

B.C. Mountaineering Club Newsletter



Towards Vantage Peak, Mt. Matier and Joffre Peak
in the background
Photo: Sabine Decamp

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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 April - Michael Feller is presenting a slide show entitled "From France to Spain - hiking and scrambling in the Pyrenees".

Tuesday, 11 May - To Be Announced



Hiking and Scrambling in the Pyrenees
Photo: Michael Feller

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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 (604-736-8462) or Peter Gumplinger (604-733-8264), 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. 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: editor@bcmc.ca

Members may upload articles, photos etc. for the editor at: <http://bcmc.ca/members/EditorUpload.asp>

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. 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

Please check the website for final updates. All trips are ski trips unless otherwise indicated.

April

2-3 Mt. Matier - (Members Only)	D3
Stanislav Liarsky	604-983-4476
2-4: Channel Peak	C3
Greg Stoltmann	604-926-6496
3-4: Rope Rescue practice (members only)	A5
Justin Bennett	604-813-4666
3-5: Spearhead Traverse	C3
Peter Malacarne	604-525-6708
7 Wednesday night indoor climbing at Cliffhanger Vancouver	A5
Margaret Hanson	604-873-2276
9-11 Mt Rainier (members only)	C3
Jos van der Burg	604-824-5676
10 Sat. Squamish Rock Climbing:Top Roping and Multi Pitching	A,B,5
Werner Grzimek	
10-11: Mt. Rohr (beginner's welcome)	B2
Thomas Schroeder	
10-12 Dreadnought Peak via N Face Couloir	4
Serguei Okountsev	
10-18: Winter Ski Mountaineering Camp - Garibaldi Park (members only)	C3/4
David Scanlon	604-572-5051
11: Metal Dome	B3
Murray Lashmar	604-221-4183
14 Wednesday night indoor climbing at Cliffhanger Vancouver	A5
Margaret Hanson	604-873-2276
17 Sat. Squamish Rock Climbing:Top Roping and Multi Pitching	A,B,5
Werner Grzimek	
17-18 Mount Garibaldi (members only)	C3
Radmila Jaksic	604-602-0468

17-18 Birkenhead Mountain	B/C3
Darlene Anderson	604-789-8020
17-18 Pelion Mountain	C3
Greg Stoltmann	604-926-6496
17-18 Duffey Lake peaks	B3
Dan Carey	604-731-4048
17-18 Basic Rock Anchor practice (members only)	A5
Justin Bennett	604-813-4666
17-19 Jim Haberl Hut	C3
Don Cann	604 324 5773
21 Wednesday night indoor climbing at Cliffhanger Vancouver	A5
Waldemar Jonsson	604 780 0296
23-25 Spearhead Traverse (members only)	C3
Alena Dzujkova	778 881 5642
24 Mt. Taillefer	D3
Alastair Ferries	604-329-1637
24 Saturday Squamish Rock Climbing	A5
Paul Ng	604-434-3312
28 Wednesday night indoor climbing at Cliffhanger Vancouver	A5
Margaret Hanson	604-873-2276
30-2 The Sphinx	C3
Erich Hinze	604-224-5646

May

1-2 Mount Rohr	C2/3
Don Cann	604 324 5773
5 Wednesday night climbing in Squamish	A5
Waldemar Jonsson	604 780 0296
8 Silver Star Mountain, WA	B3
Evelyn Feller	604-270-4050
12 Wednesday night climbing in Squamish	A5
Waldemar Jonsson	604 780 0296
16 Cloudburst Mountain	C3
Don Cann	604 324 5773

Member News

The club welcomes the following new members: Scott Lescak, John Pappas, Jennifer Lewis, Robin Jane Roff, Paul McLellan, Joel Stobbe, Carl Douglas, Maria Angeles Capellades, Kim Thompson, Benjamin Townsend, Petr Skoda, Brittany Zenger, Geoffrey Zenger, Julien Renard.

2010 BCMC Climbing Program

The **BC Mountaineering Club** is pleased to offer **club-based, mentor-organized climbing programs** for new and current members. These programs are offered ONCE per year.

This time we will be using an on-line application form (Google Docs) however you will still need to mail in a cheque (made out to The BC Mountaineering Club) and the BCMC Climber's waiver which we will send attached to our reply.

Please send e-mail for an application request to: **climbingprograms@gmail.com**

Mail your payment and completed and signed waiver to:
Monica Durigon
88-8701 16th Avenue
Burnaby BC V3N 5B5

If you are not a current member you may include a completed membership form as well (download available at bcmc.ca in "Forms"). Please include separate cheques for payments made out to "The BC Mountaineering Club", we will pass cheques & form on to Membership for you.

For more information you may e-mail:

Paul Miller, Monica Durigon or Kit Griffin at **climbingprograms@gmail.com**

Here are the 2010 BCMC Program dates:

Basic	April 14 Wednesday Evening intro.	One day only, Saturday April 17 or Sunday 18.
Essential	April 20 Tuesday Evening intro.	Two days, Saturday April 24 and 25
Lead	April 27 Tuesday Evening intro.	Weekends: 1-2 May, 15-16 May, 29-30 May (June 12/13 backup days)

Basic Outdoor Top-roping (maximum 8 participants, cost \$60)

This one-day program is aimed at those who may have done some indoor gym climbing, and want to try it outside. This program, or an equivalent, is a prerequisite for Essential Rockclimbing. The program will cover: safety, environmental issues, basic equipment, basic climbing skills and techniques, and the elements of top-roping (tying in, belaying, lowering, ground anchors etc.).

The program will not cover setting up top-rope anchors, rappelling, or belaying from above.

To participate, you must have a sit harness, rock shoes, a belay device (no figure 8s), two locking carabiners (Ds or ovals), plus one large pear/Münter-biner, and a helmet. Program mentors or the BCMC will provide other needed equipment.

Essential Rockclimbing (maximum 8 participants, cost \$130)

Consists of an evening lecture/practice, and two weekend days at Squamish. 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) carabiners, plus one large pear/Münter-biner, a belay device (no figure 8s please), and two slings of 7mm accessory cord aka "static cord" (1.5 m and 5 m in length). Program mentors and the BCMC will provide other needed equipment.

Prerequisite: Basic Outdoor Top-roping or equivalent. In other words, you are required to be able to “tie-in” to a climbing harness, belay, understand “climber’s communication” (on-belay, off-belay etc) before the program starts.

This program (or equivalent) is a prerequisite for the Mountaineering Program. Fees and schedule do not include the Basic Outdoor Top-roping.

Lead Climbing (6 participants, cost \$200) existing club members only.

This is for those who have solid outdoor top-roping skills plus a season’s experience. The program will include three weekends and one evening. 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 “Essential” climbing equipment, and must be prepared to invest in all equipment needed for leading, likely several hundred dollars. Organizer’s equipment is also used.

Exhibition *Swiss Guides: Shaping Mountain Culture in Western Canada*

The Consulate General of Switzerland is currently preparing the touring exhibition “**Swiss Guides: Shaping Mountain Culture in Western Canada**” to be launched April 8, 2010 in Vancouver at the Harbour Centre.

This exhibition illustrates the remarkable history of Swiss mountain guides and Swiss skiers in the Canadian Rocky, Columbia and Coastal Mountains and documents their pioneering methods in mountain guiding, mountain safety, skiing and helicopter-skiing. The Swiss guides and Swiss skiers contributed significantly to a mountain culture for which Western Canada is renowned today.



L: Swiss mountain guide Christian Haesler and Joan Oliver looking at stunning Mt. Assiniboine, also known as the “Canadian Matterhorn”, 1936. Photograph courtesy of the Glenbow Archives NA-4868-242.
M: “Hot Snow”, 1966. Photograph by Swiss mountain guide legend and photographer Bruno Engler, courtesy of Bruno Engler Archives.
R: The father of modern mountain rescue in Canada’s National Parks: Walter Perren, n.d. Bruno Engler photograph, courtesy of Bruno Engler Archives.

More information available online at <http://www.swissviews.ca/swissGuides.html>

In Memoriam

PETER GOY (L65.)

Peter was born in the (relatively) flat lands of north-eastern Alberta but when he saw the Coast Mountains, in 1941, it was a case of love-at-first-sight, and the outdoors became his consuming and enduring passion. Turned down by the army, he worked for Vickers, building Cansos in Coal Harbour before joining the Weather Service, where he remained the rest of his working life. He gathered around him a loyal band of outdoor enthusiasts, and he and they could be found in the hills, in fair weather or (as I came to know all too well) foul. He joined the Club in 1965, and attended almost every Summer camp from Garibaldi Lake '65 to Meagre, '79; he was a fixture on Camp Committees, and went out on Club trips as shift work permitted. In 1980 we followed Angela Berger to VNHS Camps (if she had gone to cook for the Black Panther Summer Camps we would have joined them!) There we found many club members including Frank Foster, Hughie Aiken, John Holmes, Jimmy Addie, Freddie Brownsword, Johnny Beltz, Frank & Sonia Ward – even Mike Strudwick and Karl Ricker appeared now and then. (We called the camps the Three B's: Birders, Botanists and Broken-down Mountaineers!) Peter's hiking season would start early but he would keep on skiing until the last flake of snow was gone from behind the last tree on the North side of Mt. Hellandgone.



Peter spent some of his happiest times at a small lease cabin on Hollyburn Ridge – and could be found there any time when not actually working. We – his friends and companions - still find it hard to realize that he is gone. One by one the good old guys slip quietly away and leave us only boxes of photos and golden memories of days when we were young and strong and could leap tall crags at a single bound.

Peter Philip Goy. Sept 5, 1925-Feb 19, 2010

(jdr)

Corrections to BCMC's Financial Statements

It has come to our attention that the income statements published in past years' newsletters have had some errors. To clear up the confusion, a corrected summary income statement for the years 2002 to 2009 is below:

Summary Income Statement	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
Revenues (Total Funds)	28,609	42,554	35,077	41,867	23,652	25,239	26,074	34,853
Total General and Operating Expenses	24,456	38,829	57,348	46,730	21,945	25,275	28,056	25,529
Net Income (Loss)	4,153	3,725	(22,271)	(4,863)	1,707	(36)	(1,982)	9,324

We apologize for any confusion and thank Werner Grzimek for bringing this to our attention. Please contact our treasurer, Craig Kalnin, or our President, David Scanlon, if you have any questions or would like a copy of the detailed financial statements.

Coast Mountain Names. The Local Hills

In the 125 years or so of mountaineering in British Columbia, climbers have named many peaks, glaciers, lakes and other features, and a surprising number of mountaineers have had features named for them. Many of these names have been officially adopted and now appear on government maps. This article is the first in an occasional series on how these mountains and other features received their names. Although I'll emphasize peaks named by and for BCMC members and other mountaineers, I'll discuss other names of mountaineering or historical interest. Because my interests are mainly in the Coast Mountains, that's what these articles will emphasize, but I'll go farther afield in some cases.

I'm aware that the First Nations people have their own terms for many mountains and other features. But I'm not Native; I don't know most of their names; and their stories are not mine to tell. I will, however, mention Native names where I know them and they have previously been published, but mostly I am writing as a mountaineer. Throughout these articles, names in **bold** are officially adopted names. Those in ***bold italics*** are unofficial, obsolete, or alternative names.

For this first installment, I'll begin where the BCMC began: on the North Shore mountains above Vancouver. The club had nothing to do with naming **Grouse** and **Goat Mountains**, named in 1894 for the unfortunate victims of early hunters, or with **Dam Mountain**, named for the view from near the summit of the old dam on the Capilano River. But George Edwards, one of the members of that 1894 party, was a founding member of the BCMC years later. The club had nothing to do with the naming of **Mt. Seymour** either; it commemorates the indecisive and alcoholic Frederick Seymour (1820-1869), first governor of the combined colonies of Vancouver Island and British Columbia. But **Pump Peak**, probably the most-climbed summit in the Coast Mountains and possibly in B.C., received its name in 1908 on the first club trip to Mt. Seymour. According to Frank Smith, they noticed that "a storm-riven stump near the top looked like a pump, with the handle and spout complete. The stump has long since vanished but the name remains to mystify later arrivals...."



The hunters on Grouse Mountain, October 1894. From left to right: Sydney Williams, Mr. Knox, R. Parkinson, Ernest Cleveland. Note the guns on the left. Photo by George W. Edwards

According to the memoirs of early club member Fred Mills (on file with the North Vancouver Museum and Archives), **Mt. Bishop** was

first climbed in 1909, by a party from the Vancouver Mountaineering Club (now known as the BC Mountaineering Club), while another party from the same group simultaneously climbed the mountain just to the north. These two mountains were unnamed at the time, so they decided to name this one **Mt. Jarrett** after the first secretary of the club, Mr. George Jarrett, and the other **Mt. Bishop** after the club's first president, Mr. Joseph Charles Bishop. Mr. Jarrett was a young South African war veteran, who arrived in Vancouver with fellow war veteran Mr H.B. Rowe.

Mills was under the impression that they had climbed what are now Mt. Bishop and **Mt. Elsay**, and Jarrett's name was supposed to be applied to Elsay. But a newspaper photo of the day shows topography inconsistent with Mt. Elsay, and Frank Smith's account of early days with the BCMC indicates that they did not climb Elsay. I agree with Smith: it is likely that the 1909 party climbed Bishop and the minor sub-summit of Bishop peak about 600 metres to the northeast. They also named **Mt. Clementine**, another minor sub-summit of Bishop, after nearby **Clementine Creek**, an old name of unknown origin. Eventually, there was room for only one name. Bishop's name won out, probably because he was the club's first climbing casualty; he was killed in a fall into a crevasse on Mt. Baker in July 1913.

Another early name for Mt. Bishop was **Godfrey Mountain**, which was used on a 1915 map; who Godfrey might have been is unknown to me. Elsay Creek and Elsay Lake were known by those names by 1915; they are supposed to have been named by a Scottish settler or prospector, possibly after the island of Islay (or Eslay, or, in older use, Elsay) in Scotland. **Runner Peak**, the small summit between Seymour and Elsay, is another name whose origin eludes me.

Low and bushy **Mt. Dickens** rises north of Mt. Bishop and west of the head of Indian Arm. This summit was named in 1909 by an early ascent party led by Fred Mills. The name is for Benjamin F. Dickens (1860-1952), a real estate promoter who was the first proponent of the famous (and infamous) Wigwam Inn at the head of Indian Arm and supposedly a distant cousin of Charles Dickens. B.F. Dickens' son, Charles, was with Mills on the ascent and wrote an article for the BCMC's Fiftieth Anniversary issue, but I don't believe either he or his father was ever a member of the BCMC.

By 1909, club members were venturing farther into the local mountains. In the next segment, I'll discuss names in the Sky Pilot area.

Glenn Woodsworth

Club Membership - Your Views Matter!

Letters in response to the "Go Green" article

To whom it may concern;
Re: "Go Green"

- 1) "85% of membership fees for printing" - most of that money is spent on mailing cost. A workable alternative would be to pick up the NL at the monthly social.
- 2) I can not speak for paper used on the Mountaineer, but as someone working behind the scenes, I've always insisted on 100% post consumer recycled paper for the calendar and the NL, thereby supporting and encouraging the recycle industry - no trees destroyed here.

3) With the new NL editor we also switched to another printer and thereby saved approx. 50% of the cost to print.
4) More virgin paper will be destroyed, trees wasted, if people start to print NL pages on their printers at home.
5) The Mountaineer, is part of Club History and could be published every four years on 100% post consumer recycled paper, pick-up at the socials.

6) The real problem the BCMC Editors have is the lack of submissions and trip reports. This is where our “competitors”, usually highly specialized outfits, have a distinct advantage- lots of young “eager beavers” publicizing their “victories”, and just as many looking to trump those victories. I’ve read some of that stuff.. no comment.. The Centennial Mountaineer should have not have been part of these numbers, as this really only happens once-every 100 years and should be considered a “souvenir” or “memorabilia”. Few people will ever look back 10 or 20 years on a web site, but many will reminisce with their printed copy of a NL or Mountaineer in their hands, “there is value in the printed word” (forgot who said that).

No reason why the NL can not be posted in pdf format at the same time - all pdf’s are search-able, no news here. It’ll be interesting to find out how many people will actually read a 200 + page Mountaineer on-line when even now most people just skimread the on-line newsletter, missing a lot of important information and / or calls for action. I for one, prefer to take the printed copy to a private, quiet place and read it without any guilt pangs, knowing that it was printed on 100% post-consumer recycled paper with veggie based ink. I’m far more worried about the environmental impact of my car and all the plastic and Styrofoam flying around the streets, parks, trails and the destruction of meadows and mountains by mechanized activities. Let’s start “going green” where it matters the most.

If we are really serious about “Going Green”, then let’s stop the export of raw logs. Successful action would probably save the rest of our few remaining virgin trees, else, we might as well start saving non-recyclable paper, such as toilet paper. Newsletters, journals, etc. are recyclable - if one has no other use for them.

Peter Stange

Dear Editor,

In the March newsletter, Werner Grzimek argues in favour of eliminating or reducing the printing of publications. It was me who estimated the paper used by the club would come from the equivalent of about one second growth tree every 2 years. However, I pointed out to Werner that this estimate assumed that no recycled paper was used, which is not a valid assumption as we switched to using fully or partly recycled paper in the 1980s. Our publications are likely to have caused the actual cutting of less than one of these trees every 2 years in recent decades. Furthermore, use of computers to read newsletters requires electricity and printing of newsletters from home computers also uses up paper. Consequently, the difference in “greenness” between BCMC printed materials vs BCMC web-based publications is not quite as great as Werner implies. The club also now requires those who want to get printed copies of newsletters to so indicate, otherwise they will receive electronic versions only. Contrary to what Werner implies, the club has been actively working to reduce paper consumption. Werner asks 3 questions at the end of his article. Unfortunately the wording of these questions is rather biased and not always accurate. The first question implies the club has no policy on minimizing the use of paper. As just pointed out, this is incorrect. The second question implies that the only club members who are environmentally-minded are those who do want printed materials. I challenge Werner to compare his environmental credentials against mine and those of other club members, such as Monika Bittel or Brian Wood, all of whom want printed materials and all of whom have spent countless hours working on many environmental issues. I have given up many, many weekends and evenings over many years trying to get parks established or environmentally destructive activities stopped or prevented. I have planted dozens of trees per year, at least 200 of which are now as large as the second growth trees mentioned above, and am quite willing to give their carbon credits to the club, if that will appease Werner’s conscience. The point is that printed materials can be wanted by

environmentally-minded club members.

The third question is ambiguous in that it could imply that printing is not a mountaineering-related project or is less related to mountaineering than other projects. The question might not have indicated this, but some might interpret it this way, which biases their response to it. No mountaineering club which publishes a journal anywhere in the world would agree with this implication.

While I don't mind paying a few extra dollars to receive printed materials, because I want and value these materials much more than electronic ones, I believe it should only be a few dollars that are involved - not enough to get as excited about as Werner appears to be. Werner appears to want club members to pay nothing towards printed publications if they don't want any. This is like asking that taxpayers pay nothing towards those things, such as the arts, libraries, parks, or whatever that they don't personally use. I hope we never live in such an anarchistic society and that we continue to contribute money towards things we might not personally use but things which make our society or club strong. Our publications have certainly made us strong. Our printed materials have also been around for over 100 years, allowing us to understand our history. I do not believe that any computer or electronic storage device we have now will still exist 100 years from now. It is very easy to store printed paper for 100 years; it will be extremely difficult to store electronic records for 100 years - just look at the software compatibility problems when new computing operating systems appear or the compatibility problems between windows vs apple computers. There is no paper incompatibility problem.

Michael Feller

I'd like to comment on the proposal submitted by Werner in a previous newsletter to save printing costs by encouraging more members to receive the newsletter and the Mountaineer in electronic format. I won't weigh in on whether sending the newsletter in electronic format will actually reduce society's overall paper consumption.

I think Werner's idea has merit, and I support the proposal to pass along the savings from reduced printing costs to those members who choose to receive their publications online.

As a point of clarification, in his article Werner suggested that the Club could save \$13,000 per year if everyone agreed to accept electronic publications; however, the current annual cost for printing and mailing is \$9,400, which is the maximum that could be saved.

I would support reducing dues for those members who choose to receive the newsletter on-line as part of a "Go Green" initiative. How much should the dues be reduced by? The answer, as with most things in life, is "it depends". The unknown factor is how many members will choose to switch over to the electronic newsletter, which will determine how much printing and mailing costs we will save.

To start, a simple fee schedule could be as follows: Keep all dues the same, and give members who want the electronic newsletter a \$5 reduction. I can already hear the other side of the argument - "people won't make the switch to electronic if all we give them is \$5 off". My response is "of course they will - if reducing paper consumption is important to them".

The fact is that we can't pass along cost savings before we actually save those costs - at least that's my opinion as a professional accountant. I am, by training, conservative with the Club's money and am wary of predictions of how much money we could save or earn if we were to do something different.

As far as the Mountaineer, it's too early to tell. I think we should first determine the numbers of members who want the Mountaineer electronically, estimate our costs accordingly, and then consider if a reduction in dues is appropriate. My hunch is that far fewer members would want the Mountaineer in electronic format than would want the current paper format.

As a volunteer organization, we rely on members' ability to donate their time to perform the Club's administrative duties. Accordingly, any changes we make to the structure of the membership dues must be simple in nature, and not create an excessive amount of administrative burden. For example, the calculation of the exact cost of printing a paper newsletter on a member by member basis would be very difficult to determine, as members

join or leave the club on an ongoing basis throughout the year, with a corresponding increase and reduction in newsletter circulation.

In his article, Werner suggested that members would pay an extra amount over their regular membership dues if they want a paper copy of the newsletter or Mountaineer. I disagree with this idea and feel that we would risk losing members over such a decision, since it's my belief that a significant number of members enjoy these publications in paper format – I know I do.

In summary, I support the idea of a fee reduction for those members who would like to receive an electronic newsletter. But I remain cautious, as always, with respect to the Club's finances and membership levels on an overall basis.

Todd Ponzini
Past President

Trip Reports

Mt. Price February 28, 2010

This trip was originally scheduled for Sat Feb 27 but with a poor weather forecast was rescheduled for Sunday. After receiving interest from 17 people, 7 remained on departure day. We set off at 6AM from St David's Church with a forecast for improving weather throughout the day. With unusually warm conditions this season we walked to part way up the switchbacks on the Garibaldi Lake trail before putting on skis.

We reached a frozen Garibaldi lake around 11:30. Ian lost his pole basket on the way up and having been up Price many times before decided to check out the Sphinx shelter. Adam, Shirley, and Robert called it quits here while Darlene, Jane, and myself headed up the slopes to Price. It was crusty in the trees, then nice under Clinker, and finally crusty on the upper slopes.



Mt Price in winter



Jane enjoying great snow

We arrived at an overcast summit at 14:15 where we spent a brief time in blustery conditions before heading down. The weather quickly cleared giving us some nice views and a great run down the north slope of Clinker. We stopped for lunch just above the trees and enjoyed the scenery.

We met back up with Ian at the lake who had watched our descent. On the ski down we reached very close to the bottom switchback and arrived back at the car just before dark at 6pm. The day was completed with a greek dinner at Yianni's, an enjoyable workout for all.

Participants: Jane Weller, Darlene Andersen, Ian McGillivray, Adam Braveman, Shirley Rempel, Robert Nugent, Bill Maurer (organizer and reporter). Photo credits: Bill Maurer



Reaching the summit of Mt. Matier
Photo: Alex Hudson



Topping out Mt. Brunswick from its North face
Photo: Alex Hudson



Canyoneering in Zion National Park, Utah
Photo: Kevin Swanson



Going up Ring Mountain
Photo: Sabine Decamp