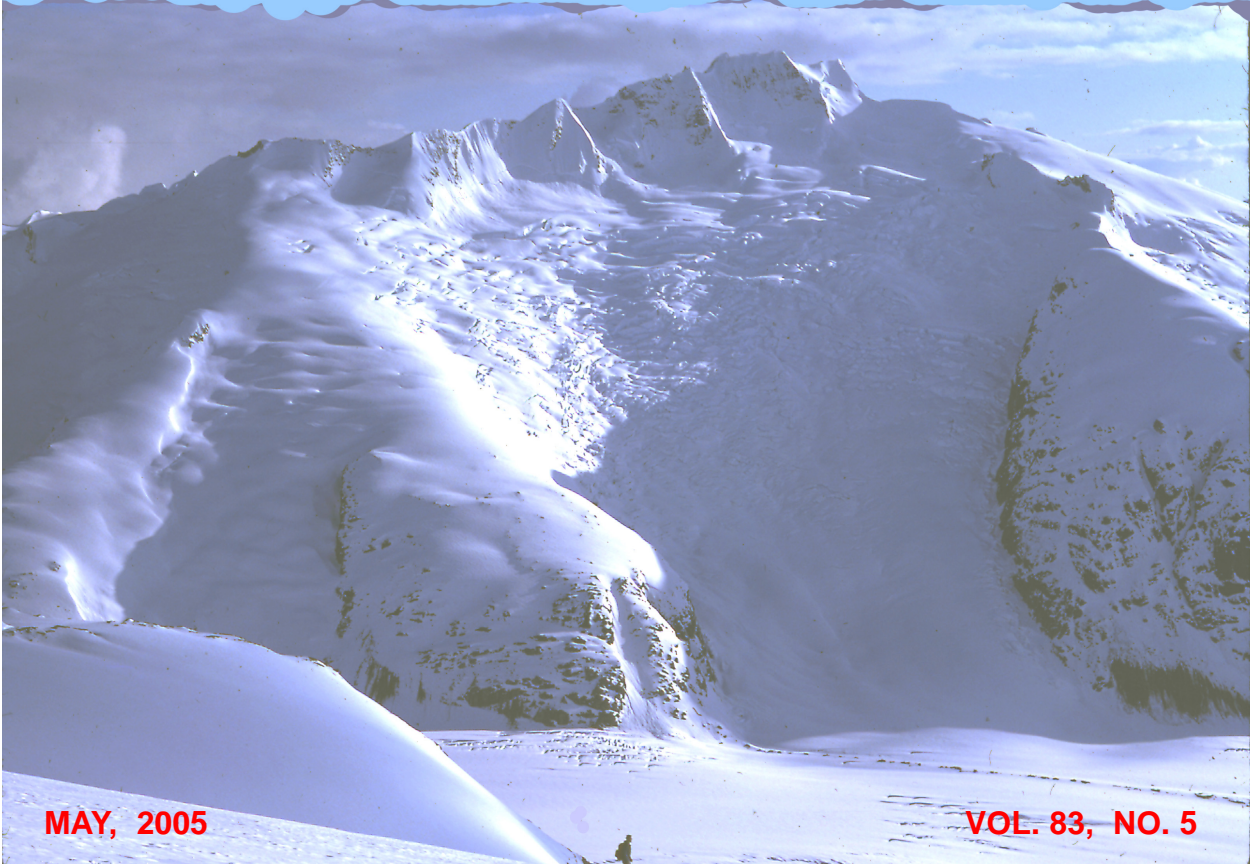


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## **EVENING SOCIAL MEETINGS**

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.

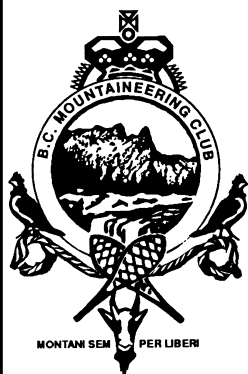
**Tuesday, 10 May** - Entertainment will be a presentation by Margot Talbot on guided climbing in Antarctica.

**Tuesday, 14 June** - Entertainment will be a presentation by Kevin McLane on the new Squamish Climbing Guide, as well as by club members on summer weekend trips from Vancouver. This will be a preview of summer trips.

Mt. Tisiphone, Lillooet Icecap.



Residents of Antarctic regions.



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Send submissions to Michael Feller (email - feller@interchg.ubc.ca, ph. 604-270-4050).

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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.

<b>All trips are ski trips, unless otherwise indicated.</b>		<b>ORGANIZER</b>	
<b>May 1-7:</b> Pebble Ck – Railroad Pass	C3	Frank Prat	604-261-8474
Helicoptering in then skiing out to Railroad Pass in the upper Lillooet valley.			
<b>May 7:</b> Mt. Northgraves	B3/2100 m	Jos van der Burg	604-463-7582
Skiing south of Hope.			
<b>May 7-8:</b> Vantage or Skaha (rock)	A-B5	Arnie Wilson	604-222-3713
Rock climbing somewhere.			
<b>May 14:</b> Sechelt Ridge (hike)	C2	John Sapac	604-873-6740
Hiking above Howe Sound.			
<b>May 14:</b> Mt. Lindeman	C-D3	Stanislav Liarsky	604-983-4476
Skiing (?) and scrambling in the Chilliwack valley.			
<b>May 21-23:</b> Salal Ck.	B2	Mike Peel	604-444-4068
Skiing in the upper Lillooet valley.			
<b>May 28:</b> Needle Pk.	B2-3/2092m	Emanuele Porra	604-533-7723
Skiing (?) or probably hiking and scrambling in the Coquihalla area.			
<b>May 29:</b> Raven's Castle (rock)	A5	Neil Beattie	604-669-7847
<b>June 4:</b> Mt. Charlie Charlie	C2-3/2354m	John Sapac	604-873-6740
Skiing (?) or hiking in the Ashlu valley.			
<b>June 11:</b> Mt. Currie	D3	Alastair Ferries	604-263-5835
Extended mountaineering near Pemberton.			
<b>June 11:</b> Rainy Mtn. (hike)	C2/1682m	John Sapac	604-873-6740
Hiking on the Sechelt Peninsula.			
<b>June 11-12:</b> Joffre Pk.	C3-4/2721m	David Hughes	604-980-6484
Skiing (?) and climbing off the Duffey Lake road, ascending via the NW Ridge.			

## SUMMER CAMPS

### Garibaldi Park Climbing Camp, July 30-August 7 - C4-5

This will be a hike in, hike out week long mountaineering trip to Garibaldi Park. The plan is to use the Helm Creek trail for access, and first camp at Gentian Pass from where Castle Towers can be climbed. We will then move camp to the upper Sphinx Glacier, from where we can climb Sphinx, Carr, and Davidson. Camp will be moved again to Gray Pass, and the peaks in the Isosceles group can be climbed.

Participants must be BCMC members, have a strong level of fitness, and have experience in glacier travel and outdoor rock climbing to a minimum of Class 4. Please be prepared to discuss your mountaineering experience with the organizer.

For more information or to reserve one of the eight available spaces, please call Todd Ponzini at 604-340-9653.

### Southern Chilcotin traverse

A hiking/scrambling traverse from Lorna Lake to Tyax is being organized for early July or later. Plane access to Lorna Lake will cost \$120.

For further information, contact Karl Ricker at 1-604-938-1107.

### Family Camp – Mountain Lake Cabin, July 1 - ?

This leisurely 3-5 day family camp will involve hiking in to the club cabin at Mountain Lake, near Sky Pilot, above Howe Sound. It will occur over the July long weekend. Further details will be given in the next newsletter.

## MEMBERSHIP

**New Members** - The club welcomes the following new Associate Members: Kate Blomfield, Ross Dolan, Jonah Eckert, Pierrot

Harvie (rejoined), Wes Hodson, Lars Kuehn, Les Mennie, Claudia Morgado, Dhalie Patara, Sarah Panknin, Norman Porkin, Christa Sanders, McKay Savage, Karena Thieme, and John Wolford.

## BCMC MOUNTAINEERING INSTRUCTION PROGRAMS

**Essential Rockclimbing** - Essential Rockclimbing consists of an evening lecture/practice (Thursday, 12 May) and two weekend days at Squamish (May 14-15). At the end of the program, you should be able to set up and use a simple top-rope, rappel, set basic anchors, belay and follow a lead climber.

You must provide rock shoes, a sit harness, a helmet, four locking (Ds or ovals) karabiners, plus one large pear/münter-biner, a belay device (no figure 8s), and two slings of 7mm accessory cord (1.5m and 5m in length). Course instructors and the BCMC will provide other needed equipment. Prerequisite - Basic Outdoor Top-roping or equivalent. This program (or equivalent) is a prerequisite for the Mountaineering Program. Fees and schedule do not include Basic Outdoor Top-roping.

Cost for the program is \$120.

If you join the club specifically to take this program you will be required to pay membership fees for next year at the same time, as we wish to encourage participants to give back something to the club.

**Lead Climbing - (This is full. Wait list only is now available.)** This is for those who have solid outdoor top-roping skills plus a season's experience. (Participants will be required to organize a basic top-rope on the first day.) You must also have experience in overnight mountain travel. The program will include three weekends (April 23-24, May 7-8, and May 28-29) and an evening session on 19 April. Participants may be asked to help with other programs, and are expected to climb regularly together on evenings and free weekends. By the end of the program, participants should be comfortable leading 5.7 rock climbs, and moderately technical mountain routes. This program covers placing and using anchors, equipment selection and use, safety and environmental issues, leading, training, and related issues.

Participants must have all the basic climbing equipment, and must be prepared to invest in all equipment needed for leading, likely several hundred dollars. Organizer's equipment is also used. Cost for the program is \$200. Note that members joining the club specifically to take this program will be required to register for next year's club membership at the same time. This is to encourage participants to continue to "give back" to the club, in time and effort, in the future.

**Mountaineering - (This is full. Wait list only is now available.)** This includes three evening lectures/practices (6:30-9:30 pm on Thursdays 19 and 26 May and 2 June) and three weekends (28-29 May, 4-5 and 11-12 June). Essential Rockclimbing or equivalent is a prerequisite. This program covers mountain travel and navigation, safety and environmental issues, snow travel, glacier travel, crevasse rescue, self arrest, and ascent of a moderate peak. By the end of the program you should be able safely to undertake most club trips up to the B4 level.

To participate you must -

- be a current member of the BCMC;
- be able to attend all theory and practical sessions comprising the program;
- have solid experience in backcountry hiking and overnight camping;
- have completed the Essential Rock program, or equivalent, and understand basic rockclimbing techniques and ropework;
- be willing and eager to participate in future club activities, including leading club trips and providing mentorship to less experienced members in the future.

Participants must be able to commit to ALL theory and practical sessions. This program is always in high demand and it is unfair to other potential candidates to take one of the few available spaces if you are not prepared to commit to the duration of the program.

Dates are subject to change, especially weekend sessions which may be postponed or cancelled due to foul weather or otherwise inclement conditions.

Participants must provide all backpacking and camping equipment, sit harness, ice axe, helmet, and crampons. The BCMC provides other needed technical equipment (ropes, pickets, etc.), and two prussiks for each participant.

Cost for the program is \$280. Note that members joining the club specifically to take this program will be required to register for next year's club membership at the same time. This is to encourage participants to continue to "give back" to the club, in time and effort, in the future.

## BCMC CENTENNIAL NEWS

### Photographs for BCMC Calendars

We are looking for photographs for a BCMC calendar for 2006 and 2007. The calendar will build awareness of the Club, its members and its history and help raise funds for the BCMC Centennial celebrations in 2007. The following are guidelines for submissions for the calendar:

**Content:** The focus of the calendars will be BCMC members at play in the outdoors – doing the things we love to do, whether its backcountry skiing or snowboarding, showshoeing, rock climbing, mountaineering, hiking, resting after a hard day of playing, enjoying some spectacular scenery, setting up camp, joking with friends, taking a break on the summit, relaxing outdoors, etc. Be creative. We are looking for photographs that demonstrate what this Club is all about. While BCMC members don't have to be the focus of the photograph, we would like to see BCMC members somewhere in the photograph, even if only small figures in a spectacular landscape shot. Photographs can be old or recent in time.

**Identification of entries:** Each submission should identify the people in the photograph, the date and location of the photograph, the name, address, telephone number and/or e-mail address of the photographer and a title or caption for the photograph. A signed consent from all identifiable persons in the photograph is required (see consent below) and the photographer must confirm in writing that the photograph has not been previously published, with the exception of BCMC publications

General enquiries regarding the summer mountaineering program may be directed to [bcmc.mountaineering@gmail.com](mailto:bcmc.mountaineering@gmail.com). Potential candidates must be prepared to provide evidence that they possess the minimum skills required for participation in the program and may be asked to do so at the time of enrollment. **To register** - download and fill out the application forms on the club website (<http://bcmc.ca/programs.asp>) and send them to Monica Durigon, BCMC, 4127 Cambridge St., Burnaby, B.C., V5C 1G8.

(newsletters or journal). There will be no compensation for any photographs used in the calendars. There are no restrictions on the number of submissions a photographer can make for use in the calendars.

**Format for submissions:** In order to ensure the best reproductions for the calendars, all submissions need to be sharp enough to be enlarged to 8" x 10" in size. We will accept 35mm slides and black and white or coloured prints (5" x 7"). Digital entries should be submitted in print, which should match the quality and character of the original file. The original, uncropped file resolution of digital entries should be at least 2.5 megapixels. If an entry is chosen for the calendar, the original slides or the original digital files must be available for calendar reproduction.

If people want their submissions returned, this should be indicated when the submissions are made. A self-addressed, prepaid envelope should be included with the submission.

**Consent:** Written consent to be completed by all identifiable persons in a photograph: "I am of legal age and grant (photographer's name) the right to photograph, make use of and permit others to make use of my name, likeness and image. This permission includes the rights to edit, duplicate, publish and broadcast. I have no ownership or interest in the product or photograph."

Date and place of photograph: \_\_\_\_\_

Model's name and address: \_\_\_\_\_

Model's date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Model's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

If the identifiable person is a child (18 years of

age or under), the consent must be signed by the parent or guardian of the child.

**Deadline:** We are working with tight deadlines in order to have the 2006 calendar ready by the fall of 2005. The deadline for submissions for the 2006 calendar is June 14, 2005. Submissions can be made to Monika Bittel, Julia Borchardt or Alice Purdey, who are the members of the Calendar Committee. If you have any questions regarding the calendars or

possible submissions, please contact Monika Bittel (604-983-3097), Julia Borchardt (604-204-0726) or Alice Purdey (604-293-2951).

### **Centennial Trivia**

Your BCMC crest on page 2 of your newsletter contains 5 of the first peaks submitted by your club in its first years. Can you name them? Answer on P.8. No peeking!

## **DEALS FOR CLUB MEMBERS**

**Cliffhanger** - offers BCMC members (show your membership card) 10% off all memberships and day passes for indoor climbing.

**The Edge Climbing Centre** - offers BCMC members 10% off all 3-, and 12-month passes.

**Gripped Magazine** - Canada's only climbing magazine offers BCMC members a one year subscription for \$20.95 (regular subscription is \$25.95).

## **TRIP REPORTS**

### **Battleship Lakes, 4-6 September, 2004**

And here we go again boys and girls. Step right up. Another B-2 trip. Ah well. Someone has to do it! This was a reconnaissance trip to check out the area for a potential cabin site for our 2007 centennial cabin. I and 10 victims met and off we went. My wife Donna and I had already spent 3 days lopping and moving rock to make the old deactivated road passable. Although only "just" passable for a 4-wheel drive. And a small vehicle only at that. The other drivers were all made aware that this was a rough road. They seemed keen so off we went.

The first major obstacles were 3 big rocks. I'd spent hours on an earlier trip digging behind one of them on the road. My small tracer could get between it and two others with about 15 cm to spare. I'd dug a large hole behind one of them. This boulder was bigger than my car. I then chain-sawed a 20 m length of log notching on end. One end went against the boulder. The notched end was put on the tow ring on the front of my car. I'd dug behind the one boulder until I was fearful of it falling on me. I then put up the log I cut, put my tracker in 4-wheel drive and pushed. I managed to move it about 1 metre. Yeeha!!!

Now, with my 10 victims, we managed to move the 3rd (and smallest) one off the road. A lesson in physics "101" pertaining to leverage and grunting. With help we stopped a few other times to move rock. All in all we were able to drive about 10 km.

We loaded up and off we went. The lakes were about 450 m higher and about 2½ km from where we were parked. Time for a little route finding. There was about 100-150 m of old logging slash to negotiate before hitting the forest. As we went up Barry asked me how many times I'd been here before. I received a few funny looks when I said this was my first time. Anyhow, after some of us got spread out, we reached the lakes in 2½ hours. We looked forward to dinner as we were all a bit wet from the drizzle and underbrush.

The next day we all hiked up to Meadow Dome, with some of us going over to Priory Peaks. This was a quite leisurely day hike. The weather was clear, giving us unlimited views. This is an area seldom visited, but hopefully that will change if we can get our centennial cabin built here. The skiing looked as if it'll be great also. On our way back to camp we looked at 2-3 places for a cabin. If our plans succeed, this would be a start (or finish) to a 3 day loop trip. Day 1 in to the cabin, Day 2 to Lizzie Lake, Day 3 out.

A pleasant time was had at camp. We were serenaded by a pair of owls all night. Not many bugs about, although a couple of bats were seen. One person took a nasty slide on our way out. No damage done but he slid down quite a way on a steep slope before stopping.

We even managed to get all our vehicles out in one piece.

These lakes are about 8 km due north of Lizzie Lake, one drainage over. The old logging road is rough but passable. Here's hoping we see our plans of a new centennial cabin come about.

Participants: Donna Scanlon, Ian Hopper, Ziff House, John Sapac, Jenny Faulkner, Blake Drummond, Barry Berto, Jean Lederer, Bob Tridan, Monika Bittel, and David Scanlon (organizer and reporter).

### Centennial Trivia answer –

Crown Mtn, Dam Mtn, Goat Mtn, Grouse Mtn, and the Lions.

### Battleship Lakes, 19-22 March, 2005

This trip was to have been a reconnaissance trip hoping to get club members into the area to ski and look at potential cabin sites. It was to have been a fly-in, hike/ski-out trip.

I was hoping for more, but 4 of us flew in on Saturday. The forecast wasn't good, but, when is the weatherman ever right? So, camp was made, then we skied and snowshoed up the valley for 3-4 kilometers. Visibility was so-so, lightly snowing with us not being able to see the summits. We returned to camp, doing our camp chores, while all the while the snow came down more and more heavily. About 30cm overnight. The next day, in poor visibility, we did a tour examining the merits of 5-6 different cabin sites, noting the pros and cons of each. We then worked our way back up the valley, then east towards Priory Peaks. It was blowing and snowing quite heavily all the while. Back to camp for dinner and to discuss what to do the next day.

Monday Morning. We had received about 60cm of new snow during the last 48 hours. Trail breaking was very difficult and avalanche conditions were now quite severe. So, we bailed. The way in and out of the area is quite steep for about 250m. For the most part, we carried our skis. Alice and Fred on snowshoes fared better, Alice the best as her snow shoes had the best gripping ability. Most of the logging road now was snow covered. We didn't drive in on our approach as far as we had planned, which turned

out to be a good thing. With all the new snow, we would have had a very difficult time getting out.

We accomplished our purpose of picking a very nice cabin site. Reasonably open – running water-firewood – lots of timber nearby – lake swimming in summer – helicopter landing room – great skiing to be had – safe from avalanches.

A possible 3-day circle tour - Day two to the Lizzie Lake Cabin – Day 3 out.

Thanks to Fred Douglas, Alice Purdy and Evelyn Feller for their input and advice. Better weather next time? Dave Scanlon, organizer.



Priory Pk., Battleship Lakes area.

### Battleship Lakes Song

(With apologies to Eliza D. and Henry H.)

All I want is a lake somewhere  
Far away in the mountain air  
To be without a care  
Oh, wouldn't it be lovely, lovely, lovely.

Battleship Lakes is the place to be  
Beauty and wonder and serenity  
With just my friends and me  
Oh, wouldn't it be lovely, lovely, lovely.

Pitch your tent by the pristine shore  
Gaze about to the peaks galore  
You could not ask for more  
Oh, wouldn't it be lovely, lovely, lovely.

Go in the summer and the winter, too  
To hike and ski and even snowshoe  
There's such a lot to do  
Oh, wouldn't it be lovely, lovely, lovely.

Alice Purdey



**Winter (above) and summer (below) in the Battleship Lakes area. Photos - M. Feller**

