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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, 14 December - Entertainment will be a slide show by David Hughes, Dave Scanlon, and Todd Ponzini on this year's summer camps in the Waddington, and Kwoiek Ck. and Wedgemont areas.

Tuesday, 11 January - This social meeting will feature a presentation on avalanches and backcountry safety, by Colin Zacharias.

Winter in the Lizzie Ck. area



On the summit of Wedge Mtn.



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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. Please note that images should be at least 60 pixels/cm (150 pixels/inch) for successful printing. Images with a lesser resolution will probably not be printed. 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. The club has avalanche transceivers and snow shovels available for hire. These may be obtained by contacting Kit Griffin at 604-736-8462 at least 2 days prior to the day they are wanted. 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 also contacting Kit Griffin at 604-736-8462 at least 2 days prior to the day it 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.

All trips are ski trips, unless otherwise indicated

		ORGANIZER	
December 4: Red Heather area	A2	Justin Bennett	604-813-4666
Easy skiing in the Diamond Head area of Garibaldi park.			
December 4: Coquihalla area	B2-3	Ian McGillivray	604-988-3618
Skiing somewhere in the Coquihalla. Joint trip with the ACC.			
December 4: Mt. Bishop (snowshoe)	C2/1509 m	David Kyle	604-988-5441
Biking and hiking near Mt. Seymour in Vancouver's North Shore mountains.			
December 4: Mt. Laughington	B2-3/1790 m	Evelyn Feller	604-270-4050
Skiing in the Chilliwack valley area.			
December 11: Zoa Pk.	B2/1872 m	Julien Henley	604-990-9224
Skiing in the Coquihalla area. Joint trip with the ACC.			
December 11: Organizer's choice	B2	Helen Habgood	604-984-6842
Contact the organizer for further details.			
December 11: Needle Pk.	B2-3/2092 m	Greg Hamilton	604-949-0770
More skiing in the Coquihalla area.			
December 11-12: Coquihalla Mtn.	B2-3/2157 m	Brian Steeves	604-408-4889
Even more skiing in the Coquihalla area, this time a weekend.			
December 18: Needle Pk. (snowshoe)	B2-3/2092	Emanuele Porra	604-533-7723
If you missed the previous weekend, yet another opportunity for a ski in the Coquihalla area.			
December 18: Diamond Head	B3	Ian McGillivray	604-988-3618
Skiing in southwestern Garibaldi park. Joint trip with the ACC.			
December 18-19: Diamond Head	B2	Justin Bennett	604-813-4666
A weekend of skiing or snowshoeing in Garibaldi park.			
December 18-19: Mountain Lake hut area.	B2-3	Jos van der Burg	604-463-7582
Skiing above Howe Sound.			
December 25-26: Mt. Baker	C3/3286 m	Ravil Chamgoulov	604-294-0761
Spend Christmas in northern Washington ascending via the Coleman Glacier route.			
December 26: Unnecessary Mth. (snowshoe)	C2/1548 m	Gordon Esplin	604-986-0603
Above Howe Sound. Joint trip with NSH.			
January 2: Frosty Mtn.	B-C3/2426 m	Robert Gordon	604-873-5364
Skiing in Manning park.			
January 2: Decker Glacier	B2	Tony Knight	604-873-2276
Skiing in the Spearheads above Whistler, using the Blackcomb lifts.			
January 8-9: Brew Hut (snowshoe)	B2	Justin Bennett	604-813-4666
In the Cheakamus valley, ascending via the Railway trail.			
January 9: Needle Pk.	B2-3/2092 m	Monika Bittel	604-983-3097
Yet more skiing in the Coquihalla area.			
January 9: Cayoosh area	B2-3	Randy Enomoto	604-224-6184
Skiing off the Duffey Lake road, east of Pemberton.			

MEMBERSHIP

Membership fees for 2004/2005 are

now due - Membership fees of 2004/2005 are now due. If you do not pay your dues, **THIS NEWSLETTER WILL BE THE LAST ONE YOU WILL RECEIVE.** You should fill out the yellow renewal form accompanying the October newsletter, indicate if you would like to receive the newsletter by

email, read and sign the waiver on the reverse side, then send the form with the appropriate dues to the club.

Membership dues are -

Single	\$45	Junior	\$20
Couple	\$68	Life	\$800

New Members - The club welcomes the following new Associate Members: Denis Byrne, Ramsay Dyer, Michael Genovese, Shelley

Genovese, Jo-Ann Lee, Stephanie Sersli, and Mathew Westwood

WINTER SKI MOUNTAINEERING COURSE

The BCMC intends to run a winter ski mountaineering course either in December or February. This would be aimed at people who can ski and wish to learn how to safely and

comfortably go backcountry skiing in our mountains. Details will appear later. If you are interested, contact our president, Kit Griffin (604-736-8462) for further details.

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Changes to membership updates on the club website –

Changes to the website now allow anyone to update their own membership information,

including hiding part or all of your contact information. You should remember that if you remove this information, you cannot be contacted, however.

REPORTS FROM THE 2004 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2004 Annual General Meeting was held on 9 November, 2004. Approximately 95 people were present, of whom about 50 were voting members. Most members of the executive presented reports, some of which are in this newsletter. Further reports will be in the January newsletter. After the reports, last year's executive was "re-elected" by acclamation, then Ravil Chamgoulov gave an extremely entertaining and interesting presentation on a recent solo ascent of Mt. McKinley.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – by Kit Griffin

I'd like to thank all the members of the BCMC Executive who work hard to ensure the viability of the club. Army's may march on their stomachs, as Napoleon put it, but clubs prosper with the volunteers.

Again my thanks to Past Presidents David Hughes and Anders Ourom for their continued efforts in all aspects of the club. Thanks to Monika Bittel and Michael Feller for not only their Executive roles, as Vice President and Editor respectively, but for attending many, many meetings ensuring that non-mechanized activities are represented in the Lower Mainland. In a similar vein, thanks to Mike Peel; as the BCMC's representative to the Federation of Mountain Clubs, it's his task to

report to us how the FMCBC is working to ensure backcountry skiers, hikers, mountaineers and visitors see as much untouched natural resources as possible. With the Olympic Games now just 5 years away it's no easy task.

My thanks to the social committee chairs - Derrick Johnstone and Pam Krannitz - the quality of speakers and slide shows are often world-class. The snacks after the show are always available for the peckish and are well thought out.

Thank you's must be extended to the climbing chairs Jos van der Burg and Emanuele Porra. You get to see their work (and the work of the volunteers) on the trip schedule every newsletter and on the trip list published on the web. It's an astounding amount of work as every trip organizer needs two or three calls. Multiply that by about 150 (annual) trips and you have some idea of the number of phone calls and emails that get sorted and edited for accuracy.

Again, the BCMC has offered some wonderful and well attended camps (I say this every year and I really mean it). Thanks to the organizers and particularly David Scanlon, Peter Woodsworth and their assistants for the work on the Plummer hut. Thanks to David Hughes for

arranging the camp. David Scanlon and his volunteers have done a lot of work looking after cabins and trails. My sincere thanks to you all.

Thank you to all the people who assembled and volunteered for all the climbing and mountaineering programs the BCMC offers. The Club gains members and revenue which ensures the viability of the club. Miles Quesnel, Marissa Marining and Paul Morton arranged the mountaineering program with a raft of volunteers who were either rained or snowed upon and still came up smiling. An encounter with a bear and crevasse just seemed to make the adventure more interesting I hear. Thanks to Paul Miller and the volunteers who assisted on the all three rock climbing programs and Monica Durigon for keeping the attendees lists and waivers in control. Thanks Anders Ourom for the Alpine Climbing program again and his work with the Climbers Access Society which was at the forefront to oppose a Gondola on The Chief. Alice Purdey, our Executive Secretary, (Anders Ourom co-charing) does a remarkable job keeping the minutes straight. Anyone who spends time looking at local guide books will know her name on several first ascents.

In today's world it's not possible to offer quality communication without a website and Kevin Swanston does a remarkable job keeping the site fresh and well navigable. If you don't have access to the Internet I'd really recommend you take trip to your local library for an excellent experience at www.bcmc.ca .

Thanks to Julia Borchartd & Steve Tate for attending the membership chair. Deciphering hand writing and puzzling over cheques of seemingly arbitrary amounts keeps them busy. I might take this point to respectfully remind members that dual club membership rebates should be claimed through the Federation of Mountain Clubs and only new members may apply for a pro-rated membership fee (as they haven't received benefits and newsletters).

My thanks to the membership for being supportive, I look forward to 2005 with you.

Lastly I'd like to send a Happy Birthday to the BCMC's eldest member John Holmes who joined in 1952 and recently turned 93. Many happy returns John.

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT—by David Hughes

It has been my pleasure to again serve with an Executive that has worked diligently and shown good comradeship. Our key measure of success is member participation. Again, the Club has been able to offer a good selection of courses, winter and summer trips, and summer hiking and climbing camps. To keep up this success, we need you to be involved and participate.

A second thrust of the Executive in recent years has been to improve our communication with our members. In addition to the tireless efforts of Mike Feller in producing our Newsletter, Mountaineer, and working on our library and archives, we have made tremendous progress on our Website thanks to Kevin Swanson. Our website now offers members: Member data, Trip information, Information for leaders, Information on courses in a timely and up-to-date manner.

The Membership Committee is responding to member and non-member e-mail enquiries better now than ever – thanks to Julia.

Over and above club trips a number of initiatives deserve your attention:

1. Centennial Committee – 2007 is getting close - contact David Scanlon
 2. New cabin sites are being studied thanks to David Scanlon
 3. Comprehensive Guide Book – where progress is being made albeit slowly.
 4. New access to Mountain Lake Cabin – thanks to David Scanlon
 5. Trail clearing: examples include Paul Kubik in the Ossa-Pelion area, and Ian Hopper and Trevor Lumley in the North Joffre Creek
- We need your participation. If you would like to help, please contact us.

TREASURER'S REPORT – by Todd Ponzini

Our membership revenue is basically unchanged from 2003, but our total revenue is down from 2003, as are expenses, primarily for publications. As a result, we are reporting a loss this year.

It's important to note that although the Club is reporting a loss, we are not actually losing money. Our expenses include roughly \$2,000 in depreciation, which is an accounting expense that recognizes the fact that our assets such as the cabins, the sat phone, and the website are getting

Revenue and Expenses from the General Fund for the year ending 30 September 2004, and previous years.

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>
REVENUE								
Membership dues	15,853	15,945	15,917	6,919	16,168	13,252	11,390	2,390
Interest income	1,538	1,740	2,723	4,195	3,049	3,347	933	1,592
Equipment rental, cabin fees	205	385	375	285	583	705	460	322
Smoke Bluffs project/ T-shirt sales	220	198	218	111	—	425	1,115	(94)
Instruction courses (net)								
- ski	196	385	1,385	1,112	1,814	843	1,976	1,710
- summer	4,179	3,474	4,410	2,313	2,809	3,284	----	----
Sat phone rental	520	—	—	—	—	—	400	—
Member donations	---	476	80	—	75	670	80	144
Publication sales/ advertising	169	680	17	994	—	474	36	260
Camps (net)	285	318	230	758	409	665	219	0
Other	59	2,493	—	86	300	—	45	80
Bequests	—	—	9000	—	—	1933	9,312	—
Total Revenue (after bequests)	23,224	26,074	25,275	26,773	25,207	23,665	16,254	16,404
EXPENSES								
Publications								
Mountaineer	2,624	4,406	4,004	4,574	3,016	3,175	5,344	0
Brochures, constitution, index, etc.	269	1,057	—	—	—	570	—	—
Newsletter	5,954	7,316	7,627	6,396	5,338	4,463	4,585	4,669
Total publications	8,847	12,779	11,631	10,970	8,354	8,208	9,929	4,669
Website	1,810	1,742	1,268	978	1,400	---	---	---
Social activities (net)	1,608	1,472	1,530	1,478	1,240	1,363	1,680	1,658
Postage and stationary	2,434	2,630	3,003	2,190	2,346	1,970	189	1,498
Amortization of assets	2,197	1,578	1,052	1,081	1,055	508	890	943
Insurance + tax (cabin)	850	—	19	584	516	516	515	515
FMCBC and other memberships	5,500	5,520	4,040	4,284	4,334	4,944	3,580	3,317
Radio licence/ Sat phone fees	322	—	124	151	219	178	184	146
Cabin	223	348	43	27	50	50	121	65
Equipment repair/ replacement	—	—	—	----	82	—	93	34
Conservation	—	----	500	—	—	—	—	550
Voice mail	190	251	252	59	291	198	193	192
Miscellaneous	458	203	295	253	61	25	40	337
Donations	836	252	719	1,946	2,250	464	200	—
Courses	—	----	48	—	—	485	—	—
Archives/Library	---	1,281	1005	2,023	7,123	—	—	—
Total expenses	25,275	28,056	24,524	25,988	29,322	18,909	7,614	3,924
Surplus (deficit) of Revenue over Expenses (after bequests and archives expenses)								
	(2051)	(1982)	751	785	3,009	4,756	(1,360)	2,480
General Fund (ex. Cent.)	59,026	61,130	64,504	66,040	56,794	61,188	57,181	18,582
Literary & Reserve Fund	37,956	37,847	37,530	37,236	35,564	34,687	32,981	39,390
Life Membership Fund	9,500	8,700	8,650	8,650	8,750	8,750	8,650	7,850
Centennial Fund	9,307	8,041	7,122	6,737	4,365	3,994	3,162	2,914
Total	115,789	115,718	118,663	117,806	105,473	108,619	101,974	68,736

older. Without this non-cash expense, we essentially break even.

The significant financial events in 2004 were:

- An increase in revenue from our summer courses. These courses are very popular and were all full. This revenue is important to our goal of operating at a break-even level.
- Insurance rates have increased greatly in the last few years, and the insurance on our North Creek cabin is expensive.
- Our Editor was successful in finding a lower cost, better quality option for the printing of the newsletter. I think we all agree that the color photos are great!
- Significant work was done on the Plummer Hut and its outhouse during the year. These costs are accounted for as an increase in the value of the cabin as an asset (which is amortized over time).
- The Club received a large and unexpected donation to the Centennial fund, and a new Life Member joined in the past year.
- Cabin fees are disappointingly low, and new signs have been installed in our cabins to remind non-members that use of the Club's cabins is not free.

In conclusion, although the Club recorded a loss in 2004, we are financially strong and are saving up for some great celebrations in 2007, our centennial year.

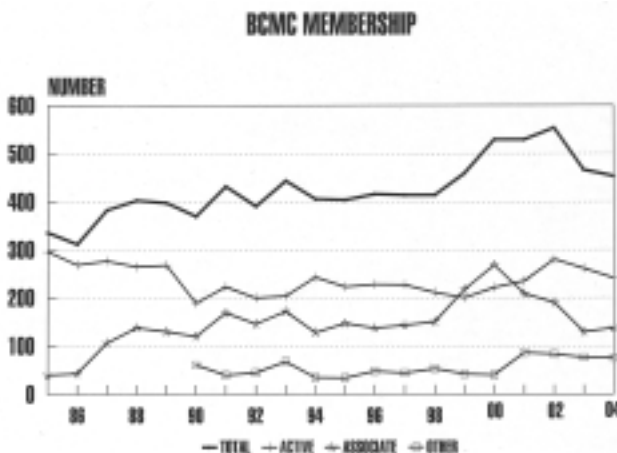
SOCIALS REPORT – by Derrick Johnstone

Many thanks to Donna Bailie who organized the 2003-2004 presenters. We were treated to some excellent presentations. Thanks should also be extended to MEC who provided the barbeque for our summer get-together and to Emanuele Porra whose employer has been kind enough to lend us a digital projector when needed.

Again this year there are some not to be missed socials from Club members and non-members alike. In September, the Anza Club was standing room only for the inspiring presentation by Warren MacDonald. There are still some vacancies for socials in spring 2005. You need not have been climbing in a far away land, but if you've been climbing, trekking or skiing somewhere, come and share it with your fellow Club members.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT - by Julia Borchardt

Our popular instructional programs were a great source of new members this year. The total number of members declined, however, from 466 in 2003 to 453 in 2004. This was a significantly smaller decline than the previous year and we look forward to getting our numbers back up in 2005. membership trends in recent years are given in the figure .



CABINS/TRAILS REPORT – by David Scanlon and Peter Woodsworth and Donna Scanlon

1) Mountain Lake Hut – a decade or so ago one could access this hut via Brittiana Creek, driving as far as the old Mt. Sheer townsite. Not so for many years. Due to liability issues, the road has been locked for some time, and the hut register has shown the difficulty in getting to it by the low numbers. Your cabins and trails committee approached Terminal Forest Products obtaining access to the Furry Creek logging road system. A new trail was put in.

In 2003 there was a huge increase in the number of people using the hut, which has continued this year. The hut is in great shape and should serve the club for many more years. If you've not been there, try it, you'll like it.

2) Plummer Hut climbing and work party camp. The idea of a work party had been around for a

while. It came to fruition and was approved by your executive in March. There were two ways to go. Peter Woodsworth's plans for an outhouse were accepted and the work began.

Dave Hughes took on the task of bookings and the logistics of flying us in to camp. Peter now had the task of designing-purchasing-building an outhouse, as well as looking after his annual Lake Lovely Water camp. Time passed. One weekend came and Dave, Donna, Peter and Ingrid had a painting-staining at Peter's – to paint and waterproof the wood for the outhouse. A day later Dave, Peter, and Brian Wood assembled the outhouse on the sidewalk in front of Peter's house to be sure the pieces would all fit together on site. Arrangements were made for transport and Theo Mosterman agreed to drive the outhouse, and all hardware and tools, to Bluff Lake. Dave met Theo one night at Peter's and the truck was loaded.

The drive to Bluff Lake went without incident. The next day we were up early and flew into the Plummer Hut, arriving at 7 am. There was some concern as to whether the outhouse could be flown in the same day as the local forest fires were taking up most of the choppers' flying hours. We lucked out as Steve from Blackcomb Helicopters volunteered to fly it in on his way home.

I then worked for the next 5 days on putting the outhouse up and cleaning up the cabin. Theo Mosterman, Dave Hughes and Norbert Eckert helped a lot with the construction. The first group went to the Dragontail camp on Monday and Tuesday. Peter arrived Wednesday morning. He and I worked on the outhouse a bit but mainly cleaned up the hut. Peter completely rebuilt the door and repaired the tables. We both put in about 200 new screws in the aluminum siding. It appeared that people had taken stone away from the hut to build stone windbreaks for their tents! The left front corner only had one 2x6 holding it up. I took half a day replacing the foundation and sledging stone into place. About 9 full man days were put in at the cabin!

Peter and I then went to Dragontail camp and spent the next 3 days climbing with Brian Wood, Marg Ellis, and Carol McMillan. We climbed Eaglehead Peak, Dragonback East and West, Termination Peak, and Mt. Shand. After 3 days of

fun, on Monday evening, the weather that had been so good, turned bad. We 5 had cloud, wind, and snow for the next 2½ days. On Thursday morning we'd had enough so we packed up, roped up, and headed into the whiteout down to the hut. We followed Peter's G.P.S. headings out.

The five of us were now at the hut but weather kept us there. We made ready with all our gear at the landing area so we could leave at a moment's notice. Carol, Marg, and Dave were able to fly out the next day – Friday morning. Peter and Brian didn't get out until Friday evening.

When we arrived back at the hut Thursday we saw that the outhouse had been freshly painted – Isabel Budke, concrete steps had been built – Marcus Dell and Theo Mosterman, and cables had been anchored with rock – Paul Morton.

For all the helpers at the Waddington Camp 2004, your Cabins and Trails committee say Thank You.

WEBMASTER'S REPORT – by Kevin Swanson

The past year in the position of webmaster has been an interesting time.

Among other developments, the club executive now has complete control over the administration of the membership database. This permits additional functions, such as the newly introduced ability to hide one's contact information from other members of the club.

We said back in January that we would implement sending out an online version of the newsletter "this year." At the time, I meant before summer, but that hasn't come to pass. However, I intend to have it functional prior to December 31st, so it will be this year!

I've put a few changes into the members' area of the website – for example, there is now a link back to the main website from the members' area. Surprisingly, this was never there before. Also, once you're logged in, you can go back and forth between the members' area and the main site without having to log in again - until you log out or close your browser.

I've also added an archive of agendas and minutes from the executive meetings, which has (so far) a couple of year's worth of documents. It is currently available only to the executive members, but should be public soon.

Due to personal issues, August and September weren't the most productive I've had, but I've now added a few trip photos to the site, and would like to post more. My thanks to those who have submitted photos - I appreciate your patience while I have found time to post them!

I'm trying to keep the home page of the club as up-to-date as possible, and would appreciate any and all submissions: photos, text - heck, even diagrams and doodles!

Looking forward to another year of tinkering with the innards of the BCMC website...

EDITOR'S REPORT – by Michael Feller

During the last year we produced our usual 10 newsletters containing 108 pages – the same as the previous year (see table below). The space devoted to club news and activities - 77% - was almost the same as the previous year. An absence of special feature articles was balanced by an increase in space devoted to other news, equipment/technique, and advertisements, mainly for various organizations. One major change in the newsletter has been a switch to colour printing of the cover pages and more photographs. We are still experimenting with different printers – a more expensive but more reliable one vs. a cheaper one which is prone to changing colours and layout. The change in printers, however, has resulted in substantially reduced printing expenses.

All contributors to the newsletter deserve thanks, particularly Julia Borchardt, Anders Ourom, Dave Scanlon, Greg Stoltmann, and Jos van der Burg. Thanks are also due to Susan Rootman for typing, Evelyn Feller and members of the BCMC executive for assistance in stuffing newsletters into envelopes, and to Kit Griffin for printing the envelopes for stuffing.

During the year we also produced the 2004 BC Mountaineer – dedicated to John Clarke. This was our largest BC Mountaineer ever at 136 pages, and the first containing some colour photos with the text. Unfortunately the black and white photos were not as good as expected – your editor is still learning – but we hope to have the technology sorted out for the next BC Mountaineer, to be published in the club's centennial year in 2007.

All contributors to the Mountaineer must be thanked, but particularly Silke Gumplinger, Anders Ourom, Jeff Rabinovitch, Karl Ricker, and Dave Scanlon.

As the person in charge of the club archives, your editor is pleased to report that material from the archives has, so far, not only contributed to several university student theses, but during the year a paper was published based largely on material in the archives. (C. Dummitt. 2004. Risk on the rocks: modernity, manhood, and mountaineering in postwar British Columbia. B.C. Studies no. 141, P. 3-29).

Newsletter Total Number of pages (%)

	<u>2003/04</u>	<u>2002/03</u>	<u>2001/02</u>	<u>2000/01</u>	<u>1999/00</u>	<u>1998/99</u>	<u>1997/98</u>	<u>1996/97</u>	<u>1995/96</u>
Trip ads	9 (8)	10.5 (10)	10.5 (9)	11.5 (10)	15 (14)	11.5 (10)	12.5 (15)	12.5 (10)	16.5 (15)
Trip reports	28.5 (26)	30 (28)	22 (19)	30.5 (27)	28.5 (28)	24 (10)	17.5 (20)	16.5 (13)	17 (16)
Club news	46 (43)	43 (40)	43.5 (38)	40 (36)	26 (25)	41 (34)	33 (38)	36 (28)	39.5 (37)
Other news	17 (16)	12 (11)	24.5 (21)	24 (22)	28.5 (28)	39 (33)	19 (22)	35.5 (28)	19.5 (18)
Features	0 (0)	11.5 (11)	11 (9)	0 (0)	3.5 (3)	0 (0)	2.5 (3)	15.5 (12)	10.5 (10)
Equipment/ Technique	5 (5)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0.5 (0)	2 (2)	4 (3)	0 (0)	4 (3)	1 (1)
Letters/ Reports	0 (0)	0 (0)	3.5 (3)	5.5 (5)	0 (0)	0.5 (0)	0.5 (1)	7.5 (6)	3.5 (3)
Book reviews	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Ads	2.5 (2)	0 (0)	1 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
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CLIMBERS ACCESS SOCIETY REPORT – by Anders Ourom

For the last year, I have been the associate secretary of the BCMC. This meant I had to take minutes once. I hope to do so again sometime in the next year, to stay in practice. My other role, on which I occasionally report to executive meetings and socials, is with the Climbers' Access Society of B.C.

The Access Society is now ten years old, and continues to grow. The BCMC, and many individual members of the club, have and continue to be members of and donors to the Access Society, which helps in its work. For more information on the Access Society's work, see www.access-society.ca.

The main developments at the Access Society over the last year include:

1. The successful battle to defeat the proposal to build a gondola to the top of the Stawamus Chief. The Access Society, its directors and members, and many others, put in a great deal of effort on this issue. Broadcast e-mails, media interviews, letter writing campaigns, buttons, public meetings, lobbying - we pursued all likely strategies. This battle, more than anything else, demonstrated the need for the Access Society.
2. Upgrading our logo, newsletter, and (particularly) website. All will be further improved over the next year, as part of a significant promotional effort.
3. Participating in planning for the Sea-to-Sky Highway Improvement Project, which may have significant effects on public access to and climbing in the Murrin Park area, in the frontcountry of Stawamus Chief Provincial Park, and in Cheakamus Canyon. We went to lots of meetings, prepared a report on Murrin Park alternatives, and commissioned a geotechnical report on alternatives in Cheakamus Canyon. The Ministry and its contractor seem receptive, but we'll see what happens once contracts are negotiated. As the Culliton-Cheakamus section of the project showed, we'll also have to keep a close eye on implementation, over the next five years.
4. Some involvement in issues such as the Sea-to-Sky Land and Resource Management Plan, the Jumbo Glacier resort proposal, heli-

skiing in the Waddington area, and forestry road maintenance and deactivation. We hope to increase this effort.

5. Becoming a registered charity, which should help with fundraising.

6. Commissioning a study by Simon Fraser University on the socioeconomic impacts of rock climbing in the greater Squamish area. We'd like to expand it to all mountain and climbing activities in the Sea-to-Sky region, but did what we could with our resources. The study should help establish the contribution climbing makes to the area, and assist with advocacy.

7. Two in-person directors' meetings, our first - previously by telephone.

8. Construction of a toilet and parking area at Crest Crags, near Campbell River.

9. Organization of climbers, and meeting with land managers, at Cougar Canyon, near Vernon.

10. Maintaining a watching brief with respect to competing commercial, industrial, motorized, and recreational activities, particularly in the Sea-to-Sky region. The runup to the 2010 winter Olympics promises to bring lots of work.

11. Building alliances where possible, e.g. with the Access Fund, the Friends of the Chief, various clubs, etc.

12. The decision to employ a part-time person to manage and represent the Access Society.

About 30 members attended the annual general meeting in Squamish on November 7th. The directors are now Allen Agopsowicz (Victoria), Greg Sorensen (Nanaimo), Colin Dionne (Powell River), Lisa Rae (Sechelt), Pam Bourdon (Squamish), Mandoline Masse-Clark (Squamish/Vancouver), Jeff Thomson (Vancouver), Peter Winter (Vancouver), Sheilagh Seaton (Summerland), Janet Black (Okanagan Falls), and Dan Mack (Nelson). A representative and diverse group, with lots of energy. Jeff is the new president, Mandoline the vice-president, Lisa the secretary, and Sheilagh the treasurer.

I have stepped down as a director and president, and am in the process of transmogrifying into an executive director. As the 'job' already amounts to an average of 1-2 days/week, year round, and as demand for our services is growing, it seemed the right thing to do, and the appropriate long-term strategy.

The Access Society has developed a well-defined niche, and has proven capable and effective at representing all those interested in public access to B.C.'s cliffs and mountains, and conservation of them.

We welcome suggestions on how to improve our work and organization, or issues we should address. You can expect us to continue our work over the next year, to undertake a significant

promotion, and to grow. It is clear we need more resources to accomplish what we need to do, and we look forward to the club's and your support.

TRIP REPORTS

Tricouni Meadows, 7-8 February, 2004

New logging roads and a snowcat operation have changed the dynamics of approaching the Tricouni area from the old Garibaldi train stop on Highway 99.

Tricouni is a relatively sharp three sided horn on the Squamish-Cheakamus divide and is opposite the Barrier on the west side of the Sea to Sky Highway. Tricouni can be approached from the Squamish River side using the High Falls Creek logging road. In early winter this usually means a big vertical unless you are prepared to join the snowmobilers. Approaching from the southeast, new logging roads take you up the Chance Creek drainage all the way to Tricouni meadows and basin southeast of the peak. The route on the new logging road is easier than the old route in the trees but is quite a long distance from the highway.

I contacted Powder Mountain Snowcats skiing to see if we could park our cars at their base operation a couple of km in from the highway. They offered to provide us with rides up to the meadows, at 1500 m. We decided to skin up, but did allow Dave and Alberto to take our overnight packs up to the meadow, which they did for no charge.

Without our big packs we were able to get to the meadows (about an 8 to 9 km distance) by late morning after a 2 hour trip up. We set up camp near the Catskiing outhouses and had time for an afternoon ski. Skiing was great with new powder. We were never near the Catskiing operations as they were around the east side of a ridge, which forms part of the Tricouni Meadows basin on the southeast side of Tricouni. Snowmobilers were another story. A large group was filming a snowboard cliff jumping action video and these folks were not great neighbours for Powder Mountain Catskiing's paying customers or us. Evidently snowmobilers use this access road that Powder pays to keep open for their snowcats. At the same time

snowmobilers frequently go into Powder's ski tenure area, chew up parts of their slopes and do not contribute to the road grooming costs.

Sunday morning brought clear skies. We were off early and proceeded to climb to a col at about 1800 m on the ridge south of Tricouni immediately above a lake in the Tricouni Meadows basin. The west side of the ridge was quite steep (with good conditions an exciting ski run). After digging a snow pit the group decided not to proceed to Tricouni Peak. We changed direction and headed south to climb a 1900 m peak on the ridge. From here we were given great views of both the Chance Creek and High Falls Creek sides of Tricouni. Our ski run down to the lake in the Tricouni Meadows basin was excellent.

With time left we then proceeded to go up to the pass on the east side of Tricouni Peak. We again had a great ski run back to the lake despite being on a south-facing slope. We arrived back at camp and after a brief stop to get our overnight gear we were ready for our ski out. Our trip back to Powder Mountain Catskiing base lodge took less than two hours, and was relatively pleasant on the snowcat road. The snowcats constantly grind and tiller the snow surface making skiing conditions relatively good despite the thaw-freeze cycle during the day.

Our thanks to Dave and Alberto for helping to make a good trip. Future BCMC trips should contact Powder's offices in Whistler as they have offered to help again in the future.

Participants: Dave Scanlon, Ilze Rupners, Greg Stoltmann, Edward Born, Cameron Long, Mark Vischer, Martin Cook, Trudy Rey, and David Hughes (Organizer and reporter).

Cassiope and Saxifrage Mtns., 17-18 July, 2004

A group of nine people met at St. David's Church at 7 am for what was billed as a trip to Cassiope Mtn. Two more participants were to be picked up in Mt. Currie, where I was told to be on the lookout for a gold Toyota Forerunner. Between Mt. Currie

and Lillooet Lake I noticed such a vehicle heading in the opposite direction so, as quickly as I could, I turned around and found Karen and Elissa waiting near the Mt. Currie junction with other members of our party. So then it was onto the Spetch Ck. road and up it to a trailhead for the south fork of Spetch Ck. It should be noted that the Spetch Ck road has one nasty cross ditch which would probably stop a 2WD car but Robin and Betsy did manage to get their Subaru through it diagonally.

Our hiking start time was at 11:20 and initially the trail went through old regrowth but soon paralleled Spetch Creek in very pleasant old growth forest. This lower part of the forest floor had an amazing amount of moss on it. Lunch was part way up the trail, still in the forest. Perhaps no more than 30 minutes after lunch we began to break out into a very pleasant flat-bottomed subalpine valley. This continued for quite awhile with very gradual elevation gain. Eventually the forest thickened up to our left. The map indicated that a beeline through it would get us to the lake west of the Saxifrage-Cassiope col where we wished to camp.

Some of us opted for this route while others took a better route making a big left hand curve through subalpine terrain. The lake was reached at 3 pm.

The group divided into 2 distinct camps for reasons I cannot explain. The main group stayed on the west side of the lake while the splinter

group opted for the SE side. It might have had something to do with wind direction and bugs.

John suggested going up Saxifrage, which was very straightforward from our side and by about 4 pm a group of us were on our way up this completely non-technical route. Basically it involved angling SE up a south-facing slope. The summit was reached between 5:30 and 6:15 depending on people's speeds. Camp was reached between 7 and 8.30 pm.

On Sunday we got up at around 6:30 with Cassiope being the goal. The group was moving by 7:30 as we headed for Cassiope's SW ridge. This was easy but at a certain point, perhaps 100 m below the summit, it seemed better to cut east on a bench to the SE side of the mountain and head up from there. This worked out fine and we were on top by about 9:30 with lots of time to linger.

For the trip back we headed into the basin south of Cassiope from its east side passing two pretty little lakes in the meadowed basin bottom. Then it was out of the basin's W side, crossing over a ridge and following a steep section of trail back into "our" lake basin. Lunch was had prior to this descent.

Camp was broken at 2:15 and the vehicles were reached at 9:45. Dinner was at the Centennial Chinese place in Pemberton.

Participants: Mike Peel, Fred Douglas, Alice Purdey, Karen V., Elissa Joyce, Peter Woods, John Sapac, Jenny Faulkner, Martin ?, Robin Tivey, Betsy Waddington, and Greg Stoltmann



On the Telot Gl. near Plummer hut. Come and see this area at the December social evening.