

B.C. Mountaineering Club News Letter



Mt. Kilimanjaro, Tanzania. 5895 m.
Photo: Devin and Tara Manky

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EVENING SOCIAL MEETINGS

Evening socials are held in the ANZA club, upstairs room (corner of 8th Ave. and Ontario St., Vancouver) from 7:30 pm. Cookies, tea and coffee are provided.

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN MUG

Tues. 14 June - BC MC members Devin and Tara Manky climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro, 5895m, in January 2011. Come to see and hear about their experiences climbing the mountain, travelling around Africa and with Alpine Ascents as a guide company.

July & Aug - Make your own fun in the hills.



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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 (604-313-7282) 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 ~ Check for updates and details at www.bcmc.ca. No phone # means signup not yet open at time of publication.

June 2011

3-6	Mt. James Turner N Face TD: D5	Werner Grzimek	604.737.1091
4	Mt. Urquhart - climb: C3	Alastair Ferries	604.329.1637
4	Goat Mtn - ski: C3	Peter Gumplinger	604.733.8264
4-5	NW face Mt. Matier - climb: C5	Don Montrichard	604.732.8431
11-12	Mt. Adams - NFNWR ski: C4	Alex Gibbs	604.970.1171
12	Mt. Killam, Gambier Island - hike: B1	Dick Culbert	
17-19	NW face Castle Towers - climb: C5		
18	Mt. Ruth - hike: C2	Geoffrey Zenger	
24-26	N. face Wedge Mtn - climb: C5	Don Montrichard	604.732.8431

Squamish Rock Climbing: A5

8	After work Wednesday	Ariel Goldenberg	
11	Saturday	Waldemar Jonsson	
25	Saturday	Michael Lim	

July

9	Mt. Meslilloet from Mamquam FSR: D2	Jeff Han	
9-10	Mt. Fitzsimmons N Face: C5	Don Montrichard	

NEWS AND NOTICES

New Members: The club welcomes the following new members: Jose Amangual, Kristian Dubrawski, Ken Townsend, Matt Hall, Craig Hatt.

Parking in Provincial Parks: We, the public, no longer have to curse those frequently dysfunctional and always annoying parking meters in BC's provincial parks. The provincial government recently discontinued their use. If you purchased an annual pass after Sept. 1st, 2010, you can apply for a refund through the BC Parks website: <http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/fees/parking.html>

Special Executive Meeting: Did you see your executive members in a huddle when you arrived for the May Social? They are currently considering the results of the club survey and addressing the issues raised. Of primary importance is the matter of developing a fee structure that is fair and rational that can be approved by the membership in time for the 2011-12 season. This has proven to be more complicated than at first appeared; discussions spilled over into emails and even required a special meeting, the one you may have observed. A "penultimate" proposal will be ready for your comments at the June Social and we plan for a Special General Meeting in September for voting. Once the questions relating to fees have been dealt with, the executive will move on to other topics in the survey.

HONORARY MEMBERS

The executive recently granted honorary membership to three club members for outstanding service: Brian Wood, Karl Ricker and Monika Bittel. Our Constitution states (2.a) that Honorary Members are "Those who have distinguished themselves in scientific research, exploration, mountaineering, or service to the Club may be elected to Honorary Membership. An Honorary Member has full voting rights and Club privileges. Honorary Membership dues will be funded from the General Fund."

Executive discussions relating to this decision were held via email and kept out of the minutes in order to maintain secrecy from the nominees. Following is a short biography of Brian, Karl and Monika.

Brian Wood: Brian has been a member of the club since 1970. He has served on the club executive for eight years as Conservation Chair and more recently for several years as FMCBC rep. He has been a BCMC representative on the FMCBC recreation and conservation committee for over 10 years and has been the FMCBC president for the last couple of years. He has lead numerous BCMC trips and has been involved as an instructor on club courses for over 30 years, with igloo building instruction courses being his recent ones.

Karl Ricker: Karl has been a member of the club since 1975. He has lead many club trips and has been responsible for mountaineering exploration of the Coldwater - Coquihalla area mountains to a greater extent than any other person, beginning in 1973 and leading club trips there since 1975. He has also been more involved in mountain science than any other club member over most of this period, with articles on glacial retreat measurements appearing regularly in ACC and more recently in BCMC publications. He has also conducted inventories of flora and fauna on various extended club trips, such inventories being valuable as they appear nowhere else.

Monika Bittel: Monika has been a member of the club since 1991. She has also given the club fantastic service - as Conservation Chair for over 12 years and as Vice-President for a couple of years as well. She has also been a BCMC representative on the FMCBC recreation and conservation committee for over 10 years and has been the driving force behind recent organizing of the club's constitution and bylaws. She has provided the club with much legal advice in recent years and has worked for the club on numerous policy issues covering many aspects of our activities. She has also been an active organizer of club trips since 1993.

WILDLAND AREAS MANAGEMENT

B.C. government provides legal backing for management of Wildland Areas and First Nation Cultural Places in the Sea-to-Sky (Squamish – Pemberton) LRMP area

Comment by Michael Feller (see map back page)

In late March and early April the B.C. government approved an Order in Council to designate and provide management direction for Wildland Areas and a Ministerial Order to do likewise for First Nation Cultural Places within the Squamish-Pemberton LRMP area.

The Sea-to-Sky LRMP planning team was confronted with demands to establish more parks and protect areas of importance to First Nations. The government, however, had already directed that no new parks could be created, so the LRMP team came up with the concept of Wildland Areas. These were areas which were envisioned to remain in a natural or near-natural state in order to assist nature conservation and protect backcountry recreation opportunities. This was to be achieved by prohibiting logging, road and IPP construction, sale of land, and development of rights of way.

The government subsequently watered down some of the restrictions and ignored some objections to this watering down. Thus, water-based IPPs can now be constructed in Wildland Areas if the power created is used “wholly or partially in the Wildland Area” and by the person who was given the water licence or by that person's “immediate family members, employees, or tenants”. The power generated can also be disposed for compensation of the water licence holder. This seems broad enough to allow a major company which runs a commercial lodge in a Wildland Area to develop a water-based IPP in the area in order to power their lodge as well as their holdings elsewhere.

Furthermore, although the BC Ministry of Forests and Range cannot issue commercial logging permits for a Wildland Area, they can still issue permits for “the construction, maintenance or use of a road in a Wildland Area”.

The Order in Council lists and delineates on maps 45 separate Wildland Areas, many of which are adjacent. Seven of these areas are specifically for First Nations, including the Blanca Lakes, Tricouni Lakes, Lower Sims, Birkenhead headwaters and Lillooet Glacier areas. Of these, the last 3 are the largest, at 16,742, 12,560, and 23,641 ha, respectively. North Ck. and the club cabin lie within the 22,933 ha Pebble Ck. Wildland Area. The largest Wildland Area is the Sims Ck. valley, whose headwaters and lower valley combine to be about 36,100 ha. The Wildland Areas total 294,554 ha, which represents 27% of the entire LRMP area (note that Garibaldi park has an area of approximately 198,000 ha, so Wildland Areas occupy about 1.5 times the area of the park).

It should be noted that the Wildland Areas were intended by the LRMP to have different management emphases – recreation, tourism, cultural, and wildlife. Commercial lodges, for example, were to be restricted to tourism-emphasis areas. The Order in Council makes no mention of the different emphases, but the government has stated (email to M. Feller on 26 April, 2011) “The Sea-to-Sky Wildland Area Order is just one of several tools being used to implement the land use direction for the Sea-to-Sky Wildlands. The management emphasis for each Wildland is also being addressed by other complementary legal tools and management practices. For example, much of the Sea-to-Sky LRMP direction for recreation and tourism development in Wildlands is being implemented through Land Act section 17s that are being developed for each individual Wildland. These Land Act s.17s incorporate the land use direction from the LRMP to guide the province in its decisions on what proposed land uses/developments may, and may not, occur in each Wildland area. These Land Act s.17s are nearing completion and interim protection measures are still in place to ensure the LRMP direction for all Wildlands is respected.” (A Land Act section 17 is defined (page 3) in <http://www.al.gov.bc.ca/clad/Documents/LPSB/Policies/reserves.pdf>)

The Order in Council can be considered a step forward for land use planning and backcountry recreation in the region, although it will be necessary to continually monitor management of the Wildland Areas to ensure interpretation of the weasel clauses in the Order in Council is not pushed to extremes. It is also necessary to ensure that any Land Act section 17s or other management tools respect the intentions of the LRMP.

The Ministerial Order for First Nations Cultural Places and Cultural Management Areas pertains to 67 Cultural Places, most of which (45) are for the Lil'wat nation, a group not noted for their friendliness or willingness to accommodate the needs of other people, in contrast to the Squamish nation. Some of these areas are relatively large.

The main management objectives involve maintaining forests, cultural heritage resources, and opportunities for First Nations members to “practice traditional harvesting for food, social, ceremonial and spiritual purposes”. Again, however, weasel clauses are inserted to allow commercial logging if it is deemed necessary for “road maintenance, to eliminate a safety hazard, or to maintain forest health”. This last reason generally assumes that a forest is healthy only if it is producing timber. Health from the viewpoints of the forest's inhabitants is generally not considered.

The wildland areas and type of management emphasis are shown in the accompanying map. Final Orders, schedules and maps can be viewed online at: <http://www.ilmb.gov.bc.ca/slrp/lrmp/surrey/s2s/legaldocuments/legalorders.html>

FMCBC - INSURANCE

This article was taken directly from the FMC's May E-News. It presents general updates regarding the Commercial General Liability Insurance and Directors and Officers Liability Insurance for the participating

FMCBC Member Clubs.

The FMCBC Insurance Committee has now accepted on behalf of the FMCBC and its member clubs the Proposal for Commercial General Liability Insurance put forward by Integro Insurance Brokers in March 2011. Integro came through with the most comprehensive policy including Accident/Medical Coverage, coverage for all FMCBC member clubs' activities and excluding warranties which would terminate the policy which was a major concern with the policy held last year with Capri Insurance.

Please note that for 2011/2012 the FMCBC's Directors and Officers coverage will continue to be through Capri Insurance.

IMPORTANT: The one item that Integro was unable to negotiate with the Insurance Company was CGL coverage in the USA. The FMCBC is currently working with Integro to see if it is possible to get USA coverage added, but please be aware that the CGL coverage through Integro is for Canada only at this time.

The FMCBC is currently negotiating whether club waivers will be sufficient for the Insurer or if a universal waiver provided by us or the Insurer will need to be signed by everyone. We will keep everyone posted on the results of these negotiations.

As soon as the FMCBC receives the policy a copy will be sent out to all participating clubs. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Jodi, the Administrator at FMCBC.

Letters to Editor

Dear Editor,

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The BCMC Climbing Schedule - it's no more.

I've been watching the BCMC Climbing Schedule withering away on a thing called a "website" for some time. Time to put the 100-year-old printed publication to sleep - forever - farewell, you've served us well.

The printed schedule allowed us to plan ahead, book vacations and weekends; dream in the Spring of sun / rain drenched meadows, glaciers and rock faces and of of deep powder, hopeless crust and mush, endless whited out snow fields, tons of snow on the tent roof, candle-lit and warmed tents in the Fall. We were able to communicate with the organizers well ahead of time via some fancy gadget called a "phone", now the organizers are "not yet available" - amazing? - where are they?

Replaced by the 21st century internet craze. Long term planning is no longer required, replaced by a system similar to the electronic "just-in-time- inventory", together with the "stock-out-risk". We can now plan our trips a month, a week or even just a day ahead of time - great stuff!

Peter Stange

Thank You Note to the Club

I had a rather long and tiring day at work on Tuesday, April 12, and seriously contemplated not attending the BCMC social that night. But, having missed the March social and having told David Scanlon that I would bring the Club cheque book and mail, I felt obliged to go. The social was well underway when I arrived. I slipped into

a seat at the back of the ANZA Club, thinking I would leave early. David observed my entrance and announced it. Somewhat unusual I thought. I had also missed seeing my two sisters, hiding in the back behind some pillars. Had I seen them, I would have known something was afoot. They normally don't attend BCMC socials. Well, much to my surprise, David Scanlon and Francis St. Pierre announced my election to Honorary member status in recognition of my contributions to the BCMC. I did not see this coming. I am honored by the acknowledgment and humbled by the gesture. And, a special thanks to Francis for the slideshow of my "formative" years and the not so subtle reminder that I once had brilliant red hair!

I joined the Club 20 years ago to learn backcountry skiing, to meet people to climb with and to explore the mountains and wilderness of BC. I had heard about the BCMC through the Federation of Mountain Clubs but was quite intimidated by the reputation of the Club and its members. It took me a little while before I mustered the courage to join and go on my first trip. I was encouraged by Paul Kubik, BCMC president at the time, who I had met cleaning crags at the Smoke Bluffs. I met more members and Club volunteers through the Winter Mountaineering Program instructed by Brian Gavin and on my first climbing camp organized by Michael Feller. All great experiences that whet my appetite for more. Over the years, I have skied, climbed and explored mountains all over BC, Canada and the world with people I met through the Club, many of whom have become lifelong friends. The opportunities I have had and the friends I have made through the BCMC have been my reward for my involvement with the BCMC. The Honorary member designation is the icing on the cake. Thank you, BCMC!

Monika Bittel, May 2011

The Editor's Dilemma

With apologies to Old Mother Hubbard

Old Mother Editor
Went to her file folder
To get some material to publish.

But when she got there
The folder was bare ...
To get *your* articles is her wish.





Otherwise, you'll get some more really bad poetry, or perhaps a close encounter with my friend - unmuzzled!

HAVE A SUPER SUMMER EVERYONE ~

And then share your memories with others through this Newsletter in the Fall.



Wildland (Mining/Tourism Permitted) Zone

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|  Recreation |  Wildlife |

