Foley Pk.	C3-4/2308 m	Rhys Gibb	294-3792
Mountaineering in the Lucky Four group of the Chilliwack valley.			
June 16-17: Pinecone Lake area	B2	Ernie McEachern	541-3036
Hiking and scrambling east of Squamish.			
June 17: Golden Ears	C2/1715 m	Lesli Cowan	321-9955
Hiking and scrambling in the Lower Fraser valley.			
June 23: Coliseum Mtn.-Mt. Burwell	B-C2/1544 m	Ian Fisher	688-8454
Hiking in the Lynn valley area of Vancouver's North Shore mountains.			
June 23-24: Mt. Robie Reid	C3-4/2087 m	Emanuele Porra	533-7723
Mountaineering near Golden Ears in the Lower Fraser valley.			
June 23-24: The Gargoyles	B2/1830 m	Michele Davidson	254-4212
Hiking to Elfin Lakes and beyond in Garibaldi park.			
June 23-24: Mt. Hanover	B3/1747 m	Peter Woodsworth	254-7076
Hiking and scrambling above Howe Sound.			
June 24: Seymour Demonstration Forest	A1	Susan Nesbit	924-1176
A family trip looking for big trees near North Vancouver.			
June 24: Pokosha Ck. trail clearing	B1-2	Paul Kubik	876-0764
Attacking alder in the Ashlu valley area.			
June 24: FMCBC AGM Squamish rock	A5	Kit Griffin	736-8462
Rock climbing at Squamish as part of the club's hosting of this year's FMCBC Annual General Meeting.			
June 24: FMCBC AGM Squamish Chief	A2	Brian Wood	222-1541
Hiking up the Chief as another part of the club's hosting of the FMCBC AGM.			
June 30: Eagle Pk.	B2/1280 m	John Kho	733-7897
Hiking above Indian Arm.			
June 30 - July 1: Smoke Bluffs rock	A5	Alice Obermajer	520-0580
A family rock climbing trip to Squamish.			
June 30 - July 2: Castle Towers Mtn.	C3-4/2675 m	Rhys Gibb	294-3792
Mountaineering in Garibaldi park, ascending Gentian and Corrie Pks. as well.			
June 30 - July 2: Joffre group traverse	C-D5/2770 m	Doug Hess	894-5638
Challenging mountaineering off the Duffey Lake road.			
July 7-8: Deserted Pk.	B3-4/2160 m	Paul Kubik	876-0764
Mountaineering in the Elaho valley area.			
July 7-8: The Old Settler	B4-5/2132 m	Robert Nugent	732-3498
Rock climbing east of Harrison Lake.			
July 8: Mt. McFarlane	B2/2099 m	Murray Lashmar	732-8184

Hiking and scrambling in the Chilliwack valley.			
July 8: Elsay Lake circuit	C2	Blair Mitten	922-0470
Extended hiking in Mt. Seymour park above North Vancouver.			
July 14: The Black Tusk	C2(3)/2315 m	David Kyle	988-5441
Hiking and scrambling in Garibaldi park.			
July 14: North Shore mountains	A1	Jayne Hardy	433-4084
Family hiking trip.			
July 14-15: "North Stein Pk."	B3/2600 m	Todd Ponzini	983-2612
Hiking and scrambling south of the Duffey Lake road. Joint trip with the ACC.			
July 15: "Flora Mtn."	B2/1950 m	Wally Kerchum	224-8605
Hiking and scrambling in the Chilliwack valley.			
July 21-22: Mt. Urquhart	B3/2100 m	Rick Raynsford	922-1897
Rock climbing in the Fraser Canyon area.			
July 21-22: MacDonald Pk.	C5/2225 m	Margaret Hanson	736-6397
Rock climbing in the Chilliwack valley, ascending via the East Ridge.			
July 21-22: Melvin Ck.	C2	Mike Peel	444-4068
Hiking and scrambling north of the Duffey Lake road – see it before it disappears.			
July 21-22: Blowdown Ck.	B2	Pam Krannitz	940-4676
Hiking and scrambling south of the Duffey Lake road.			
July 27: Raven's Castle rock	A2-5	Jack Pals	463-7552
Rock climbing at Squamish.			
July 28: The Black Tusk	C2(3)/2315 m	Aki Nagai	986-2756
Hiking and scrambling in Garibaldi park.			
July 28-29: Lost Valley	B-C2	Greg Stoltmann	926-6496
Hiking and scrambling in a fine wilderness valley north of the Duffey Lake road.			
August 3-6: Washington Pass/Liberty Bell	A5/2353m	Dave and Wendy Morriss	732-9896
Rock climbing in northern Washington.			
August 5-7: Rainy Pass	B-C2	Len Soet	298-5683
Hiking and scrambling in Manning Park.			
August 11: Upper Seymour Conservation Area (bike/hike)	B-C2	Peter Gumplinger	733-8264
Exploratory trip in Vancouver's North Shore mountains.			
August 11: Needle Pk.	B2-3/2075 m	Emanuele Porra	533-7723
Hiking and scrambling in the Coquihalla area.			
August 11-12: Widgeon Pk.	C2/1431 m	Nick Vipond	684-4124
Hiking and scrambling west of Pitt Lake.			
August 11-12: Williams Pk.	C2(3)/2123 m	Rick Raynesford	922-1897
Hiking and scrambling in the Chilliwack valley.			

WEDNESDAY EVENING ROCK CLIMBING

Looking for people to climb with? How about a regular schedule to keep you motivated and off the couch? Or are you looking for an excuse to leave work early? Then join Margaret Hanson and company on Wednesdays this summer (June to August) for evenings of informal, fun, outdoor rock climbing in Squamish. Meet at St. David's Church (Upper Levels Hwy. and Taylor Way) at 5 pm. You need to know how to tie-in and belay. Bring your personal climbing gear (harness, shoes, etc.) and a rope if you have one. Helmets are optional but recommended. There will be a few evenings when she can't make it, but she'll still serve as a contact for people who do want to go. If possible phone her the evening before to confirm that you are going that week or that the weather is good enough to go climbing outside. Phone her at 736-6397 or email her at margarethanson@sierrasystems.com.

SUMMER CLIMBING CAMPS, 2001

Three summer climbing camps for club members have been organized. These are –

1. 4th Annual Lake Lovely Water Summer Camp, 14-21 July

Seven days of mountaineering in the glorious Tantalus Range (map 92G14) with routes to charm the beginner to the advanced. Accommodation is in the luxurious Alpine Club cabin with swimming and boating at the doorstep. \$275 covers helicopter in and out and hut rental. Participants must be club members at time of application, physically fit and have ice axe and basic rope skills. This is a self-guided camp. For information and registration contact Peter Woodsworth at 254-7076.

2. Ape Lake, 1 week during July 30 – 11 August

One of these two weeks will feature mountaineering in the central Coast Mountains. Access in and out will be by aircraft. For information and registration, contact Dave Hughes at 980-6484.

3. Bendor Range-Mt. Truax area, 11-19 August

This is a minimal cost hike in and out camp offering a variety of hiking and climbing possibilities, with lots for everyone. Participants must be club members at the time of application and must be physically fit. For information and registration, contact David Scanlon at 464-3730.

MEMBERSHIP

New Members

The club welcomes the following new members:
Associate: Jennifer Brown, Ron Coy, Marina Dodis,
Reuvan Dukas, Renee Gallioz, Peter Gaskill, Dave

Haiduga, Allen Huey, Genevieve Jackson, Irek Jasiak, Rick Ketler, Gerry Kollmus, Oliver Thompson, and Todd Wellington.
Junior: Stefan Albrecher.

BCMC CLUB NEWS

Our library needs a new home

After many years of keeping the club library, George Hamilton can do it no longer as he has sold his house and will soon be moving. Therefore, we urgently require someone to become custodian of

the library. It occupies bookshelves about 2.5 m long and 1.5 m high. If you can help the club by storing the library in your house, please contact Michael Feller at 270-4050.

FEDERATION OF MOUNTAIN CLUBS OF B.C. NEWS

FMCBC Annual General Meeting this year (June 22-24) will be hosted by the BCMC.

Don't forget to mark June 22-24 on your calendar. The BCMC has finally volunteered to host the FMCBC AGM – it only took us over 25 years!

Friday June 22: 5:30 pm – 10:00 pm. Snacks and drinks (less emphasis on the drinks) at Leslie Bohm's:

3685 West 15th Ave, Vancouver. This is 1-2 km. east of the eastern boundary of the University of British Columbia. Phone 224-1098 if you get lost.

Saturday June 23: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm: AGM in room 215 in the Angus Building, 2053 Main Mall, in the University of British Columbia, close to the bus loop, although perhaps not too close to any buses. Please

see map at www.ubc.ca/about/map99-2000.pdf. For lunch, there is a restaurant in the building, or miscellaneous snack shops within a few hundred metres, but it is up to participants to pay .

Saturday June 23: Evening Barbecue at a nearby house or a nearby beach, the location depending on the weather and preferences. Details to be announced at the AGM.

Sunday June 24: Easy hike up the "backside" of the Squamish (Stawamus) Chief, and rock climbing in Squamish area to be organised by Brian Wood and Kit Griffin respectively.

Billeting options are:

- a) With a BCMC member or other FMCBC member.
- b) On the UBC campus at St. Andrew's Hall. Cost is

SQUAMISH ROCK CLIMBING FESTIVAL

A climber's festival is scheduled for this July 6-8th and is being organized in conjunction with the Squamish Rock Climber's Association. On Saturday July 7th there will be a barbeque and get together celebrating the 40th anniversary of the first ascent of the Grand Wall. The venue for the evening is Totem Hall (Squamish First Nation) located across from the Chief. Ed Cooper will be the guest of honor. He has recently confirmed he will be attending.

As part of that evening we are planning to take a group photograph of the pioneer Squamish Climbers. Anyone who has been involved in either a first ascent or first free ascent at Squamish will be invited to join in the photograph.

So mark the 7th on your summer calendar and plan to attend. Please spread the word. A list of the Squamish pioneers will be circulated. We will need help tracking everyone down. We estimate that the fixed cost for the event will be around \$2000. This includes travel expenses for Ed to come up from California. If you have any ideas how we could raise the money or have any other input please contact John Howe at 604-220-5105 or via email at jchfor@mountain-inter.net.

\$20 per night per person. This is a dormitory arrangement for low budget accomodation only. Meals can be obtained nearby.

c) Other dormitory arrangements on the UBC campus can be arranged, starting at about \$35 per night per person. Some of these can include cooking facilities.

Those needing dormitory accomodation at UBC should contact Mike or Brian as soon as possible (eg. no later than 1 June) to ensure there is a place at the right price.

Please contact Mike Peel (604) 444-4068, or mpeel@telus.net , or Brian Wood (604) 222-1541, or bjwood@axion.net for further info.

See you there!

Mike Peel

PARTICIPANTS WANTED FOR A TRIP TO THE EDZIZA AREA

John Grant is still looking for volunteers (read victims) for a 20 or so day trip into the Edziza area. Hoping to start out around Arctic Lake on the 15th of July. Maybe try for Mt. Hickman or? Then meander north through the Spectrum Range and up past Edziza. Out through Buckley Lake. Fly out. So far it appears 3 people confirmed-Mike Bennett, Kevin Burke, and me. The usual suspects. Some mountaineering experience would be useful. John can be contacted at 879-4746 or by email geeman53@hotmail.com.

NEWS

Carleton Recreation is closing.

Carleton Recreation on Kingsway is closing as its owners - Ken, Rick, and Cliff Green - will be retiring. Carleton grew out of Carleton Cycle, founded by the Green's grandfather in 1937. The 3 Greens have been part of the store for 35 years and will be greatly missed by the outdoor community, not only because Carleton has provided the best and widest range of ski mountaineering gear of any store in Vancouver, but also because Ken, in particular, has been a great source of knowledge and help with gear, even to the extent of giving gear talks to the BCMC. The club wishes the Greens all the best for the future.

2002 is the International Year of Mountains.

The Banff Centre for Mountain Culture writes – “The United Nations has declared 2002 as The Year of Mountains. This declaration was the result of a huge amount of lobbying by mountain organizations and researchers around the world, and was intended to recognize the importance of mountains and mountain ecosystems to people across the globe.

Canada supported the resolution. Since the declaration was made public, The Banff Centre for Mountain Culture has found out who in the federal government would be the key contact person for this international program, and what Canada would be doing to mark the International Year. After a huge amount of digging, we have recently discovered that the answer is, to put it briefly, little or nothing.

We’re surprised by this. We think that Canada should be celebrating the importance of mountains and the need to protect mountain ecosystems, and should be using this year to do so. We think that people everywhere think of “mountains” when they think of Canada, and that many Canadians travel to and treasure mountain places around the world. We’d like to encourage the federal government to get involved, and we have some ideas of how they could do it:

- Create an official government list of recognized IYM events in Canada, and publicize it – encourage private and non-profit organizations to undertake events.
- Do a national children’s art and essay contest on the importance of mountains, using SchoolNet to publish the results.
- Encourage the CBC to do lots of mountain-related features and interviews during the year.
- Encourage mountain events (such as our own Banff Mountain Film Festival) to feature IYM messages.
- Establish funding for mountain research, scholarships for students studying related topics.
- Make a point of nominating more of our moun-

tain areas as World Heritage Sites during the year.

- Issue a stamp series on Canadian mountains.



As you can see, these aren’t expensive ideas. They just help to raise consciousness about the IYM. If you agree with us that IYM is important, here are some things you can do:

1. Visit the IYM website at www.mountains2002.org and get familiar with the aims of this special International Year.
2. If you have a website or publications, download the logo of the IYM from their site, and feature it on your stuff for 2002. (This logo appears above - Ed’s comment)
3. Write to or email the federal government and tell them you think that Canada should be part of this year. The key department at present is Foreign Affairs. The minister can be reached at John.manley@dfait-maeci.gc.ca or by snailmail at The Honourable John Manley, Minister, Foreign Affairs, Lester B. Pearson Building, 125 Sussex Drive, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0G2

Canadian Heritage could also be a key player. You can reach their minister at:

Min_copps@pch.gc.ca or by snailmail at The Honourable Sheila Copps, Canadian Heritage 15 Eddy Street, Hull, Quebec K1A 0M5

LATEST EDITION OF 103 HIKES NOW AVAILABLE

The latest (5th) edition of the Macaree’s 103 Hikes, written by BCMC member Jack Bryceland, is now selling in stores for just under \$20. This edition has nice 2-colour maps, up-to-date hike descriptions, many new hikes, including several in the upper Lillooet - Elaho area, and indexes sorting hikes by duration, driving distance, elevation gain and reached, length, and grade. It is a MUST for anyone hiking in the Lower Mainland region.

TRIP REPORTS

Tricouni Meadows via Chance Creek, 28 January, 2001

I was secretly hoping that no one would call for this trip, as I knew it involved an ambitious 9-hour slog. Fortunately, some ambitious non-members kicked me out of my physical stupor and after filtering out some "weaker animals", we arrived at the Chance Creek railroad crossing with 5 hearty skiers, 3 of whom were non-members!

We had to park near the highway, as the Chance Creek road was snowed in, so we began the 6 km slog up the road never seeing any snowcats or snowmobiles but we did run into a group of 7 other skiers who were heading up to Mt Brew via Roe Creek. They were in for a long day too.

By 11 we were near the Cloudburst turnoff, so we headed straight through an old-growth forest for about 20 minutes before picking up another logging road that we then descended for about 150 m to a bridge that crossed High Falls Creek. David was keen on getting to the Peak so our non-union lunch break was cut

Top Rope Course, 4-5 May, 2001

The first of two top-rope courses took place on May 4th and 5th and was well attended by BCMC members: Steve Tate, Andrea Weiss, Andrzej Jarzabak, JP Shason, Susan Fritz, Chris Peck, Nancy-Anne Rose and Jeremy Watkins. All worked very hard to master the intricacies of building anchors, top down belays and memorizing all the hitches and knots needed in the mountains and crags. They also laughed at our jokes, which would suggest they are tolerant and understanding - obviously all are an

to 30 minutes and we slogged up the High Falls logging road and into Tricouni Meadows, following an oil-stained snowmobile track most of the way until we got to the giant boulder field. We had to start breaking trail now so naturally, as the trip organizer, it was my job to designate a "trail breaker" while I took up the rear to check for stragglers. It was now snowing quite hard and overcast skies and lack of energy meant that we were not going to make the peak. We reached a small lake at about 1400 m and then the group consensus was to have a granola bar and head back.

Three hours later we rock-skied down the last 2 km of the Chance Creek road, just after the Mt Brew crew had arrived, but it was now pouring rain and everyone's sense of humor was washing away with the slush. We cheered ourselves up in Brackendale on veggie pizza and renewed our convictions to try this trip as a 2-day trip or 1 day Spring trip.

Party: Robin Shier, Glen Cashman, David Lin, Tim Reeve, and Mike Peel (organizer and reporter)

asset to the BCMC!

My personal thanks to all who assisted in this first of two introductory courses: Jack Pals, Paul Miller, Robert Kellington, Arnie Wilson, Monica Durigon, Todd Belcher, Dave Morriss and Paul Morton. Without these volunteers, the mentorship programs (such as the introduction to climbing) would not occur. Again, my sincere thanks.

Kit Griffin - course coordinator.

