



B.C. Mountaineering Club Newsletter

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Spring skiing in the Overseer area.

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 May - Entertainment will be a show by Peter Gumplinger of an expedition to Mt. Dresden in the Chilko Lake region, by a group of BCMC and Saxonia climbers, to celebrate the 800th anniversary of the city of Dresden. In addition to slides, a film - Gipfelträume 2006 - Zeit für Dresden (Summit dreams 2006 - a time for Dresden) will be shown.

Tuesday, 10 June - Entertainment will occur!



Silke and Peter Gumplinger and the club flag on Dresden's summit. Photo - P. Gumplinger collection.

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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
2 courteous and inform the trip organizer.

Trip Schedule

May

3: Cypress Pk. C3/2070 m
Peter Gumplinger 604-733-8264
Skiing on the Squamish-Cheakamus divide.

3-4: Place Glacier area B3
Murray Lashmar 604-221-4183
Skiing east of Pemberton.

3-4: Mt. Baker C3/3286 m
David Hughes 604-980-6484
Skiing Washington's northernmost volcano.

10-June 7 : Mt. McKinley C4/6194 m
Justin Bennett contact by email
Serious mountaineering on North America's

highest peak in Alaska.

17-18: Exodus Pk. area. B-C3
Monika Bittel 604-983-3097
Skiing in the Squamish valley at the S end of the Pemberton Icecap.

17-19: Overseer Mtn. C3/2745 m
Cameron Long 604-789-9789
Skiing N of Pemberton in the upper Lillooet valley area.

24: Mt. Conybeare (hike) D3/1840 m
Alastair Ferries 604-329-1637
Extending hiking W of Squamish at the southern end of the Tantalus Range.

Wednesday night climbing in Squamish

Beginning 7 May, there will be a weekly Wednesday evening top roping at Smoke Bluffs (weather permitting). Depending on the experience of participants and group size some evenings we may climb on the Apron instead.

While I'm sure the more experienced climbers will be happy to share their knowledge, this is not a

climbing course. Every participant must be able to belay and is expected to have some top roping experience (indoors or outdoors).

Meeting: 4:50 pm, parking lot at Taylor Way & Hwy 1. Departure: 5 pm sharp; Arrival back to Vancouver: around midnight (during the longest days of the year)

All participants must bring their personal climbing gear (harness, belay device, locking biner, climbing shoes) and a headlamp (we may be returning to the parking lot after dark). Also highly recommended is a helmet, prussic for rappelling, water, and snacks.

Ropes & anchor material for this event are provided by participants and not by the club. If you have a full strength climbing rope and anchor material, please do bring it.

For further information, contact Justin Bennett at 604-813-4666.

Thursday evening hikes up Grouse Mtn.

Rich Sobel (ph. 604-734-8170) is organizing weekly trips up Grouse Mtn, with the aim of socializing at the chalet after hiking up. Participants can choose any route but should aim to be at the top at 7:15.

The first Thursday (8 May) is "potluck", so bring something that is fun to share with other people.

Note: these trips are not BCMC trips, but they are organized by a club member.

Summer Camp

Garibaldi Park Traverse, 2-10 August 2008.

This is joint trip with the Kootenay Mountaineering Club, and the party will be limited to 12 people. It will be a self-supported trek across a portion of Garibaldi Park, with the first few days being based at one campsite to permit day trips and to lighten our loads. Experience in, and gear for, glacier travel and camping are required. We hope to do some Class 3-4 scrambling up easy peaks if the circumstances permit, but this trip is not for high

angle technical rock climbers or obsessive peak baggers. We hope there will be time to smell the roses.

Similarly to last year's Valhalla traverse, it is expected that all participants will register for the Canadian Parks and Wilderness (CPAWS) Big Wild Challenge, and will be expected to make a financial contribution to this program. Details of the Big Wild Challenge can be found at www.bigwild.org, where you will find that this is a

joint project of CPAWS and MEC whose prime purpose is to raise funds for publicising and protecting Canada's parks and wilderness areas. If you do not want the hassle of locating sponsors, you could make a modest cash contribution to

the worthwhile cause. Remember, freedom from undesirable exploitation or conflicting uses of wilderness is not free - hence the financial request. For further information contact - Brian Wood at tel/fax (604) 222-1541, or by email at: bjwood@telus.net

BCMC Summer mountaineering and rock climbing course programs

These rock and mountaineering courses are now full, but you can still apply to be put onto a waiting list.

Please visit www.bcmc.ca for an application form and fill out **one form per program** (if you are interested in attending more than one activity).

Mail your completed and signed forms to:

Rock climbing - Monica Durigon

Englewood Mews, 88-8701 16th Ave, Burnaby, V3N 5B5.

Mountaineering - Alena Dzukova

3436 Sophia St., Vancouver, V5V 3T6

If you are not a current member you may include a completed membership form as well (also available at bcmc.ca). Please include cheques for payment made out to the "BC Mountaineering Club". These will not be cashed until the program starts and your place is confirmed.

For further information contact -

Rock climbing programs - Paul Miller & Kit Griffin at climbingprograms@bcmc.ca

Mountaineering - Marcus Dell at mdell@rdhbe.com

Membership

In memoriam – Adam Rositch

It is with a great amount of sadness that I announce that former club member Adam Rositch suddenly and unexpected passed away. A number of members know Adam well and have done trips with him in the past. I have known Adam for the last 10 years when he joined the club as a sixteen year old. Since that time I

have done a number of trips with Adam off and on over the years which were always a lot of fun because of his great sense of humor, compassion and friendship. He lived life to the fullest and loved adventures and thrills. He will be sadly missed by us all.

Jos van der Burg

In memoriam – Ralph Hutchinson

Ralph (Raif) Hutchinson, who died March 20 in Nanaimo, was one of a dwindling band of climbers who came to B.C. in the 1950s Golden Age, when maps had blank white spaces, and unclimbed 10,000-footers abounded – but with no roads or trails to reach them.

Within a decade he and other companions from the BCMC had made a dozen first ascents, plus the first all-Canadian ascent of McKinley (Denali). In all, he was on 25 first ascents. His last climb was in the Tantalus in September 2007 in a party that included long-time climbing partners Werner Himmelsbach, Joe Bajan, Tom Volkers, and me. Ralph was 77 and died of cancer after a short illness. He leaves his wife Dorothy, whom he met through the BCMC, and two children, John and

Briony. At the funeral they told marvellous tales of his "character-building" propensities as they grew up.

Ralph Maurice James Hutchinson, MA, to give him his formal label, was born in 1930 in Tanganyika,, now Tanzania, and brought up in Kenya. Once, when we were on safari in Tanzania after a climb, I noticed he was uncharacteristically quiet. When I asked about it, he pointed to the herd of Cape Buffalo nearby. "When I was a kid, I roamed the bush with native kids, and lions and elephants never bothered us. But these buffalo—they are the most unpredictable, dangerous animals of all. They still bother me."

He went to Rugby, the English boarding school, then took an MA at Cambridge. He planned on going back to Kenya, but the Mau-Mau uprising

changed his mind and he decided to wander the world seeking the best place to live.

When he reached Vancouver, broke, in 1954 he fell in love with the mountains and sea, and Dorothy Johnstone, whom he married in 1957. In 1958, with Dick Culbert, Art Dellow and Roy Mason, he did first ascents of Kwoiek Peak, Haynon Peak, plus Mehatl and Tachiwana Peaks and his climbing career was well under way. Next year he did the first ascent of Mt. Raleigh (3133 m) with Werner, Jim Woodfield and John Owen, and in 1960 he did first ascents of Mt. Toba and two others in the Lillooet Icefield with Werner, Jim and John Wilson.

In 1961 came the first all-Canadian ascent of McKinley with Werner, Jim, and John Wilson. It was a climb that changed his life in many ways, and showed him to be a tough and extraordinarily determined individual. Jim lost most of his toes to frostbite, but Ralph lost not only all of his, but part of his forefoot too.

During his long and tedious recovery (my infant daughter looked at his feet and asked: "When will the toes grow again, Mr. Hutchinson?") we wrote to climbers who had suffered similar injury. Ralph wrote to an American who had lost his in the Andes. Back came pages of technical descriptions on how to get special boots made. I wrote Maurice Herzog, who lost all his toes on Annapurna. His reply, paraphrased, was: Sorry to hear about your toes. Get some shorter boots and go climbing again—that's what I did.

And that's what Ralph did—all over the world. He did most of his best climbing—and skiing—with a "handicap" that would have ended most climbing careers.

In little more than 18 months he was in the Taseko Lakes area, and in 1964 came with Werner, Joe Hutton, Bren Moss, Don MacLaurin and me to make the first ascent of Mt. Harrison, the last 11,000-footer left unclimbed in the Rockies. It wasn't unclimbed because it was a death-defying monster. The mapmakers simply found they had the earlier lower height wrong, and we were at the head of the line to get in there...

Ralph had never complained. But he was suffering. In those days we always ran down scree and other slopes. I was blithely doing that when I looked over my shoulder at Ralph, a few yards

behind. He was chalk-white and clearly in agony. When I apologized for exposing him to all that extra stress on his feet, he simply said: "No problem." We walked down for the rest of the trip. He made so light of his problems that over the next decade, in addition to climbs in B.C., especially on Vancouver Island, the Rockies and Yukon, he did expeditions to Peru (Huascarán), Africa and Afghanistan.

He didn't tackle the Himalayas until 1996, when he was 66. He picked Mt. Mera, a 6400 m peak within sight of Everest. The party included Werner, Fips Broda, Tom Volkers and me. The summit was reached, but Ralph was one of those with minor altitude problems in camp at 5800 m.

His next Nepal trip three years later was in the Dhaulagiri area, a small-group trek off the beaten tourist map. It showed again the steel in his backbone – and his wicked black humour. A few weeks before departure date, he called to say he was in hospital briefly and hadn't slept well. He described, with loud laughter that might shatter glass, how warning devices had been attached to him – and went off all night as his heart slowed almost to a stop, etc. And now he had a pacemaker. That's the end of Dhaulagiri, I thought. Within days he was hiking Mt. Benson, his training ground. He would call with hilarious tales of how he had to go into dock to get his computer tuned up, like a car. Oh well, he'll soon say the trip's off. Won't he?

Then he called to say that a group of heart and pacemaker experts were meeting to decide if it was safe for him to go to the Himalayas. So that's it, I thought. He went on: "But I'm going anyway." He sailed over a couple of tough almost - 5500 m passes with no problems that he admitted to. I was tempted to write to the Guinness Book of Records.

There was a Hutchinson world beyond the mountains, and Ralph excelled there too. He moved to Nanaimo in 1960 and soon was a partner in a law firm. Before new lawyers joined his firm, he made it a condition that they first climb Mt. Arrowsmith. Character-building, he called it. He later became a County Court judge, and when moved for a time to Prince Rupert, quipped that new judges should set precedents on the local mountains. So he did.

He became Mr. Justice R.M.J. Hutchinson of the B.C. Supreme Court and after he retired in 2002 devoted much time to leading efforts to save Mt. Benson and other spots as permanent parklands.

Ralph Hutchinson was a very rare character. If the Grim Reaper waited outside a storm-tossed tent at 5200 m – quick-quick, a jest in black humour would drive him off. It always worked.

We'd go on talking books, ideas, wine, history, international politics – I even remember a long discussion about whether Wagner's unending music-dramas proved the grown man a mixed-up teenager emotionally. We agreed they did. I don't think I'll meet his like again, and like his family and very many good friends, we'll miss him sorely.

Paddy Sherman

Federation of Mountain Clubs of B.C. News

Annual General Meeting – will be on **Saturday, 7 June in Hope**. More details later.

Restructuring the FMC – Vision Statement

Plans to restructure the FMCBC, begun with a paper presented at the FMCBC's 2007 AGM, are gathering momentum. The latest description of the restructuring, prepared by Brian Wood, appears below.

1. Function of FMC

The FMC's main purpose is to facilitate communication between non-motorized backcountry recreationists in BC, primarily through existing clubs. Good communication has many benefits, namely -

- a) Fast and accurate dissemination of information between member clubs about issues that affect recreation and conservation issues in the backcountry. This facilitates presenting a unified voice during negotiations with other backcountry user groups. Existing FMC policies on various issues helps to maintain consistency between member clubs, and new policies can be drafted to cover new issues.
- b) The member clubs have a wealth of knowledge about their own local areas, and some have experience in dealing with backcountry user conflicts in their areas. If one FMC group has experience, successful or unsuccessful, dealing with an issue in one part of the province, and the same or similar issue arises in another part of the province with another FMC group; the experience, strategy, etc. can be quickly shared, thus reducing the likelihood of repeating mistakes, or "re-inventing the wheel".

- c) The FMC provides a convenient "gateway" for government agencies and other land users to communicate issues, request public input etc. Through this gateway the FMC can send reasoned and consensus based submissions to governments to state the position and represent the interests of our member clubs.

2. General Mode of Operation

a) **Direction of instructions.** First and foremost, the FMC is a bottom-up (versus top down) or grass-roots organization made up of member clubs. The clubs are the FMC and the knowledge base and resource base for the FMC. Without the member clubs, the FMC does not exist. The governance structure of the FMC must be a "natural fit", one that results in sound and well-grounded decisions and policies and a strong and unified voice for non-motorized back-country recreation and conservation. The governance structure should encourage participation of member clubs and facilitate the sharing of information and skills.

b) **Single layer consensus.** The FMC's decision making process has always been one of 'consensus' and it is necessary to make sure that the decision-making process of the FMC is a 'single-layer' process, rather than a 'dual-layer' process. In other words, the Board of Directors, or any director (see below) will not be re-working or second-guessing decisions or recommendations made by those committees which are authorized to make decisions, i.e., regional Rec & Con committees, regional Trail committees, etc.). Any letter submitted by the FMC to any organization or individual must first be vetted by the appropriate regional committee, or at least two (or three?) members of that

committee. Furthermore, the FMC decision-making process has to be efficient (given the time sensitive nature of many of the government processes), but not at the expense of sound and consensus-based decisions. Other committees will be struck by the Board to research or investigate options and report back to the Board. These committees will then be required to act as appropriate decision-making bodies on recreation, conservation and trail issues, with decisions to be consistent with the core principles (Policies) of the FMC.

3. Structure and Detailed Procedures

a) **Directors.** As the FMC is a federation of clubs, each club will have one director and thus one vote. Any club may decide not to have a director, and to be represented by the director from another club. Thus a non-represented club could transfer its vote to the other club director, and later, if it so chooses, can reinstate its own director. Also, any director unable to attend a meeting may vote by proxy. As many of the issues are local, the FMC will be composed of regional committees, which will be the primary decision-making bodies on recreation, conservation, and trail issues in their local area or region. Each committee will elect a chair. Participants on the Rec & Con and Trails committees will not necessarily have to be directors and thus a chairperson could be a member of the FMC, but not a director. While being a federation of clubs, the FMC will have a non-club membership category for “individual members” who are not a member of a member club. Such persons, who are expected to represent only a small portion of the total membership, if elected can serve as a director with a special portfolio (see para 3(c) below), but would not have a vote equivalent to that of a club director. If this class of membership becomes significant in numbers, this policy will be re-examined.

b) **Regional Committees.** The regional Rec & Con and Trail committees will be the primary decision-making bodies on recreation, conservation and trail issues, with decisions to be consistent with the core principles (Policies) of the FMC. Each regional committee will report to the Board of Directors (which will meet quarterly: October, January, April, and June).

c) **Board of Directors.** Overall policy and financial decisions are made by a Board of Directors comprising the directors, elected or appointed by all, or most, member clubs. These directors will elect/appoint the officers of the FMC Executive Committee comprising the required four officers namely, President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary. If no director is willing to serve in any of these positions, the board may appoint any other suitable member. In addition, there will be other directors who will have portfolios, such as a regional Rec & Con and/or Trails committee, funding, outreach, Cloudburst or website (see below). The number required for a **quorum** will be 50% of directors making a vote, including any proxy votes and/or votes transferred from clubs without directors.

d) **Regular Meetings.** To maintain a Provincial “feel” for the FMC, the chairs of the regional committees will maintain regular contact with each other, by email or telephone, at least four times per year, and with the Board so that all will be apprised of ongoing events in the various regions by the representative Directors. One of the Board’s main functions will be to ensure that regional decisions are consistent with the core principles, policies and financial responsibilities of the FMC. In addition, the Board will define the roles of the various portfolios, and, if applicable, define the duties of the Executive Director.e)

Policies. The development or revision of policies or core principles needs to have a bottom-up approach, as opposed to top-down. A bottom-up approach, which allows for full discussion and recognition of regional perspectives, is more likely to ensure acceptance by all member clubs. It is likely that working committees or clubs will identify the need for a policy or the need to revise or revisit a policy or core principle. The role of the Board is to ensure that this is addressed, either by the committee which raised it, or by an ad hoc committee formed specifically to research and investigate the options and make recommendations, and/or at the AGM. Recommendations need to be reviewed and approved by the representative directors, or alternatively, at an AGM.

f) **Regional Committees.** The various regional committees of the FMC will be tied to specific

regions in the province as follows (names yet to be determined by the various committees):

- a. Vancouver Island Recreation, Conservation, and Trails Committee.
- b. Prince George Backcountry Recreation Association
- c. Southwestern BC Recreation and Conservation Committee
- d. Southwestern BC Trails Committee.
- e. Southeastern BC Recreation, Conservation, and Trails Committee (requested by KMC at the last Board Meeting and approved by the Board)
- f. Recreation, Conservation, and Trails Committee for any other region (e.g., Central Interior BC).

If any regional group believes an issue is greater than their region, then the chair of that committee can contact the chairs of the other regions to see if there is a shared solution or strategy to be developed for a common problem (e.g. Fixed Roof Accommodations in Provincial Parks).

g) **Special Portfolios.** There is also a need for special portfolios that any director or other member can hold. Directors with portfolios will act as the 'catalyst' for moving the functions of their portfolio forward with the assistance of volunteers (who can form an ad hoc/sub-committee as needed) and/or the Executive Director, if applicable. Members who hold portfolios but who are not normal club directors cannot vote, but usually will have a strong influence on the direction of the portfolio. Some suggested portfolios are:

- a. **Cloudburst:** Motivating members to write articles, notifying clubs of deadlines for submissions and getting advertisements.
- b. **Grants:** Keeping on top of agencies offering grants to non-profit organisations, notifying clubs of the availability of grants, advising clubs about grants. Duties could also include recommendation to the Board for allocation of funds for special projects, equipment, etc. Any requests for funds should be made to the Board by the first of April of each year so that there would be sufficient time to file a funding request to a government or other funding agency.
- c. **Outreach:** Developing presentations to show to clubs or other groups, organizing directors to go out and present to clubs to keep existing clubs informed about the FMC, to promote the FMC and to promote new clubs to join.

d. **Liaison:** Communicating with other organizations (e.g. ORC).

e. **Website:** To help develop, coordinate, and maintain the website up-to-date.

f. **Ad Hoc Committees:** (e.g. Squamish Smoke Bluffs, insurance, liability and waivers): To coordinate activities on an as needed basis.

h) **Delegation of alternatives.** A director may delegate his or her power to another person he or she deems more knowledgeable on a particular issue. If the director is a member of a working committee, an alternate from that working committee is to be designated as the alternate, with approval of the working committee and the President and Executive Director to be notified of the designation of an alternate. If an alternate is needed to act as the representative of a club, the President and Executive Director are to be notified of the designation of a club alternate.

i) **Executive Director.** When the FMC is seen to be financially viable for a reasonable period, a paid Executive Director will be appointed by the Board and will be responsible to it. When there is no ED, one or more directors, an experienced past director, or an office manager will attend to the more pressing duties of the ED which are necessary for proper functioning of the FMC. Some of the ED's duties are outlined below:

a. **Volunteer Coordination.** Coordinate volunteers to participate in FMC activities.

b. **Representation.** Represent the FMC when volunteers are not available to attend a meeting, or not available to write a needed letter.

c. **Financial Responsibilities.** In addition to the regular bill maintenance, ED will prepare a budget and expense reporting on a monthly basis to the Treasurer and President. ED will also work actively on obtaining membership fees. The ED will also write and submit grants and/or assist clubs with grant applications.

d. **Membership.** Assists in the recruitment of new clubs and maintenance of existing club membership. This will be coordinated with or delegated to the Director of the Outreach Portfolio.

e. **Board Communication.** Reports regularly to the President on ongoing activities in the FMC, the frequency and mode of reporting to be consistent with the importance/urgency of the issue(s).