



B.C. Mountaineering Club Newsletter



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Skiing in Kokanee park.

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 December - Entertainment will be a slide show by Marcus Dell on his recent ascent of Broad Pk., an 8000m peak in the Karakoram.

Tuesday, 9 January - Entertainment will be a presentation by Brian Jones of the Canada West Mountain School, on avalanche awareness in the backcountry and ski touring in the Pantheons - Waddington area.



Broad Peak. Photo - M. Dell.

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CLUB EQUIPMENT FOR HIRE

Avalanche transceivers - First day - \$5 per day for members, \$7 for non-members then \$3 per subsequent day .

Snow shovels - \$3 per day.

Avalanche probes - \$3 per day.

VHF radios - \$8 per day, \$40 per week

Satellite phone - \$60 per week or \$10 per day plus \$300 refundable deposit, all payable in advance, then \$2 per minute use.

If the phone is returned damaged, the renter will be responsible for repair costs. If the phone is lost or damaged beyond repair, the renter will be responsible for reimbursing the club the \$2000 cost of the phone. Trip organizers should request a deposit from trip participants to cover this cost.

First priority for equipment rental is club camps and trips.

Equipment is rented from Kit Griffin at 604-736-8462, who should be contacted at least 2 days prior to the day the equipment is wanted, except for the satellite phone, which should be arranged at least 2 weeks prior to the day it is wanted.

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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 (ph. 604-270-4050, email - feller@interchg.ubc.ca).

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. 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 more than 1 day prior to the trip.

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.

Trip Schedule (All trips are ski trips unless indicated otherwise)

December

2: Mystery trip	B2
Jane Weller	604-988-3618
Contact the organizer for further information.	
2: Deroche Mtn. (snowshoe)	C2/1419 m
Alastair Ferries	604-263-5835
Extended snowshoeing in the lower Fraser valley	
9: Mt. Andrews	B3/2016 m
Jos van der Burg	604-463-7582
Skiing in the Silver-Skagit area at the edge of Manning Park.	
9-10: Cerise Ck. area	B3
James Clark	604-983-9225
Skiing off the Duffey Lake road.	
10: Needle Pk.	B3/2090 m
Ian McGillivray	604-988-3618
Skiing and scrambling in the Coquihalla area.	
10: Organizer's choice	B2
Helen Habgood	604-357-3094
Contact the organizer for further information. Joint trip with the ACC.	
10: Paul Ridge	B2
Justin Bennett	604-813-4666
Transceiver practice in Garibaldi park	
17: Diamond Head	B2
Kathy Nemis	604-254-1170
Easy skiing near Squamish in SW Garibaldi park.	
17: Evans Pk. (hiking)	B2/1132 m
Silvia Bakovic	604-871-1472
Easy hiking.	
25-26: Mt. Baker (snowshoe)	C3/3286 m
Ravil Chamgoulov	604-294-0761

Introduction to Backcountry Skiing Program

Program Objectives: To develop the skills, knowledge, and confidence required to safely participate in overnight backcountry ski trips. The program will include 1 evening seminar and 2 weekends spent on overnight ski trips in the mountains. The seminar will be held on the evening of January 18 and the program will run on the weekends of February 3 & 4 and 10 & 11.

Program topics: Clothing and equipment, trip planning, winter camping, route and snowpack evaluation, avalanche awareness, transceiver use and self-rescue, winter mountain travel and weather evaluation.

Program does not cover glacier travel or first aid.

Definitely a white Christmas in northern Washington.

29: Cayoosh Mtn.	C3/2561 m
Ryan Bougie	604-966-8242
Extended skiing off the Duffey Lake road.	
30: Dog Mtn. (snowshoe)	C2/1311 m
Alastair Ferries	604-263-5835
Extended trip in the north shore mountains.	

January

6: Organizer's choice (snowshoe)	B2-3
Fred Douglas	604-293-2951
Contact the organizer for further details.	
6-7: Salmon Stakes (Ice climbing)	B5
Justin Bennett	604-813-4666
Ice climbing in the Lillooet area.	
13: Transceiver practice	A2
Peter Woodsworth	604-254-7076
Avalanche transceiver practice on Mt. Seymour in Vancouver's North Shore mtns.	
13: Cowboy Ridge - introduction to ski touring	B2
Peter Norris	604-240-6087
Introductory ski touring trip using the Whistler lifts for access.	
13: Zoa Pk. (ski/snowshoe)	B2-3/1872 m
Peter Oostlander	604-451-4585
Skiing in the Coquihalla area.	
13: Flora Pk.	B2-3/1952 m
Peter Gumpinger	604-733-8264
Skiing in the Chilliwack valley area.	
13-14: The Rambles (Ice climbing)	A5
Justin Bennett	604-813-4666
More ice climbing in the Lillooet area.	

Cost for the program is \$175.

For whom: Strong downhill skiers with previous summer or winter backcountry camping experience, and/or experienced backcountry day skiers who want to gain experience on overnight winter trips.

Prerequisites: Open to all BCMC members in good physical health and fitness who are able to confidently ski "blue" (intermediate) runs with an overnight (20kg) pack.

Note that this is not a program on how to ski – the entire group will be relying on you to be at least a confident intermediate skier! If your skiing ability is not adequate, you will be asked to

withdraw from the program before the second weekend trip, and there will be no refund of your program fee.

Equipment Required:

Backcountry ski equipment (skis, boots, poles & skins), shovel, avalanche transceiver, and overnightcamping gear. Group gear such as

Membership

Membership fees for 2006/2007 are

now due - Membership fees for 2006-2007 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, or obtainable from the club website, 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

tents and stoves will be organized at the pre-trip evening seminar.

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

For more information and to book one of the twelve available spots, please call Todd Ponzini at 604-408-9617.

appropriate dues to the club.

Membership dues are -

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

What club members are doing - the Rucksack

The club wishes to congratulate **Nic Ranicar** and **Karena Thieme** who recently married in Nordegg, Alberta, and are now living in Calgary.

In memoriam – Kilgour Belden Shives (1916 – 2006): Mountain Reflections

On the first page of Dad's 1938 diary there's a photograph of Crown Mt., beneath which is a quote from Rudyard Kipling: "Something hidden. Go and find it. Go and Look behind the ranges – Something lost behind the ranges. Lost and Waiting for you. Go."

Kilgour Shives found that hidden and final mountain in Lions Gate Hospital on October 7, 2006. He was born in 1916 in Prince George where he spent his early years. A member of the BCMC for 72 years, he was introduced to the B.C.M.C. by his father, who was himself at that time, a member. A year before he joined the Club, however, Dad and some of his teenage friends had banded together as the "Seymour Mountaineers". Their passion, besides exploring the sub-alpine terrain stretching from Brockton Peak to Bishop Mountain, was their log cabin at 800 m. I enjoyed visits to the cabin, and Dad's stories, particularly relishing his accounts of B & E's by enterprising bears.

In those early years Dad went on perhaps a dozen Club trips, such as Brunswick and Cheam. The most notable trip was his one and only glacier climb – Baker in 1936. His most ambitious private trip was a multi-day effort on Meslilloet. Crown was a favourite, and from his diary it appears that the normal route on the Camel was not problematic.

He was more a hiker, though, than a climber, but I knew he'd several times got to the top of the West Lion. I asked him this summer about the East Lion. Yes, he and a companion had once reconnoitered it, but it was too much for them.

Dad, in fact, did a reasonable job transmitting to me a reality of peak-bagging: it's often easier getting up things than getting down them. He put this cardinal principle to good effect when in his mid sixties he attempted Kilimanjaro: he went no further than the final camp, not feeling equal to the summit day exertion. He acquired this wisdom honestly. Eighteen and fearless, he scrambled up Stanley Park's famous sea stack. Regrettably, he had not brought a rope...he had, according to the August 8, 1934 News-Herald front page story, six long hours to reflect on his rashness before a hemp line materialized and he was able to rappel from Siwash's lone tree into a waiting rowboat.

Beside Dad's picture in the Magee High School annual we read, "His ambition is a lofty one, it's going to take him far, He's going to climb Mt. Everest..." Alas for the world of Himalayan alpinism, there was a certain pretty "girl next door". In 1942 he married Carol Woodman. Soon there were two daughters and a son to initiate into the world of tarns, trails and summit cairns. How we enjoyed those excursions to Hollyburn to pick blueberries, or to Pump Peak followed by a swim in Mystery Lake.

In 1976 Dad sold the company he had founded, Coast Steel Fabricators. (AMEC Dynamic Structures, which it is now called, fabricates telescopes and installs them on 4,000 m summits.) In any event, that great eight thousander still beckoned, unambiguously, and a year later he and longtime friend, Jim Graham, flew into Kathmandu. Their trip to the base of Everest was a highlight of his life.

Dad especially valued the more ordinary things in life, such as the annual Christmas turkey dinners at the Grouse cabin. (The children, as much as the adults, found added pleasure in the 30 minute wintry hike-in from the top of Skyline Drive.) He also introduced us to the Grouse work bees, where we had the opportunity to use some "elbow grease" as he used to call hard work.

With retirement, Dad had more time for hiking, but mostly, as before, he hiked the trails and peaks close to Vancouver. He and my mom would also visit Lake O'Hara, and the Cathedral Lakes area. His ten grandchildren have a fondness for the outdoors: most of them have reached the top of Crown or the Chief or have done the Grouse Grind, and on trips led by their grandfather. Once, my daughter and I drove with Dad, 77 at the time, in his camper to the Black Tusk microwave tower. The following morning the three of us climbed the Tusk.

Log cabins were important to him in his youth, and it was a happy surprise, a gift, that through the

kindness of Jim Craig he was able to reprise that simple pleasure: over the last fifteen years he enjoyed his visits to Jim's Hollyburn cabin. For Dad's 80th birthday, children, spouses and grandchildren, tramped through the snow, got the wood stove going, and had a wonderful party for him.

To finish this sketch of mountaineer Kilgour Shives, I would like to reflect on an experience of half a century ago, a trip to Elsay. We camped on the summit of Mount Seymour. Sticks were gathered and a fire lit to cook our meal. Under the stars and in the chilling air, father and thirteen year old son then slipped into their down bags. The Milky Way seemed to mingle with the smell of heather and the incense of a dwindling fire. To the south, there was the distant city, and to the north, ranges of mountains, beckoning, lofty. Not so many years after the Elsay trip I was living in San Francisco, across Washington Square from a twin-spire church, the stone façade of which carried the opening line of Dante's Paradiso. Though the words were obscure to me at the time, now their beauty is manifest, as too, are those mountain experiences I shared with my father. "La gloria di colui che tutto move per l'universo penetra, e risplende": "The glory of One who moves all things permeates the universe and glows."

Arnold Shives

BCMC News

Can you organize a club camp?

As you may know we are opening our camps for the centennial year to other mountaineering clubs. We need more camps and more organizers. Below is a list of some past or feasible locations:

Summer:

Lake Lovely Water – Haberl Hut, Wedgemount Lake, Garibaldi Park area, Mountain lake cabin, North Ck. cabin.

Rock climbing camps: Red Rocks, Smith Rocks, Frenchman's Coulée, Joshua Tree, Skaha

Winter:

Prospector peaks, Garibaldi park area, North Ck. cabin, Spearhead Range.

For information or assistance contact Peter Woodsworth at 604-254-7076 or

peterwoodsworth@telus.net.

Ice axe raffle at December social –

Marcus Dell recently won an ice axe/tool offered by Grippped magazine to club members who renewed their subscription. Marcus has donated this ice tool to the club and it will be raffled off at the December social, the proceeds going to the club's Centennial Fund. Tickets will be \$2 each or 3 for \$5. The ice tool is a DMM Vapour with a 50 cm long curved shaft, weighing 440 gm.

Donations to the club library and archives –

Several members have very kindly donated books, magazines, photos, and even films to the club library or archives, partly to assist the production of the centennial video. The club wishes to thank **John Holmes** for his recent donation. **Robert Gilbert** kindly donated items about his parents, **Charlie and Betty Gilbert**, and

his aunt and uncle – **Estelle** and **George Rose** – all past club members, of whom only Betty Gilbert is still alive. Also **Hans Peter Munger** recently donated a DVD containing old movies of club trips in the 1960's.

Apologies from your editor

Your editor wishes to apologize profusely for several errors appearing in recent newsletters.

1. Commercial Recreation operators and the Kootenay Mountaineering Club

In the August-September issue of the newsletter this year, I stated that Brad Harrison of the Backcountry Lodges of BC Association had written a letter requiring the KMC to consult with the BCLABC prior to finalizing KMC camp locations. This letter was, in fact, only a draft that had not been written by Brad Harrison, but had been written by Doug Brown of the Kootenay Mountaineering Club and Evan Loveless, the executive director of the FMCBC. It was circulated to FMCBC Rec and Con committee members as an example of the FMCBC developing protocol agreements with relevant industry associations. The draft was not intended for public review – a point which was not clear to me, and Doug Brown sent an email to the FMCBC making it clear that the words were his and not those of Brad Harrison. This email never reached me. In addition, Evan Loveless has pointed out that “...the article points a direct finger at Brad Harrison and the BLBC as deliberately trying to block public access to Crown Land. In addition to being untrue, this comes at a time when the FMC and KMC are trying to work out a cooperative

New grading system for snowshoe trips – The winter schedule accompanying this newsletter has a new grading for snowshoe trips, which is a modified version of that used for ski trips.

agreement and resolution on this particular issue as well as general public access in and around commercial tenures. While you are correct that the government has in many cases “created a mess” in our backcountry and that the Land Act specifically states that public cannot be bared accessed to extensive tenure areas, we would actually prefer to negotiate with industry directly and achieve a resolution that works for both KMC (and other FMC members) and Adventure Tourism tenure holders.”

Consequently, I apologize to Doug Brown, Brad Harrison, and Evan Loveless for the misconceptions appearing in the August-September newsletter article.

2. Last (November) newsletter printing

For reasons that remain completely unclear, page 11 of the printed November newsletter was actually page 11 of the previous (October) newsletter. The printer was given the correct pdf file (the same as the correct version appearing on the club website), so the mix-up remains a mystery. Due to problems at the printer, we will be trying a new printer beginning with this newsletter.

I apologize to Todd Ponzini, whose article was cut in half, and to those readers who are breathlessly wondering what happened to Todd's trip. The entire trip report is printed later in this newsletter.

Reports from the 2006 Annual General Meeting

The 2006 annual General Meeting of the club was held on 15 November. The meeting was well attended by more than 100 with many more than the minimum required for a quorum. The reports below were either presented or prepared by absent executive members. Additional reports will appear in subsequent newsletters.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - by David Hughes
I am reporting to you for the first time in my second tenure as your President. I, like many of the Executive, have stayed on to help the Club celebrate its Centennial. The Club Executive and many dedicated members have been working hard to prepare for this year.

In October 28, 1907 a small group of mountaineers started the Vancouver Mountaineering Club which changed its name to

the British Columbia Mountaineering Club the following year. In 1907, six Club members completed the first ascent of Mount Garibaldi. Do the names of Dalton, Trorey, Pattison and Warren ring any bells with respect to local geographic names? To provide a time perspective, the BCMC was formed before the First World War, the sinking of the Titanic and the first Granville Street Bridge. 1907 is also the Centennial for the City of North Vancouver.

To organize our Anniversary the Club Executive formed a Centennial Committee under the direction of David Scanlon. This Committee has, and is, working hard to bring forth a number of special events and initiatives to recognize and celebrate our Centennial. Examples of the events include:

a Centennial video, a new cabin site, a special/extra BC Mountaineer, a number of special hikes and climbs, and an anniversary banquet to be held October 28, 2007, on Grouse Mountain

The Centennial video under the stewardship of Martin Kafer, Brian Wood and Todd Ponzini will illustrate one hundred years of mountaineering in BC drawing from the Club's archives, library and the contributions and memories of many club members. Award-winning filmmaker, Bill Noble, is preparing the video. This \$50,000 project is well under way and the Executive on your behalf would like to acknowledge the donations that have been received and committed to from:

MEC (\$15,000), Grouse Mountain (\$5,000), Other corporate donations (\$4,000) (MacDonald Dettwiler, Alpine Holdings, Whistler-Blackcomb), Individual present and past members (\$400) (Roman Babicki, Mavis Mc Ewan, Nick Schwabe, Albert van Citters.

The Club has also received a prospective donation from Arc'teryx. We would also like to thank Hans Peter Munger who sent us a wealth of material from Switzerland at his personal cost to have the material transcribed into a format we could use.

The Centennial Committee, and in particular David Scanlon, has worked hard to find another cabin site. The Battleship Lakes site near Lizzie Creek on the east side of Lillooet Lake has been selected, but the approval process has taken longer than any of us expected. We are now waiting on the last hurdle - receiving the blessing from the Lil'wat Nation at Mount Currie.

Another Centennial project that has been successfully completed is our 2006 and 2007 BCMC calendars. I would like to recognize the key contributions from: Monika Bittel, Alice Purdey, and Peter Stange. The Club would also like to acknowledge Peter Oostlander who arranged the printing at Hemlock Printers. Please see the Centennial Committee's report for more details that will help to make 2007 a very special year.

A cornerstone of the Club's activities is the hiking and climbing trips and our winter and summer course offerings. It is the Executive's objective to offer a wide variety of trips that appeals to all aspects of mountaineering from easy short hikes to the more challenging and technical multi-day day climbs and ski trips. Our biggest constraint to offering even more trips is finding volunteer organizers/leaders. Thanks to Emanuele Porra and Jos van der Burg for arranging a great summer and winter trip schedule.

The Club was able to offer ski mountaineering, general mountaineering and several levels of rock climbing courses. Thanks again to our organizers, including Todd Ponzini, Derrick Johnstone, Paul (Taff) Talbot, Nic Ranicar, Ramsey Dyer, Monica Durigon, Paul Miller, Kit Griffin, Jack Pals, Liam Grimes, Nancy Baxter, David Karkut, Leslie Hawryluk, Lance Mitamura, and Paul and Kim Talbot. These courses and the enthusiastic support by members goes a long way to maintaining an active membership and helps members and non-members partake safely in mountaineering activities.

The Membership Committee of Derrick Johnstone and Steve Tate with a lot of help from Kevin Swanson and Kit Griffin have again done a great job in helping maintain our membership and answering the ever-increasing email enquiries from the members and the general public. Our Club Website has really come a long way from when it was envisioned about six years ago. Great job Kevin!

We were able to hold two ski camps and two summer camps again this year. Thanks to Todd Ponzini and Jack Bryceland for organizing their camps and thanks to Peter Woodsworth and David Scanlon for their training sessions, North Creek camps and North Creek trail and cabin work. The Club's Social Committee has again been one of our most enthusiastic committees.

Besides organizing our great monthly entertainment, Paul Hawman and Donna Bailie are helping to organize special “stuff” for this coming year.

The Conservation Committee, lead by Monika Bittel and Brian Wood, has participated actively with the FMCBC in representing our interest on a large number of access and conservation issues. The BCMC and FMCBC are making progress in securing areas for non-motorized recreation in the Sea to Sky Corridor and we have worked with the FMCBC in their negotiations on the new Smoke Bluffs rock climbing reserve with the City of Squamish. Michael Feller, our esteemed Editor, is also active in representing the Club here as well as preparing one of our biggest Mountaineer Journals yet.

As you can imagine all these extra initiatives cost money. The Club has built up a number of reserves to help fund our planned Centennial projects. Todd Ponzini in his role as Treasurer has been able to keep us afloat and well positioned for 2007.

And that brings me back to the beginning of our Centennial year. With a little bit of luck, good weather it is going to be a great one for the BCMC. Get involved and don't miss it!

TREASURER'S REPORT – by Todd Ponzini

2006 was a year of something old, something new, something borrowed and something blue. Under “old” – the same old story of meager fees being received for the use of our cabins by non-members. Use of our cabins is free for club members, but non-members must pay the fees. To clarify, a non-member who uses a cabin should pay the fee, even if they decide to sleep outside in a tent. In 2006 we received a measly \$40 from non-members for cabin use, which is far below what we should have received if everyone who used our cabins was honest. Yes, I'm talking to you, Plummer Hut and Mountain Lake free loaders!!!

Under “new” – also our cabins, and the great job done by the cabin work crews this year. We spent significant funds upgrading the North Creek cabin and it's back to “like new” and waiting to be visited this winter. We also invested in several club flags to help celebrate our 2007 centennial.

We had a large increase in the number of members who “borrowed” the club's satellite phone this year, so that we easily covered our current year and our prior year costs. The sat phone is available to members for an affordable rental fee - please check the website for details.

Revenue and Expenses from the General Fund for the year ending 30 September 2005, and previous years.

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>
REVENUE								
Membership dues	13,885	14,891	15,853	15,945	15,917	6,919	16,168	13,252
Interest income	1,395	1,148	1,538	1,740	2,723	4,195	3,049	3,347
Equipment rental, cabin fees	160 40	426	205	385	375	285	583	705
Smoke Bluffs project/ T-shirt sales	— —	—	220	198	218	111	—	425
Instruction courses (net)								
- ski	2,100	1,645	196	385	1,385	1,112	1,814	843
- summer	3,942	4,156	4,179	3,474	4,410	2,313	2,809	3,284
Sat phone rental	1,006	60	520	—	—	—	—	—
Member donations	392	205	—	476	80	—	75	670
Publication sales/ advertising	—	673	169	680	17	994	—	474
Camps (net)	60	257	285	318	230	758	409	665
Other	107	51	59	2,493	—	86	300	—
Bequests	—	—	—	—	9,000	—	—	1,933
Calendars (net)	480	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total Revenue (after bequests)	23,567	23,652	23,224	26,074	25,275	26,773	25,207	23,665

And under "blue" – our 2006 calendar (the cover was blue!) We raised roughly \$500 for the club's centennial through sales of our calendar, and hope to raise more this year, so please buy a calendar and support the 2007 centennial.

We have continued to earn significant revenue from our summer programs, and in 2006 we had improved revenue from our winter programs. These programs are very popular, and this revenue is very important to the Club. In addition, the Club gains many new members each year from participants in these programs. Many thanks to all the volunteers who make these programs possible. Lastly, thanks to a great job by our membership team, our membership levels were only slightly lower than in 2005.

After all this, we had a loss of \$420, with which I am pleased given the amount that we invested in

our cabins this year. Details and comparisons with previous years are given in the tables below.

MEMBERSHIP– by Derrick Johnstone

This was my first year as the Club's Membership Chair and I have a number of people to whom I owe much gratitude - Julia Borchardt, the former Chair, for having kept our membership records in such fine shape and answering my many questions during the transition, Steve Tate, who looks after the membership desk at the Socials and Kevin Swanson, who in addition to maintaining our member database, sent personal reminders out to all members who hadn't yet renewed last winter.

Our 2006 membership totals held fairly constant from the previous year. Our total membership was 427 members and 26 affiliated groups, similar

EXPENSES	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>
Publications								
Mountaineer	5,128	4,458	2,624	4,406	4,004	4,574	3,016	3,175
Brochures, constitution, index, etc.	—	—	269	1,057	—	—	—	570
Newsletter	4,036	4,615	5,954	7,316	7,627	6,396	5,338	4,463
Website	153	477	1,810	1,742	1,268	978	1,400	—
Social activities (net)	1,610	1,522	1,608	1,472	1,530	1,478	1,240	1,363
Postage and stationary	2,139	1,836	2,434	2,630	3,003	2,190	2,346	1,970
Amortization of assets	1,932	2,001	2,197	1,578	1,052	1,081	1,055	508
Insurance + tax (cabin)	—	—	850	—	19	584	516	516
FMCBC and other memberships	5,260	5,720	5,500	5,520	4,040	4,284	4,334	4,944
Radio licence/ Sat phone fees	802	385	322	—	124	151	219	178
Cabin	1,586	176	223	348	43	27	50	50
Equipment repair/ replacement	—	—	—	—	—	—	82	—
Conservation	—	—	—	—	500	—	—	—
Voice mail	194	180	190	251	252	59	291	198
Miscellaneous	350	75	458	203	295	253	61	25
Donations	797	500	836	252	719	1,946	2,250	464
Courses	—	—	—	—	48	—	—	485
Archives/Library	—	—	—	1,281	1005	2,023	7,123	—
Total expenses	23,987	21,945	25,275	28,056	24,524	25,988	29,322	18,909
Surplus (deficit) of Revenue over Expenses (after bequests and archives expenses)	(420)	(2051)	(1982)	751	785	3,009	4,756	(1,360)

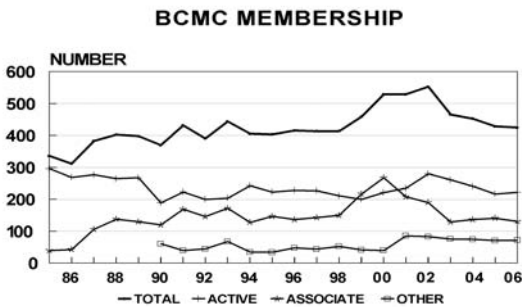
Member's Equity for all club funds

General Fund (ex. Cent.)	73,234	60,365	59,026	61,130	64,504	66,040	56,794	61,188
Literary & Reserve Fund	38,229	38,122	37,956	37,847	37,530	37,236	35,564	34,687
Life Membership Fund	9,500	9,500	9,500	8,700	8,650	8,650	8,750	8,750
Centennial Fund	10,004	9,538	9,307	8,041	7,122	6,737	4,365	3,994
Video Fund	(4,443)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

to our 429 members and 26 affiliated groups in 2005. We continue to see many new members joining the Club but we're not as good at retaining our existing members. I encourage all members to give suggestions to the Club on how to make your membership more worthwhile to you.

Finally, a friendly reminder that your 2007 membership renewals are now due. If you haven't sent in your renewal already, please do so soon!

Membership trends in recent years are shown in the figure



Trip Reports

Tantalus, Zenith, and Pelion, 20-23 July, 2006 - the entire report!

My plan for this trip was to spend four days in the northern Tantalus Range, with the main objective being an ascent of Tantalus by the north ridge. I had done this climb with Derrick Johnstone two years ago, but most of the way there and back we had nothing but rain and fog, so I was keen to organize a trip and see the view from the top. I made sure that the participants were up to the challenge of this trip, since Tantalus is not technically challenging via the north ridge, but it's a long way to go. For once the forecast was in our favour – warm and sunny for the entire 4 days!

Our first day saw us hiking slowly but surely up the Sigurd Creek trail. This trail, built mainly by BCMC volunteers, climbs steeply into the Sigurd Creek valley, which is a rugged coastal wilderness with beautiful scenery. As we hiked into the upper valley, I saw a large cougar run across the trail up ahead. The big cat was impressive, and after we had a staring contest for a few seconds it quickly darted away. Eventually we reached the bridge over the creek and the fork in the trail where one can head for Pelion and Ossa, or continue up the main valley to Sigurd Lake. We had a break by the creek and then wound our way up the last section of trail to the moraine below Pelion and Ossa. The day was warm so we had another water break before starting the long climb up and over the shoulder of Pelion.

As we were hiking up the snow slopes below the glacier, we had a surprise when a large section of snow that was undercut by a creek suddenly collapsed, and Monika dropped down a metre or so while Norbert quickly jumped across the gaps

to solid ground. We used the moraine to bypass the rest of the undercut sections until we gained more solid snow higher up. Eventually we reached the glacier and roped up, which lightened up the packs somewhat, and we steadily plodded up the glacier and rounded the corner until we finally reached the 2150 m col at the northeast ridge of Pelion. It had been a long climb up 2000 vertical metres to our high point, but it was all downhill from here!

After snapping some pictures of the north ridge of Tantalus and eyeing the route, we started down the southeast side of Pelion to a perfect campsite at 1800 m on the ridge that leads southwest from Pelion towards the col between Zenith and Tantalus. Our camp had good water, excellent views and a nice breeze. It took 11.5 hours from the cars to camp with full packs, and we were ready for some relaxation after the long day.

We were off at 6:30am on our second day on our way to Tantalus. The first obstacle is a steep heathery step in the ridge that was a lot easier for us in dry conditions than when Derrick and I did it in the rain. Soon after this the organizer dropped the ball and lead the innocent participants to the wrong side of a knoll, and 15 m of severe bush bashing was needed to regain the ridge. Smooth sailing then prevailed, and once we gained the col between the Rumbling Glacier and the Clowhom Rover we took a break to rope up. We enjoyed the views across the Rumbling Glacier and down to the head of Tantalus Creek as we climbed to 2000 m and the small knoll where heli parties fly into to climb Tantalus by the north ridge. We shook our heads.....why even bother flying in equipment, why not just fly to the summit!?!?

The route climbs up three rope lengths of steep snow, and we used pickets to do a running belay as the slope was exposed to a large bergschrund below. The snow slope narrowed into a short thin couloir that lead to a notch at 2100 m where one can cross to the west side of the north ridge and climb easy snow slopes instead of the steep lower ridge. The snow depth here was impressive, and I estimated about 6-9 m of snow that was not there in July 2004.

The north ridge is long but not technical, and once we reached the top of the snowslopes we packed the ropes and scrambled along the long ridge towards the summit tower. The final climb to the summit is a mix of steep scrambling and steep snow, and eventually we were all perched on the cramped summit. It was a perfect day and we could see forever, and the views down the Rumbling Glacier and across to Dione and the Witches' Tooth were very impressive. Eventually it was time to go, and we downclimbed the summit tower and reversed our route all the way back along the ridge, using the rope at various times to cross bergschrunds or crevassed areas. We set up another running belay down the steep snow face, which was time consuming but safe. Darkness fell as we hiked back along the ridge to camp, and the organizer redeemed himself by having a headlamp with new batteries and finding a flawless route back along the complex ridge to camp. The night was warm and pleasant, and we sat out under the stars for dinner and reflected on the climb, which was a full 17 hour day.

Needless to say we slept in on day three! Eventually around noon we were all up and enjoying brunch, and the warm sunny weather showed no signs of ending. Most of the group elected to stay in camp and relax, but Ramsay and I wanted to climb Zenith, so we set out at the leisurely hour of 1pm. A pleasant hike along the ridge took us to a long level traverse across the head of Mawby Creek. We scrambled up to the southwest ridge of Zenith and soon were on top, admiring the views down to Zenith Lake and across to Tantalus. Zenith is a fine blade-like summit and gives excellent views of the area, and it was Ramsay's second ascent of the peak, the first coming after a trip up the old trail to Zenith Lake a few years ago. We headed back to camp, taking many water breaks to beat the heat, and were back in camp by 8pm. Day four and time

to go home. We were off by 6:30 as we wanted to do the 350 m climb from our camp up to the shoulder of Pelion in the cool of the morning. Along the way we followed a family of goats, who seemed unimpressed that we woke them up so commenced with their usual routine of kicking rocks down on us. We dropped the majority of the gear at the col and climbed Pelion by its northwest ridge, which involved some steep snow, a troublesome moat, a few crevasses, some more steep snow and a short scramble. From the summit we admired Tantalus' north ridge for the umpteenth time, as it's an extremely aesthetic alpine line. We descended back to our packs using one rappel, and the trip to and from the summit was only 2.5 hours. We roped up and descended the glacier and then snowfields all the way back to where the trail enters the forest and had a nice long break before starting the long hike out. We conserved our energy since the last part of the trail is the toughest where it drops steeply back to the Ashlu River. We could feel the heat rise up to meet us as we descended into the lower valley, and we were all glad to see the cars at the end of the day.

I'd like to thank all the participants for making this a fantastic trip. The northern Tantalus Range is an area that is under used given the ease of access up the Sigurd Creek trail. For those who would like to climb Tantalus on foot, the route that we did via Sigurd Creek is an easier and more accessible three day trip than going via Lake Lovelywater. If you go, take glacier gear and a few pickets, and leave the rock gear at home as it isn't necessary. I know I'll be back.....

Participants: Neil Beattie, Monika Bittel, Ramsay Dyer, Norbert Eckert, Mackay Savage and Todd Ponzini (Organizer and reporter)

Nesakwatch Spire, 24 September, 2006

This trip was originally scheduled to Mt. Habrich, but the road was gated very low down which makes for a long day with a group. So I changed the destination to the NE buttress of the West Lion, and went for a recon climb. We climbed three pitches of runout, wet, mossy and sometimes loose rock before giving up – not what I was looking for in a club trip! It looked like a good line, but a long spell of dry weather would be needed. Fortunately, I still had a few interested participants and we decided we'd head to the

Rexford area and climb the N Nesakwatch Spire. We carpoled to the start of the logging road and then all piled into my truck for the ride up to the trailhead. The weather was perfect and we could drive right to the start of the trail, so things were looking up. We packed up the gear and started up the steep Rexford trail, arriving at the alpine basin after about 3 hours. The air was crystal clear, the day was warm, the fall colors were out and the views were excellent. Time to go climbing! We scrambled to the start of the north ridge and roped up, climbing as two teams of two, sometimes taking the same line and sometimes diverging. The climbing was very pleasant over solid rock, and we slowly gained height. Sometimes we took the most efficient route, and sometimes we just went straight up and dealt with whatever challenges appeared. Near the summit Steve and I

decided to forego the efficient route and we tried a steep 5.8 corner and block combination that had adequate protection and proved to be an excellent finish to the route.

We had a break on the summit, scrambled down the south ridge and did one rappel to reach the talus below the spires. It occurred to me to

organize a 4 or 5 day trip to Rexford sometime in the future, as there are a large number of quality climbs on firm granite: Rexford, including the direct route to the false summit, the two Spires, the Illusions and the Pillar of Pi could all be done. Plus the view from the campsite is superb!

We reached the spot where we'd stashed our hiking poles just as the sun set, and donned headlamps for the hike down. We were conserving water, and were glad for some fresh water at the gully near the clearcut. I had been battling a cold and was feeling weary, so the last part of the hike down the clearcut was not totally fun, but we eventually reached the truck and started the bumpy drive back down the logging road. Thanks to everyone for a great day in the hills!

Participants: Steve Horovitz, Scott Jutson, Dan Lord and Todd Ponzini (organizer and reporter)



Steve on the summit.



Dan low on the ridge.



Todd leading the crux.
Photos by D. Lord and S. Horovitz.