

# BC MOUNTAINEERING CLUB NEWSLETTER



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## EVENING SOCIAL MEETINGS

Evening socials are usually held in the ANZA club, upstairs room (corner of 8th Ave. and Ontario, Vancouver) starting at 7:30 p.m. Cookies, tea, and coffee are provided.


**Tuesday, 12 August** - Barbeque at Jericho Beach at 6:30 pm at the foot of Trimble, about 100m east of the concession stand. The club will supply a barbeque, free condiments and potato chips. Bring what you want to barbeque.

**Tuesday, 9 September** - Entertainment will be a slide show of a trip to the Annapurna area of the Himalayas, given by Leslee Probasco.

Mt. Columbia from the north



Mountain rock in summer

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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. 604-270-4050).

**Editorial policy** - All submitted written 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, or for consistency with club policies.

**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. The club has a satellite phone available for hire. This may be obtained by contacting Kit Griffin at 604-736-8462 prior to the Thursday before the weekend the equipment is wanted. 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.

If you are given a ride, please remember to pay the driver your portion of the car costs. If you decide not to go on a trip for which you have previously registered, please be courteous and inform the trip organizer.

**ORGANIZER**

<b>August 2-3:</b> Howe Sound Crest Trail	C2(4)	Lois Nordstrom	604-944-3066
Hiking above Howe Sound with some rock climbing deviations.			
<b>August 2-4:</b> Liberty Bell area	A-C5	Margaret Hanson	604-341-5961
Rock climbing in Washington's northeastern Cascade Mtns.			
<b>August 2-4:</b> Lizzie Lake - Tundra Lake area	C2-3/2440 m	Andrzej Jarzabek	604-419-4492
Hiking and scrambling east of Lillooet Lake, possibly leaving Friday evening.			
<b>August 2-4:</b> Manning Park	A1	Alice Obermajer	604-781-2656
Easy family hiking southeast of Hope, camping at Lightning Lakes campground.			
<b>August 2-4:</b> Cardtable Mtn.	B2-3/2523 m	Rick Raynsford	604-922-1897
Hiking and scrambling in the Tyaughton Ck. area of the Southern Chilcotin mountains.			
<b>August 9-10:</b> Cayoosh Mtn.	B3/2590 m	Marco Iucolino	604-605-6003
Mountaineering north of the Duffey Lake road.			
<b>August 10:</b> Brandywine Mtn.	B2/2229 m	Kathy Nemis	604-254-1170
Hiking and scrambling in the Cheakamus valley area.			
<b>August 16-17:</b> Mountain Lake cabin area.	C3	Moe Lamothe	604-984-8766
Hiking and scrambling above Howe Sound in the vicinity of the BCMC cabin. Accomodation in the cabin is free to club members only. Joint trip with the ACC.			
<b>August 16-17:</b> Tetrahedron Pk.	C3-4/1737 m	Liam Grimes	604-936-9660
Scrambling on the Sechelt Peninsula.			
<b>August 22-24:</b> Shulaps Range	B2	Nancy Henderson	604-875-1123
Hiking west of Lillooet.			
<b>August 23:</b> Burke Mtn.	B-C1/1200 m	Ian McArthur	604-464-9255
Hiking above Coquitlam, via Munro and Dennett lakes. Joint trip with the Burke Mtn. Naturalists.			
<b>August 23:</b> Lake Ann	A1	Len Soet	604-298-5683
Family hike in the Mt. Baker area of northern Washington.			
<b>August 23-24:</b> "Ride In" Pk.	B3/2500 m	Lewis Kaiserseder	604-254-5324
Mountaineering in the Pemberton Icecap area.			
<b>August 23-24:</b> Ashlu Mtn.	C3-4/2590 m	Marcus Dell	604-274-9511
Mountaineering in the Ashlu valley area, possibly 5th class, depending on the route to be climbed.			
<b>August 23-24:</b> Ruth Mtn. and Icy Pk.	B3/2169 m	Norbert Eckert	604-275-7285
Mountaineering in the Mt. Baker area of northern Washington.			
<b>August 23-24:</b> Mt. Judge Howay	C-D4/2248 m	Gerry Kollmuss	604-946-8055
A challenging mountain north of Stave Lake.			
<b>August 24:</b> Mt. Moriarty	C2/1650 m	Ralph Hutchinson	1-250-756-1916
Hiking on Vancouver Island.			
<b>August 24:</b> Slollicum Pk.	A2/1564 m	Sev Heiberg	604-224-6202
Hiking southeast of Harrison Lake.			
<b>August 29-Sept. 2:</b> Five Finger Group	C3-4/1890 m	Jos van der Burg	604-463-7582
Scrambling in the headwards of DeBeck Ck, north of Pitt Lake, approaching via water taxi up Pitt Lake.			
<b>August 30 - Sept 1:</b> Sechelt Inlet (canoe)	A	Steve Grant	604-433-4084
Easy canoeing on the Sunshine Coast.			
<b>August 30 - Sept 1:</b> Nivalis Mtn.	C3/2650 m	Todd Ponzini	604-215-2665
Mountaineering in eastern Garibaldi park.			
<b>August 30 - Sept 1:</b> Mt. Bobb	B3/2845 m	Rick Raynsford	604-922-1897
Scrambling east of Goldbridge, leaving Friday evening.			

<b>August 30 - Sept 1:</b> McGillivray Pass area Hiking and scrambling northeast of Pemberton.	B2	Pam Krannitz	604-946-9942
<b>August 31:</b> Panorama Ridge Extended hiking above Garibaldi Lake in Garibaldi park.	C2/2100 m	Werner Himmelsbach	1-604-932-3740
<b>September 6-7:</b> Sun God Mtn. Scrambling north of Pemberton.	C3/2410 m	Marco Lucolino	604-605-6003
<b>September 7:</b> Coliseum Mtn. Extended hiking in Vancouver's North Shore mountains.	C2/1446 m	Peter Parrotta	604-552-1423
<b>September 13:</b> Organizer's choice Hiking somewhere. Contact the organizer for further details.	B2	Ilze Rupners	604-222-3720
<b>September 13-14:</b> Meager Ck. area Scrambling in the upper Lillooet valley, north of Pemberton.	C3	Greg Hamilton	604-984-6800
<b>September 13-14:</b> Ruth Mtn. Mountaineering in the Mt. Baker area of northern Washington.	B3/2169 m	Ivan Petik	604-435-4589
<b>September 13-21:</b> Relay Ck. to Taseko Mtn. Hiking and scrambling in the southern Chilcotin Mountains.	B2-3/3062 m	Mike Peel	604-444-4068
<b>September 20:</b> Needle Pk. Rock climbing in the Coquihalla area, ascending via the Northeast Ridge.	B3-4/2101 m	Emanuele Porra	604-533-7723
<b>September 20-21:</b> Buckhorn Camp Family hike in Manning Park.	A1	Steve Grant	604-433-4084
<b>September 20-21:</b> Mt. Bishop Hiking in Vancouver's North Shore mountains.	C2/1480 m	Robin Tivy	604-734-3644
<b>September 20-21:</b> Black Pk. Extended rock climbing in Washington's Northern Cascades.	C5/2734 m	Margaret Hanson	604-341-5961
<b>September 27-28:</b> Downton Ck. area Extended hiking and scrambling north of the Duffey Lake road.	C2	Greg Stoltmann	604-926-6496
<b>September 27-28:</b> Mt. Webb and MacDonald Pk. Hiking and scrambling west of Chilliwack Lake.	B2-3/2225 m	Dennis Vacha	604-430-4108
<b>September 28:</b> Capilano Mtn. Hiking in Vancouver's North Shore mountains.	C2/1685 m	Monika Bittel	604-983-3097
<b>September 28:</b> Pinecone Lake Hiking east of Squamish.	B-C2	Evelyn Feller	604-270-4050
<b>October 4-5:</b> Coquihalla area The annual fall golden larches trip, hiking and rock scrambling in the Coquihalla area.	B3	Karl Ricker	1-604-938-1107
<b>October 5:</b> Mt. Urquhart Rock scrambling in the Fraser Canyon area, east of Harrison Lake.	C3-4/2100 m	Jos van der Burg	604-463-7582
<b>October 11-13:</b> Cathedral ridge Fall hiking in Cathedral Park, east of Manning Park.	B2	Ellen Woodd	1-250-494-0527

### WEDNESDAY EVENING ROCKCLIMBING

Every Wednesday the club runs rock climbing trips to local destinations. These are not rock climbing

instruction trips. If you wish to go, or for further information, contact Margaret Hanson at 604-341-5961.

## BCMC SUMMER CAMPS - AUGUST

### 1. Upper Stein Valley, 16-24 August

Camp is full, but to get onto the waiting list and for further information, phone David Scanlon at 604-464-3730.

### 2. Wedgemount area Garibaldi park, 2 - 10 August

This is a hike in - hike out camp, changed from the Rutledge Glacier area due to vehicle constraints. Wedge Weart, James Turner, and Currie will be attempted. Participants must be BCMC members and have experience in glacier travel and class 3 climbing. Limit of 15 participants. Cost is minimal (Vehicle costs will be shared).

For bookings and more information, phone Todd Ponzini at 604-215-2665.

### 3. Washington Pass Area, North Cascades, 9-16 August

A great selection of objectives from trail hiking to full on multi-pitch routes on Liberty Bell and surrounding spires. Camping at Lone Fir campground, just E. of Washington. Pass on route 20 - only 3.5 hours from Vancouver.

For bookings and more information, phone Peter Woodsworth at 604-254-7076.

## MEMBERSHIP

### New Members

The club welcomes the following new members:  
Active - Yuko Iwanaga  
Associate - Alex Danne, Andrea Fischer, Elizabeth

Graca, Donna King, Ross MacDonald, Bruce MacDougall, Russell Noel, Vincent Poulin, Chad Rudiak, and Bennie Schober

### Club now has a satellite phone

The club recently purchased a satellite phone which is available for rent to club members by contacting Kit Griffin (604-736-8462). Priorities are - 1. Club trips, 2. Non-club trips with a majority of club members, and 3. Non-club trips with a minority of club members. Rental rates are \$30 per weekend or \$60 per week, plus \$2 per minute of air time. A \$300 refundable deposit is also required.

*The Club wishes to thank **Precision Media** ([www.precisionmedia.ca](http://www.precisionmedia.ca)) for very kindly donating a projector to display the video about John Clark at the June social evening. We also wish to thank **Julia Borchardt** for her help in bringing about this, as well as other recent club functions.*

## SHOULD YOU BE MOUNTAINEERING? CLIMB AT YOUR OWN RISK!

The following article was posted on Bivouac.com by George Bell of Boulder, Colorado in reference to a topo map of Lotus Flower Tower in the Cirque of the Unclimbables. It was sent to the newsletter by Paul Kubik.

### WARNING

**ALL INDIVIDUALS USING, REFERRING TO, TALKING ABOUT, OR THINKING ABOUT THIS TOPO MUST READ THIS!!!**

This inaccurate topo is based on dim recollections, half-baked guesses, and outright lies. In NO WAY does it tell the full story. You would probably be better off just trying to find your own way, than using this topo. But that statement in no way implies that I am in any way responsible if you don't use the topo, and something bad happens anyway.

Nature is unpredictable and unsafe. Mountains are dangerous. Many books have been written about these dangers, and there's no way I can list them all here. Read the books. The area depicted by this topo is covered in steep terrain with loose, slippery and unstable footing. The weather can make matters worse. Sheer drops are everywhere. You may fall, be injured or die. There are hidden holes. You could break your leg. There are wild animals, which may be vicious, poisonous, hungry or carriers of dread diseases. These may include poisonous amphibians, reptiles, and insects; insects to which you have allergies, or whose multiple stings can cause anaphylactic shock; mammals which may include skunks, badgers, marmots, lions, tigers, and bears; predatory birds, and all other manner of beasts.

Plants can be poisonous as well, and even when not poisonous, can inflict serious injury like a sharp stick in the eye. This topo, and the author of this topo, will not do anything to protect you from any of this. I do not inspect, supervise or maintain the ground, rocks, cliffs, wildlife, vegetation or other features, natural or otherwise.

Real dangers are present even on approach trails. Trails are not sidewalks, and folks have died and been seriously injured even on sidewalks when they have tripped on cracked concrete, plunged into meter boxes with missing covers, been mugged, hit by cars, had pianos fall on them... Trails can be, and are, steep, slippery and dangerous. Trail features made or enhanced by humans, such as bridges, steps, walls and railings (if any) can break, collapse, or otherwise fail catastrophically at any time. I don't promise to inspect, supervise or maintain them in any way. They may be negligently constructed or repaired. In summary, trails are unsafe, period. Live with it or stay away.

Stay on the trails whenever possible. The terrain, in addition to being dangerous, is surprisingly complex. You may get lost. You probably WILL get lost. The chances of getting lost multiply geometrically after the sun goes down, due to poor visibility. The sun goes down at least once a day in this area. Not to say that you won't get lost during daylight hours. In either event, carry a flashlight, extra bulb and batteries, compass, GPS, altimeter, cellular phone, food, water, matches and first aid supplies at all times. My advising you of this does not mean there are not other things you should be carrying. Carry them all as well, and know how to use them. I am not responsible for the consequences if you fail to heed this advice. In fact, I am not responsible for the consequences even if you DO heed this advice and, for example, end up in an unplanned bivy because you were carrying too much g\*dd@mn stuff, stumble into the bivy fire at 2 am when you get up to take a p!ss, and severely burn the flesh on your hands. You have only yourself to blame, so leave me out of it. Rocks and other objects can, and probably will, fall from the cliffs. They can tumble down slopes. This can happen naturally, or be caused by people above you, such as climbers. Rocks of all sizes, including huge boulders, can shift, move or fall with no warning. Use of helmets is advised for anyone approaching the rock formations. As a matter of fact, approaching the rock formations is not advised. That is pretty stupid too. But if you DO choose to risk your worthless scrawny neck by going near rocks, shoulder pads, knee pads, elbow pads, athletic cups and supporters and other body armor may be handy as well. These items can be purchased or rented from mountaineering shops and athletic supply stores. They won't save you if you get hit by or scrape against something big or on another part of your body. A whole rock formation might collapse on you leave nothing but a grease spot. Don't think it can't happen. It does, and it probably will.

Weather can be dangerous, regardless of the forecast. Be prepared with extra clothing, including rain gear. Hypothermia, heat stroke, dehydration, frostbite, lightning, ice and snow, runoff from rainstorms, flashfloods, etc. can kill you. Rain can turn easy terrain into a deathtrap, can drown you if you're looking up into the sky with your mouth open,

and vastly decreases traction on pavement. Snow is even worse, the hazards ranging from snowball fight injuries to avalanches.

If you scramble in high places (scrambling is moving over terrain steep enough to use your hands) without proper experience, training and equipment, or allow children to do so, you are making a terrible mistake. Even if you know what you're doing and are the most experienced and safest climber the world has ever known, you are still making a terrible mistake: lots of things can and do go wrong and you may be injured or die. It happens all the time. This area, and this route, are not provided with any rangers or security personnel on any regular basis. The other people in the area, including other visitors, USFS employees, foreign agents, biologists and nature freaks, and anyone else who might sneak in, may be stupid, reckless, a religious fanatic, or otherwise dangerous. They may be mentally ill, criminally insane, drunk, using illegal drugs and/or armed with deadly weapons and ready to use them. I'm not going to do anything about that. I refuse to take responsibility.

Excessive consumption of alcohol, use of prescription drugs, over-the-counter medications, and/or legal or illegal controlled substances while frequenting this area can and probably will affect your mental state, alertness, and decision-making abilities, and could make an already dangerous situation even worse. Even abstinence won't protect you from the actions of others under the influence of such substances. Tough luck. Not my fault.

The driveways, freeways, highways, streets, alleys, back roads and unimproved 4WD tracks leading to this area kill hundreds of folks each year. You could get killed driving to the trailhead. Wearing your seatbelt tightly fastened with the lap belt low across your waist improves your chances of survival, in most cases (except that one steep section of road) but does not and cannot guarantee your safety. You might die before ever stepping out of your vehicle at the trailhead, or on the way home. It can happen any time. If you think you are immune from this kind of thing, you're fooling yourself.

This is not a sterile environment. Bacteria, viruses, protozoa, protoviruses, fungi and other forms of life and protolife which may or may not be currently included in either the plant or animal kingdom are capable of causing you serious bodily harm, illness, or death. These kinds of biological agents are both endemic in the area or present in the plant and animal populations; and are also capable of being carried or transmitted by your climbing partners and travelling companions. I'm not going to take responsibility for this, either. My advice for you to treat drinking water, wash your hands before and after going to the bathroom and before eating, and to not indulge in unprotected sex in this area, in no way obligates me to be responsible for the consequences if you fail to do so, nor does it mean that even if you DO take these precautions and something happens anyway, that I am to blame. Not so. Forget it. Nada. Negativo.

If you climb, you may die or be seriously injured. And the longer you climb the greater your risk of bad luck, which may or may not be compounded by hubris, catching up to you. This is true whether you are experienced or not, trained or not, and equipped or not, though training, experience and equipment may help. It's a fact, climbing is extremely dangerous. If you don't like it, stay at home. You really shouldn't be doing it anyway. I do not provide supervision or instruction. I am not responsible for, and do not inspect or maintain, climbing anchors (including bolts, pitons, slings, trees, etc.) As far as I know, any of them can and probably will suddenly fail without warning and send you plunging to your death with a bloodcurdling scream, likely pulling your partner to his or her doom as well. There are countless tons of loose rock ready to be dislodged and fall on you or someone else. There are any number of inobvious, extremely and unusually dangerous conditions existing in this area. I probably don't know about any specific hazard, but even if I do, don't expect this topo or its author to try to warn you. You're on your own.

Furthermore, the fact that I'm not trying to stop you from being in this area in no way implies, nor should it be inferred, that I approve, recommend, advocate, or otherwise in any way affirm that such action on your part is anything but incredibly stupid.

Rescue services are not provided by anyone near this climb, and may not be available quickly or at all. In fact, if anything really serious happens to you in this area, you'll probably be dead before word ever reaches civilization.

Local rescue squads may not be equipped for or trained in mountain rescue. They probably won't be. If you are lucky enough to have somebody try to rescue you or treat your injuries, they will probably be incompetent or worse. This includes doctors and hospitals. I assume no responsibility. Also, if you decide to participate in a rescue of some other unfortunate, that's your choice. Don't do it unless you are willing to assume all risks, and don't blame me when it goes bad and you end up getting yourself sued in the process. By using, or even just looking at this topo, you are agreeing that I owe you no duty of care or any other duty, you agree to release me, my relatives, heirs, dependents, and anyone else I care to name, now and forevermore, from any and all claims of liability, even though my actions may be grossly negligent and/or be construed as reckless endangerment, manslaughter, or other misconduct up to and including premeditated murder. By consulting this topo, you agree to waive forever any rights that you, your partners, dependents, heirs, inlaws, and others known or unknown to you may have, to legal compensation resulting from anything that has anything to do with this topo, including but in no way limited to paper cuts from the edge of the topo itself. If you try to sue me in spite of all this, you agree to pay my lawyers fees regardless of the outcome of the suit, and you expressly agree to re-imburse me for any loss or injury, be it financial, physical, emotional, or imagined, which I may experience as a result of such lawsuit.

I promise you nothing. I do not and will not even try to keep the area safe for any purpose. The area is NOT safe for any purpose. This is no joke. I won't even try to warn about any dangerous or hazardous condition, whether I know about it or not. If I do decide to warn you about something, that doesn't mean I will try to warn you about anything else. If I do make an effort to fix an unsafe condition, I may not try to correct any others, and I may actually make matters worse! I may have done things in the area that are unwise and dangerous. I probably did, but I don't remember. Sorry, I'm neither competent nor responsible. The topo gives you bad advice. Don't listen. Or do listen. It's your choice, but you face the consequences either way, whatever they may be.

In short, **CLIMB AT YOUR OWN RISK**. If you, or your heirs, relatives, dependents or others known or unknown to you; your partner or your partners heirs, relatives, dependents, or others known or unknown to your partner, are the slimy kind of lawyer-touting parasites who would try to sue the author of a topo, If you can't take responsibility for your own decisions, knowledge, routefinding and plain dumb luck, **PLEASE PLEASE** stay far far away from this route, give up climbing, and die of some completely natural, painful, and slowly progressive disease.

Thank you, climb safe, and have fun!

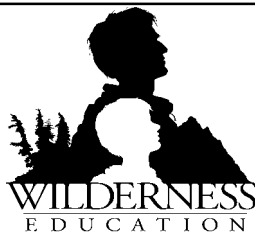
END of Disclaimer

Modified from the original document written by Bruce Binder. Bruce credits Russ Walling for the original inspiration, and a rumored sign at Seneca Rocks.

### **Search and Rescue Volunteers Wanted**

*Lion's Bay Search and Rescue is seeking experienced hikers and climbers from Lions Bay, the North Shore or Vancouver. Pre-requisites: extensive hiking experience, flexible work schedule or employer and a general familiarity with ropes and knots. Commitment: 2 hours of training every Monday night, 1 year as a Member-in-Training, then on call 24-7, minimum 3 year commitment. Benefits: helping people in need, free training (mountain travel skills, rope rescue, navigation, first aid and more), local mountains expertise. Challenges: long-term commitment, 2 am callouts during terrible weather, missing work and/or going in exhausted after being out all night.*

*If interested please contact Craig Oliver at 604-990-0885 for an application.*



## WILDERNESS EDUCATION PROGRAM

### *Educator/Program Coordinator Required*

The award-winning Wilderness Education Program (WEP: [www.wepbc.ca](http://www.wepbc.ca)) has been active in schools throughout the Lower Mainland for the past seven years. WEP's mission is to engage young hearts and minds to care for and act on behalf of the conservation and preservation of wild nature. WEP has recently joined forces with BC SPACES FOR NATURE ([www.spacesfornature.org](http://www.spacesfornature.org)), a wilderness conservation organization with decades of experience in protecting BC's wild lands. We are presently looking for an:

## EDUCATOR /PROGRAM COORDINATOR

You will work closely with Co-founder and Director of WEP, Lisa Baile. You will be involved with program delivery, program design/development, promotion and fundraising. The Program Coordinator will have the support of, and will collaborate with, fellow WEP educators and the staff of BC Spaces for Nature.

### REQUIREMENTS & QUALIFICATIONS

*The ideal candidate will:*

- Be an effective educator with experience at a variety of levels: elementary, high school and/or adult education
- Have extensive backcountry experience in mountain, forest, river, lake and ocean settings
- Be a committed wilderness/wild country enthusiast and advocate
- Be computer literate and have office management experience
- Possess dynamic and engaging facilitation and group skills
- Be a certified professional teacher
- See the beauty and the humour in the world of today and enjoy sharing this with others
- Have Wilderness First Aid certification or the willingness to acquire it

The preferred candidate will be able to work independently and have a long-term commitment to this program. Through effective networking, fundraising strategies and quality presentations you will create the capacity to expand this part-time employment offer (3 days a week @ \$200 per day) to a full-time position.

### APPLICATION:

Email your application to Director, Lisa Baile: [lbaile@shaw.ca](mailto:lbaile@shaw.ca) by **Sept 15, 2003**. Please attach your Resume, and include a one-page statement of your personal philosophy as it relates to the advertised position. This is an incredible opportunity for an exceptional person to make a difference. *Only those applicants who are selected for an interview will be notified.*

## TRIP REPORTS

### **Slogging Up Mt. Baker, 10-11 May, 2003**

(Through the eyes of a teenager)

All of us met at the Wendy's near Boundary and right away I knew I was the youngest person on the trip. There were nine of us in total and everyone seemed pretty nice. My parents had half dragged and half cajoled me to come on the weekend trip to Baker with the BCMC. I had heard so much about ski-touring and I thought, "It can't be harder than hiking, so why not try it"?

We got to the starting point at 11 or so to find the road had snow in places and bare asphalt in others all the way to the trail head. I've never ski-toured before, or "randonéed", as the Americans we met called it, so my Dad and Mom had to teach me everything. I put my skins on and managed to walk a few steps, when I realized that it was hard work! I thought hiking was bad, but ski-touring was worse, I was already tired by the time we got to the trail head! We had snow off and on up the trail for at least 45 minutes, until finally we got to a continuous layer of snow on the ground. It wasn't too cold and the trail was pretty good. The sun was half in and out the whole way, until my mum and I who were at the back of the pack, (she was waiting patiently with me), arrived at the bottom of a hill. It then started to hail and rain all the way up to base camp. It was horrible, and at that point I just wanted to be at home. Just as I was about to give up, my dad came down, and kindly took my pack up for me.

At base camp I slept on snow for the first time, and it was really comfortable, better than rocks or random trees in odd places. I slept remarkably well in the 2 person tent (with 3 people in it), that our family had christened "The Cheese Tent", for obvious reasons.

The whole party woke up bright and early at six, to start the slog up to the peak. It was a beautiful day all the way up and the view was wonderful. At one point I was so exhausted I thought I wouldn't even make it to the col. But then I decided, if my dad can motor on up with a day pack on, why couldn't I just get to the

col? So I did. I practically ran up I was so mad at myself for being what I thought was wimpy. I got to over 2750 m and stopped, I knew I couldn't make it to the top, though I desperately wanted to, I just wasn't skilled enough at ski-touring to do it.

So my Mum and I had a great time basking in the sun on the Glacier on Mother's day, waiting for the rest of the party to go to the peak and down again. Sadly, as soon as we started down the weather came in and we only had one piece of a nice run before it got too sloppy. In the thick flakes we learned something neat, ice-axes hum on glaciers because of static electricity and maybe high altitude electrical activity.

We had a relatively easy time down, about 2-3 hours and I learned how to ski with a pack on (though I nearly did a face plant). Everyone met at the "Log Cabin" in Sumas at 9 for a late dinner. I didn't realize ski-touring was that tough, my parents never told me the painful side of the story.

The nine of us were Dan Carey, Jon Coutts, Pauline De Lotbinière, Vince Havesland, Mary Hearndon, Ehleen Hinze, Tania Zulkoskey, Erich Hinze (organizer), and Jennifer Hinze (reporter: age 15).

### **Eaton Peak, 7 June, 2003**

We couldn't have asked for a nicer day to stand atop Eaton Peak and take in the view. Irek Jasiak organized this one day, C 3/4 trip and had an enthusiastic turnout of 11 BCMC members (at least I think they were all members) and 2 North Shore hikers. Most of the group met at the 160th Street Park and Ride at 7 am and after one stop in Chilliwack we continued on, taking Exit 168 and then our first right on to Silver Skagit Road. The trail head is 16.4km from this intersection and is at an elevation of 440 meters.

With only day packs, it wasn't long before we were on our way. The trail climbed steadily to the first bridge, switching back a number of times before a

magnificent waterfall came into view. Eaton Creek positively roars almost the entire way down from its inception at Eaton Lake and you get several views of it along the way which can be used as a good excuse to stop and catch your breath.

After the first bridge we moved away from the thundering creek and into the quiet and calm of the forest. The day was already quite warm and after the cool fresh air coming off the creek it felt downright muggy. The trail continued to climb, switching back and forth. At about the half way mark there is a bench beside a smaller tributary which makes a nice place for a break.

Shortly after the rest stop, we met back up with Eaton Creek and the real work began. The grade was considerably steeper for the next 1.5km, gaining about 300 m. The last 1.5km to the lake was an easy hike crossing a boulder field and two more bridges before reaching the lake at 6.5km.



**Marian at Eaton Lake.**

We stopped for lunch at the lake, admiring the scenery and swatting bugs. This lake is full of rainbow trout, particularly where it drains into the river. There is room for a few tents and the shoreline drops off steeply enough to dive in and cool off.

After lunch, we left the relative comfort of the trail and began crashing through the underbrush towards the tree line. There was no trail but by moving up in a westerly direction we soon left the forest behind us and stood on the snow with the peak towering over us and the lake far below us.



**Irek and Eaton Pk.**

After a short break in the meadow, we took our ice axes off our packs and proceeded up the snowy slopes. Unfortunately, Michael had pulled a calf muscle and elected to stay behind. We switched back in the brilliant sunshine all the way up to the base of the north ridge where we stopped to put on our harnesses and put away our axes. A Class 3 scramble brought us to the snowy ridge. There were plenty of



**View from the crux.**

good hand and footholds but the rock was often loose and/or wet which made it interesting in spots.

After hiking along the ridge, Rhys made a steep, exposed traverse look easy. Not so easy, however, since the majority of us decided that we were roping up before following him! It took a while to get the rope set up and for the remaining 12 of us to prusik across but I think that the general consensus was that it was better to take the time and be safe. Some more scrambling brought us to another exposed bit where we used the rope. One long final scramble and we were at the summit with a 360 degree view of the surrounding mountains including the Chilliwack range to the South West. It was warm so we basked in the sunshine and in the glow of our accomplishment for about half an hour before scrambling back down the Southeast ridge.



**Eaton Lake.**

The snow was nice and soft but slippery in spots allowing several in our group to practise self arresting. Once down the steep bit, Irek & Julia glissaded down to the meadow; a fun, albeit wet ride! Michael was waiting for us and the rest of the group arrived shortly thereafter.

We plunged back into the forest for the bushwhack back down to the lake which looked very inviting after the sweaty, muddy descent. Irek, Thomas & Julia went for a quick dip in the icy cold waters before we got back on the trail, making our way back down to the cars by 7:30.

Many thanks to Irek for organizing this great trip and to Mother Nature for the perfect weather. We all had a wonderful time and are looking forward to our next adventure!



**View from the summit.** All photos - J. Borchardt.

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