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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.

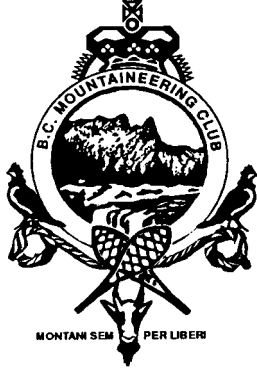
Tuesday, 13 January - Entertainment will be a slide show by Shel Neufeld on a 32 day traverse in the Coast Mountains around the Exstew river near Terrace. The trip finished with a raft descent of the river. It was one of the last trips that John Clarke had planned.

Tuesday, 10 February - SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING - see p.6 - Entertainment will be a slide show by Robin Walshaw on a recent climb of Mt. Everest.

Winter in the Meadow Dome area



John Clarke country near Kitimat. Photo - John Clarke

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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.

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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.

		ORGANIZER	
All scheduled trips are ski trips unless otherwise indicated.			
January 4: Cloudburst Mtn. Skiing on the Squamish-Cheakamus divide.	C3/1871 m	Ian McGillivray	604-988-3618
January 10: Diamond Head area Easy skiing in Garibaldi park.	B2	Kathy Nemis	604-254-1170
January 10-11: Lillooet Ice More ice climbing near Lillooet.	A5	Russell March	604-433-8868
January 11: Needle Pk. Skiing in the Coquihalla area.	B2(4)/2101 m	Brian Gavin	604-929-0675
January 11: Hat Pass Skiing above Howe Sound.	B3-4	Paul Kubik	604-876-0764
January 17: Hatchethead Mtn. Skiing near the western edge of Manning Park.	B3/1948 m	Jos van der Burg	604-463-7582
January 17-18: Golden Ears (snowshoe) Snowshoeing in the Lower Fraser valley.	C2(3)/1715 m	Emanuele Porra	604-533-7723
January 17-18: Destination TBA Backcountry snowboarding somewhere. Contact the organizer for further details.	B2-3	Paul Morton	604-874-7372
January 18: Needle Pk. (snowshoe) Snowshoeing in the Coquihalla area.	B2/2101 m	Julien Henley	604-990-9224
January 18: Ice climbing Ice climbing where its cold. Contact the organizer for further details.	A5	Anders Ourom	604-228-1798
January 18: Mystery trip Skiing in a mystery area. (This is the weekend of mysteries! Ed's comment). Contact the organizer for further details.	B2	Helen Habgood	604-984-6842
January 24: Table Mtn. Skiing out of the Mt. Baker ski area in N. Washington.	B2	Jeff Rabinovitch	604-874-6455
January 24: Flora Pk. Skiing in the Chilliwack valley area.	B2/1952 m	Jack Bryceland	1-604-858-6601
January 24-25: Mt. Outram Skiing at the western edge of Manning Park. Joint trip with the ACC.	B3/2440 m	Isabel Budke	604-224-5737
January 25: Zoa Pk. Easy skiing in the Coquihalla area.	B2/1859 m	Carol MacMillan	604-879-2947
January 25: Rainbow Mtn. Extended skiing near Whistler in the Cheakamus valley area.	C3/2314 m	Murray Lashmar	604-221-4183
January 31: Needle Pk. Skiing in the Coquihalla area.	B2(4)/2101 m	Irek Jasiak	604-930-8541
January 31: Hollyburn area Easy skiing in the cross-country ski area in Vancouver's North Shore mountains.	A1	Kit Griffin	604-736-8462
January 31: Cayoosh Mtn. Extended skiing off the Duffey Lake road.	C3/2561 m	Randy Enomoto	604-244-6184
February 1: Silverdaisy Mtn. Skiing at the western edge of Manning Park again.	B2/2040 m	David Scanlon	604-464-3730
February 7: Mt. Mulligan Easy skiing above the Stawamus River, east of Squamish.	B2/1620 m	Rhys Gibb	604-321-9955
February 7-8: Tricouni Pk. Skiing on the Squamish-Cheakamus Divide.	B2(4)/2130 m	David Hughes	604-980-6484
February 7-8: Saxifrage Mtn. Skiing east of Pemberton.	B3/2501 m	Mike Peel	604-444-4068
February 7-8: Tszil Mtn. Skiing in the Joffre Lakes area off the Duffey Lake road.	B3/2377 m	Greg Hamilton	604-984-6800
February 8: Hollyburn Mtn. Easy skiing in Vancouver's North Shore mountains.	A2/1324 m	Peter Parrotta	604-732-5555

TELEMARK SKI CLINICS

Club members are organizing telemark clinics jointly with the ACC at Cypress Bowl on some Wednesdays in January and February. For further

information, contact -
Isabel Budke 604-224-5737 (Jan 14, Feb 4+18)
Linda Bily 604-222-1577 (Jan 21, Feb 25)

WINTER SKI MOUNTAINEERING INSTRUCTION

This year the club will be running 2 winter ski mountaineering instruction courses. These are -

1) Introduction to Ski Touring (novice)

A 1 day course will be held on January 17 catering to BCMC members who have limited skiing ability but would like to see what's involved in a day of ski touring. One information evening will be held covering logistics and equipment.

A day on a ski slope will follow.

Skills to be covered will be basic navigation, safety, use of climbing skins, avalanche beacon use and related information.

Cost is \$65.

For further information check the "Programs and Camps" section on the BCMC Web Site: www.bcmc.ca

2) Introduction to Winter Ski Mountaineering (advanced).

This course will follow on from the Introduction to Ski Touring.

Objectives: To develop skills, knowledge, and confidence to safely participate in overnight ski trips.

For whom: Strong downhill or proficient backcountry skiers.

Prerequisites: Open to all BCMC members (new and current) in good physical health and fitness who are able to ski with an overnight (15kg) pack.

Course topics: Clothing and equipment, trip planning, snow camping and snow shelters; route and snow-pack evaluation; avalanche awareness, transceiver use and self-rescue; winter mountain travel and weather. This course does not cover glacier travel or first aid.

The course will include 2 Wednesday evening seminars and 2 weekends. These will be held on January 28 (seminar) and January 31 – February 1 (weekend) and the weekend of either February 14-15 or 21-22, and the preceding Wednesday. This latter weekend will be chosen in consultation with course participants. Cost is \$150.

For further information check the "Programs and Camps" section on the BCMC Web Site: www.bcmc.ca

BCMC SUMMER CAMP 2004

7th Annual Lake Lovely Water Summer Camp - July 17-25

Eight days of mountaineering in the glorious Tantalus Range (Map Ref. 92G/14). Accommodation is in the luxurious A.C.C. Lake Lovely Water cabin with swimming

and boating at the door. We will also be running a mountaineering school for several beginner level participants. This is a self guided camp for club members only. \$325 covers helicopter and hut rental.

For further information, contact Peter Woodsworth at 604-254-7076.

MEMBERSHIP

What Club Members are Doing

Some older club members have recently passed away.

Obituaries for them will appear in this newsletter. The first is below.

Ira Swartz- A very long-time member whose death was overlooked by the club is Ira Swartz. I only met him a few times, always at the club cabin on Grouse Mountain when it was still in active use, and I remember him as a kindly, gentle man who was content to sit on the porch and look out over the city. Ira joined the BCMC in 1925. After he married in 1934, his wife also joined the club.

The cabin on Grouse was the focus of his activity with the BCMC, and he was active on the Cabin Committee for some years. He'd often hike up to the cabin for a few hours on the weekend. Kilgour Shives recalls that Ira had a little garden behind the cabin, toward the creek we used for water, and that he spent hours tidying up the small area and making it almost park-like.

He was well known in Vancouver as a gifted piano teacher and concert pianist. Some of his students went on to their own careers as professional musicians. Those I have been able to contact remember him as a wonderful and sensitive teacher with a great musicality and taste. He had a love of the culture of Mexico and the American southwest and travelled widely in those areas. He was a good friend of artist Lawren Harris, composer Jean Coulthard (he made several recordings of her piano pieces), and many other people in Vancouver artistic circles.

After the Grouse cabin fell into disrepair and was sold, Ira was seldom seen at club functions. He died in Vancouver about 7 or 8 years ago.

Glenn Woodsworth

BCMC NEWS

Articles wanted for the 2004 B.C. Mountaineer - We will be producing the club's biennial journal this year. Articles about extended, more unusual, different, exotic, etc., trips are wanted, together with photos. Deadline for submissions is 31 January. Please submit your articles and photos (slides, prints, or high resolution digital images) to the editor.

Newsletter by email - This year we will begin electronic distribution of the newsletter for those who want it. If you have indicated on your membership renewal form that you would prefer to receive the newsletter by email, you will be emailed a notification, when the newsletter is ready, that you can obtain an electronic version from a web address associated with the club website. This version will be in pdf format.

The electronic version will be available approximately a week earlier than you would receive it by normal mail, and will contain more colour.

New appearance of the newsletter - You will notice some changes in the newsletter this year, colour and printing style being the most significant. This is a result of the club executive deciding to discontinue printing the newsletter at the Sport BC printshop. We are trying a new printer and different technology as an experiment. Please let your editor know what you think about it.

We have stopped dealing with the Sport BC printshop after a club member informed us that our newsletter was being offered for sale on the internet. Although your editor was somewhat flattered to find the newsletter was sold for \$33 US per year to US residents only, he, like the executive, was concerned about the ethics of this as the club had not been informed at all. A brief investigation indicated that the company behind the Sport BC printshop was the seller and your editor was unable to get from the printshop a direct response to his questions. Hence, this newsletter. Also - be warned!

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE BRITISH COLUMBIA MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

At the 2002 Annual General Meeting, members approved various proposed amendments to the Constitution and By-laws and requested some additional amendments, i.e., change age of Youth member from 18 to 19; clarification of the expulsion provisions; prohibition of proxy voting; approval of appointments by the Executive Committee, not just one member of the Executive, of members to positions to assist the Executive; and, inclusion of "valleys" to paragraph 2(b) of the Constitution. After the Annual General Meeting, enquiries were made with the Registrar of Societies regarding the BCMC Constitution and By-laws and the Registrar advised that the last special resolution to amend the BCMC Constitution and By-laws was filed in 1933. The Registrar advised that if there were any amendments made after 1933, which were not registered, those amendments are not in effect. The Registrar also advised that since the last amendments were filed in 1933, some additional amendments would likely be required to ensure the BCMC Constitution and By-laws complied with the current *Society Act* and Regulations.

Several amendments need to be made to update the BCMC Constitution and By-laws. It is therefore simpler to amend the BCMC Constitution and to rescind

the registered By-laws in their entirety and adopt new By-laws. At the December Executive Committee meeting the Executive approved the proposed amendments to the BCMC Constitution and By-laws, and declared the February Social Meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 10, 2004, at the ANZA Club, located at 3 West 8th Avenue to be a Special General Meeting to consider the special resolution for amending the Constitution and By-laws. Accordingly, the following is the Notice of the Special Resolution:

NOTICE OF SPECIAL RESOLUTION FOR AMENDMENT OF THE CLUB CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Resolved as a special resolution that:

The Constitution of the British Columbia Mountaineering Club be amended as described in the accompanying yellow insert to this newsletter (additions are underlined and deletions have a line through them), and that the By-laws of the British Columbia Mountaineering Club be rescinded and replaced with the By-laws that are given in the yellow insert accompanying this newsletter.

MORE REPORTS FROM THE 2003 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT - by David Hughes

I would like the membership to acknowledge the effort and enthusiasm Kit has displayed in his first year as President. It is much easier for Presidents to step down when they know their replacement is ready to take on the responsibilities and leadership role that is required. Thank you, Kit.

It has been my pleasure to serve with an Executive that has worked diligently and shown good comradship. 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, B.C. Mountaineer and library 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, and 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 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 Paul Kubik
3. Comprehensive Guide Book – where progress is being made albeit slowly.
4. New access to Mountain Lake Cabin – thanks to David Scanlon
5. Other trail clearing examples include P. 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.

CAMP REPORT - by David Scanlon

Wow! Three camps this year - almost four but Peter Woodsworth's August trip to the Washington Pass area didn't go.

Peter Woodsworth's 6th annual Lake Lovelywater camp ran from July 12 - 20. His camp, as usual, filled quickly. Except for one medical evacuation (accident) and 4 of us spending an unplanned night out, all went well. Peter did something a bit different this year. He had some camp members volunteer as instructors for 1 day each for some who were novice mountaineers. They covered so much - ice and snow travel, map reading, orienteering, crevasse rescue, and rope work. Many thanks Peter!

Todd Ponzini's camp ran from August 2 to 10. Todd had a total of 11, with 4 others in for the B.C. day long weekend. His group summited 5 peaks. Aside from Todd getting dinged by rocks, not once, but twice; and Paul Morton deciding to explore the inside of a crevasse (fell in), all went well. Todd's group climbed Rethel Mtn. by the north couloir, Mt. Parkhurst, the North Ridge of Wedge, the North Face of Weart, and a 19? hour return trip over 5 glaciers to Mt. James Turner. Good work Todd.

David Scanlon's camp into the Upper Stein area went from August 16 - 24. We flew in our packs to our 1st

camp at Figure 8 Lake. I visited the area in 1992 and wanted to get some people into the area and on the adjacent ice fields by Snowblood-Mt. Skook Jim-Klackarpun-Mt. Cline-Vanguard Peak. After 4 days we moved camp back to Arrowhead Lake. Two days of hiking then out and home. Some rough calculations gave these figures - we summited 14 peaks with approx. 65,000 m of elevation gained. Old friends - new friends - good weather - good times.

CLIMBER'S ACCESS SOCIETY OF B.C. REPORT - by Anders Ourom.

The BCMC is a club member of the Climbers' Access Society of B.C., which involves an investment of \$50/year. CASBC now has about 330 members, including a dozen climbing and mountaineering clubs, about 30 climbing-related businesses, and individuals spread around B.C. A fair number of BCMC members are also members of CASBC. Membership is up substantially over the last two years, which is little surprise as access issues are becoming increasingly important.

CASBC stays focussed on its goals, which are to:

- a) support and enhance public access to the cliffs and mountains of British Columbia,
- b) promote conservation of the cliffs and mountains of British Columbia, and their use by the public,
- c) foster and promote cooperation and coordination of all groups and individuals interested in public access to the cliffs and mountains of British Columbia,
- d) construct, maintain, and own such trails, facilities, and structures as will support the attainment of these objects, and
- e) conduct scientific research relating to the cliffs and mountains of British Columbia, and issues relating to public access to them, and publish the results of that research.

Over the last year, and more, this has translated into - directors spread around B.C., who meet by teleconference and through e-mail;
- two new toilets at Skaha (making four in total), as well as a lot of trail work, signage, and clean up;
- a very successful Adopt-a-Crag event at the Grand Wall boulders in Squamish; despite being postponed due to the forest fire closures, we had 45 volunteers

for trail work, clean up, and so on;

- instigating a plan for a socioeconomic study of climbing and mountain recreation in B.C., or portions of it e.g. Sea-to-Sky corridor, which would be carried out by an independent body for credibility. We believe the socioeconomic contribution of climbing to various areas and communities is under-estimated, and that this would be a valuable planning tool. Although funding has not yet been secured, we are working to interest various local governments, the provincial government, and others;
- monitoring and commenting on the Highway 99 re-development project, which it appears will have major impacts on cliffs, trailheads, climbers, and mountaineers. There is a process whereby recreation organizations can express their concerns, but it is unclear whether that will help. Stay tuned!
- monitoring the Culliton-Cheakamus highway project, and working with the project manager on access concerns;
- a regular and informative newsletter (Access News), posted to our website at casbc.bivouac.com;
- communicating with others working on climbers' access issues, particularly the Access Fund in the

U.S., but also groups in Ontario and Quebec, about mutual concerns; the idea of a Canada-wide access society may eventually come;

- working, unsuccessfully so far, on the closure of the lower Malemute, and concerns about the upper Malemute;
- suggesting to the provincial government that before it granted a license for heli-skiing in the Pantheon and Waddington Ranges, it consider a plan for this extraordinary region as a whole;
- quickly publishing information about the forest closures in late August/September, and supporting efforts that allowed climbing to continue at Squamish and area;
- work at a variety of issues and areas around B.C.: the Sugarloaf (Victoria), Horne Lake (Nanaimo), parking fees at provincial parks, the backcountry recreation forums, the Little Smoke Bluffs (Squamish), Grand Wall boulders toilet (Squamish), Squamish peregrine closures, Cerise Creek area, the Binkert trail (Lions Bay), Sansum Narrows (Victoria), Alexis (Squamish), and others.

We'll continue our work in 2004.

Help Wanted: FMCBC Executive Director

The Federation of Mountain Clubs (FMCBC) is searching for a new Executive Director (ED). This is a paid staff position which will likely be part-time (e.g., three days a week). The ED will have four key roles:

1. *Represent the FMCBC. The ED must be able to make public presentations and work with government officials and others whose objectives may not coincide with those of the FMCBC. The ED must be very knowledgeable in the areas of interest to the FMCBC. The ED must also have excellent communication skills, written and oral.*
2. *Support and help manage the efforts of FMCBC volunteers and staff. The FMCBC will continue to be a volunteer driven organization. The ED must be able work well with the FMCBC Board, volunteers, and the two part-time staff (office assistant and bookkeeper) to help them achieve their objectives.*
3. *Manage the business affairs of the FMCBC. This includes having a grasp of the financial situation and keeping proper records.*
4. *Play a leading role in fund raising. We do not expect this to be the major focus for the ED. However the ED should be able to produce successful grant applications.*

The ED will be expected to attend meetings in Vancouver and Victoria.

Please e-mail a cover letter and resume to Richard Keltie (richardkeltie@telus.net) if you are interested in being the FMCBC ED. You can contact Richard directly if you have any questions. (Ph. 604-738-4583)

All applications and correspondence will be kept confidential.

The FMCBC is made up of 24 clubs, including the BCMC, totalling approximately 4,000 individual members. Our member clubs are primarily focused on non-motorized, mountain oriented, backcountry recreation. The FMCBC's key role is to represent the interests of our member clubs in dealing with conservation and access issues. Another important role is to coordinate trail maintenance activities.