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BC Mountaineering Club
Newsletter

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At the ANZA Club 7:30 pm

Tuesday, Nov 13 - Our Annual General Meeting and a presentation by David Hughes about the current status of the "Spearhead Huts Proposal".

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CLUB EQUIPMENT FOR HIRE

The club maintains a satellite phone and ice tools, which are available for rental by members only.

Ice Tool - \$5 per day per tool
 Satellite Phone - \$60/week; \$10 per day + \$2 per minute used

Fees are non-refundable and payable in advance and a refundable deposit may be required, at the equipment custodian's discretion. Instructional Programs are exempt from rental fees, all other uses are subject to the rental fees.

The satellite phone is rented from Peter Gumplinger (604-733-8264), who should be contacted at least 3 weeks prior to the day it is wanted.

Ice climbing axes are rented from Werner Grzimek.

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Submissions: We want you to write for us! Any submitted news, events, trip reports, letters relevant to the BCMC will be published unless the club executive decides otherwise.

About Submissions: For photos, high resolution is much appreciated. 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 BCMC.

Scheduled trips: How they work

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 ~ Sign up, updates and details at www.bcmc.ca

Nov 2012 Trips

5	Pulling on plastic @ Coquitlam Cliffhanger - A5	Adrian Lazar	
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10-12	Rock Climbing at Frenchman Coulee - B5	Margaret Hanson	604-873-2276
10-12	Meager Creek / Harrison Hut - Trail Work - B/C-1	Brad Percival	
12	Pulling on plastic @ Coquitlam Cliffhanger - A5	Adrian Lazar	
17	Spider Peak - snowshoe - C1	Alastair Ferries	604-329-1637
19	Pulling on plastic @ Coquitlam Cliffhanger - A5	Adrian Lazar	
24	Alpine Practice - B4	Serguei Okountsev	

Dec 2012 Trips

7-16	Ice Climbing Camp In The Rockies - W13-4	Werner Grzimek	
8	Crown Couloir - C4	Serguei Okountsev	
15	Brunswick Mountain - NE Couloir - C4	Serguei Okountsev	
15	Hope Mtn - C2	Alastair Ferries	604-329-1637

NEWS AND NOTICES

New Members

The club welcomes the following new member: Peter Almerling, Christine Andersen, Roger Barany, Jose Celedo, Wojciech Fedorko, William Ferguson, Hashila Goonetilleke, Phillip Jones, Alison Lister, Gary Loughnane, Pam Newman, Tony Short, Jackie Thai, Marcus Tomlinson and Alan Trick.

Getting ready for the winter season

As the days grow shorter and we prepare for the first powder runs of the new season, we're looking for volunteers to lead winter trips for the BCMC. Every pursuit is welcome: rock climbing in the desert, snowshoeing, backcountry skiing, ice climbing, or big mountaineering objectives. Please see the trip schedule on the website for details on how to add a trip.

Fall "Club Night" at MEC: 10% off

Details: MEC Vancouver store, 130 W. Broadway / Wed, Nov 7th (7 - 9 pm)

The store will close to the general public at 7 pm but remain open for BCMC members, who will receive 10% off all regularly priced items purchased that evening (including bikes and boats). All items must be in stock and purchased through the checkout till that evening in order to be eligible for the discount. It does not apply to clearance items or items ordered online. Participants must be current BCMC & MEC members (you may purchase a MEC membership that evening for \$5).

Please RSVP promptly via e-mail to Cynthia Montemayor <montemayorc13@hotmail.com>. She needs to provide a list of participants to MEC by Nov 4th.

New BCMC Website Set to Launch on November 10th

The current Executive announced at the beginning of their volunteer year that they would work to create and launch a new website for the club. The primary objective has been to transfer a long

list of useful features developed by the previous webmaster, **Kevin Swanson**, and to integrate them into a new site with an updated design and a modern “code” foundation that will allow easier site development in the future.

After many hundreds of volunteer hours contributed by several BCMC members, we’ve progressed to a major milestone. The website development team plans to launch the new BCMC website on Saturday, November 10th. An e-mail will be sent out one week earlier (Sat, Nov 3rd) to all members - it will include details about the new website, including how members can login and “test drive” it before the launch date. If any BCMC member would like to help with the current phase of feature testing, which would be very much appreciated, please contact the BCMC webmaster, **Paul Olynek**, at <webmaster@bcmc.ca>

Quarry Rock - climbing area in North Vancouver - Seeking Information

Rich Wheater is putting together a guidebook for the North Shore and is looking for details on rock climbing in the Quarry Rock area. If you can help, please contact Rich at <richwheater@shaw.ca>

Skookum Creek Power Project - Access to Mamquam & Watersprite Lake

Please be advised that Skookum Creek Power Project is actively under construction in the region of Skookum Creek. Road improvements are currently underway along the previously decommissioned Skookum Creek Forest Service Road - it involves some blasting and rock hauling along this road. They also expect to have excavation of the penstock route underway for most of the winter, along/near the road. The company will endeavor to accommodate all back country users but on a day to day basis some plans change overnight depending on the prior day’s progress. They are somewhat behind schedule and are trying to make up time, but with sufficient notice will be able to accommodate groups accessing the area. There is also active logging in the area by other parties.

Please contact your BCMC rep David Scanlon at <david.hiker@gmail.com> or (604) 531-5025 at least *1 week* prior to any trips for more information.

Garibaldi Park Management Plan - Public Open Houses

There are two open house/information sessions scheduled for review of BC Parks Garibaldi Park Master Plan amendments.

*Whistler: Conference Centre, Garibaldi A Room - November 20, 2012, 4 - 7 pm

*Vancouver: UBC Robson Square - Room C-150 - November 26, 2012, 4 - 7 pm

The BC Parks website has some background and further details: http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/planning/mgmtplns/garibaldi/garibaldi_mp.html

Esther and Martin Kafer Coquer Kilimanjaro for Alzheimers

Your honorary co-presidents, Martin and Esther Kafer, have returned from a successful trip to the summit of Africa’s highest mountain, Kilimanjaro. Setting a remarkable example, they’ve also broken the record for the oldest man (85) and woman (84) in the world to have climbed Kilimanjaro. They also additionally raised over \$25000 for Alzheimers Society of BC. We can all aspire to be as healthy and active as Martin and Esther, way to go!

Upcoming Events

Spearhead Huts Project - Fundraising Events

(Nov 3, 2012 - 7:30 pm) Squamish - Eagle Eye Theatre

Hosted by Kees and Claire Memorial Hut Society

19+ - Tickets \$20 at Escape Route Squamish - See FURTHER backcountry snowboard film, plus a new Jordan Manley slideshow about sports and wilderness in the Sea to Sky region, and top it off with a silent auction.

Vancouver - Roundhouse Community Centre

Spearhead Soiree - Nov 22, 2012 7pm

Come celebrate GREAT COAST TRAVERSES with our Patron JOHN BALDWIN, BC's pre-eminent backcountry skiing authority. Our special guest presenters are JACQUI HUDSON will recount her 55-day ski traverse of the Fairweather and St. Elias Ranges. PETER CROFT will share his story the first full mountaineering traverse of the Waddington Range, with fellow climbers, Greg Foweraker and Don Serl. Enjoy the jazz, silent auction, no-host bar.

Tickets are on sale now online: \$40 for 8pm entry and presentations; \$100 for 7pm entry, presentations plus appetizers, drink ticket, raffle ticket and \$60 tax receipt

MEC Snowfest Vancouver - Saturday, November 10, 2012

Featuring info booths and the winter gear swap at the Vancouver location.

Book launch for **John Clarke: Explorer of the Coast Mountains** - Nov 17, 2012

Biography by **Lisa Baile**, BCMC member, celebratory book launch to be held at the Centennial Theatre in North Vancouver - 7:30-9:30pm as part of the Vancouver International Mountain Film Festival. Look for this book on shelves October 31st from Harbour Publishing.

Vancouver International Mountain Film Festival - Fall Series

November 13-18 - Various Venues

Highlights include BORN WEARING CRAMPONS — JOHN CLARKE, Explorer of the Coast Mountains - Nov 17, 2012 at Centennial Theatre. as well as two REEL ROCK 7 showings: November 15 7:30pm at Centennial Theatre and 7:30pm November 18 at RIO Theatre. For more information and tickets, check out www.vimff.org.

Trip Reports

Coldcoqu No. 40 – A Mineralized Venture to Mt. Sutter, Sept. 29/30, 2012

by Karl Ricker

It was a dry and clear weekend for a change and the promised bush-whacking failed to happen. Not to be unexpected though, bush-whacking approaches always coincide with wet weather. And where is Mt. Sutter? Not shown on all maps, missing on BC's 1:125,000 and older 1:266,720 scale series, but it's on some fed's maps. Locate lowly Treasure Mtn. (1727 m), shown on all maps, where mining is again underway, after decades of mothballing, and move your pencils 2.8 kilometres from it west-northwest to the peak. Moving south on its lengthy and twisting alpine ridge there are a

bunch of Crown Grant claims shown on the feds 1:50,000 scale map (92H/6). Crown Grants are a legacy of government give-aways under the Land Act, about one century ago, to encourage mine exploration. In this area, a swarm of veins cross-cutting innocent appearing beds of sandstones and shales are the lure, which attracted two members of our party. Those veins are poly-metallic; that is containing silver, lead, zinc, cadmium and manganese, and with the odd sniff of gold and antimony thrown in. Well, it smelled very good to Mike, and under the tutelage of a real mineral hound, Ziff, they had a grand trek through the various old trenches that adorned the walk up an incredibly steep access road to the last exploration trenches in the alpine. Yep, Ziff's local knowledge negated any potential bush-whacking, and once on that heathery south ridge it was an easy romp to Mt. Sutter. All agreed.

So, the trip began in the back of my mind two or three decades ago when a two-year assault on Tulameen Mtn. took place. On one of those trips, participants Don and Heather Lyon opted instead for a ridge walk above our camp in the Amberty Creek basin. Though short in length, they topped the south ridge of Sutter, reporting excellent strolling. In 2012, I decided a stroll was in order, as did 10 others of which seven actually showed up at the Britton Creek rest area on the Coquihalla. The four-car entourage wound their way up the Tulameen Forestry Rd. in clouds of dust. It hadn't rained here for many weeks. Stopping at the Sutter Creek crossing's BCFS campsite, it was decided to use Ziff's jeep for a recce. The Treasure Mtn. road was posted with the forewarned 'No Trespassing' and 'Active Mining' signs, but our advisor and supposed trip participant, Norm Hansen, said it was a public gazetted road, meaning the miners could not stop us from using it. Well, Norm went to Golden for the weekend instead, leaving us to negotiate passage. Alas, the recce found no local resistance, the usual all-bluff tactic, and Ziff took his jeep past the corner to the actual mine road entrance and into the headwaters of Sutter Creek, and then onto an old road leading to a miners' campsite and drill core storage near the base of the south ridge. But with no water handy we returned to the waiting crew, saying it would be better to camp at Sutter Creek Campground only to be told they had a better place nearby, the Vuich forestry campsite.

The camping was straight-forward, eventually a warming fire ensued, which Mike needed because he forgot his sleeping bag! Using borrowed blankets he awoke in well-below freezing overnight temperatures. He was warming his feet for a long time with the car's heater! By 8:00 a.m. we reduced the entourage to a three-vehicle ascent of the vastly improved Treasure Mtn. road, quickly peeling off it and onto the narrow Sutter Creek headwater road, and parking at the turn-off to the mine exploration road.

The walk up the exploration road would see a halt at every exposed showing of the rusty mineralized veins, Mike exhorting that this was the best approach to a mountain, ever(!), in his recollection. And that would be thousands of trips! The road itself was of steep rubble, enough to make any ATV sweat! The alpine stroll didn't disappoint the rest of us, finding an old trail here and there to reach a small pond before a fore summit. Nancy's dogs were thoroughly refreshed there. A distinct notch in the foresummit was the obvious route, which was a little bushy but provided access to another pleasant 800 metres of meandering to a pass about 100 metres below us and a view of the actual summit block. It was steepish heather down to the pass and steepish heather to the summit ridge which is adorned with krummholz to weave around and through to the Geodetic Surveys bronze plug on the flattish top. It was high noon and there were good views towards the Coquihalla

massif to the north and the Tulameen to the south.

The Geodetics plug was without a number; it said only “Reference Mark” with an ancient tellurometer battery lying beside it. Ed found an ancient fire ring nearby, and we added a cairn. The mountain was likely ascended by prospectors a century or more ago because the southeast face of the summit block is ablaze in deep orangish-brown oxidized hues. On our way back to the notch on the fore summit, we found the old trail dug into the hillside and it was followed back more or less through the heather to Crown Grant #931, known as the Sutter prospect, which tested Ag, Pb, Zn, Ca and Mn in veins, so neatly exposed at the tree line-alpine interface. We again picked up the road leading us back to the cars, reaching them by 1500 hrs. It was a very interesting and scenic six and one-half hour day of rambling. Returning to camp, the last tent was taken down, cars were repacked, and homeward by 1600 hrs, with no flat tires on the 36 k’s of forestry road. A trip to do again and a great way to celebrate my 40th year of Coquihallying.

Participants: Karl Ricker, Nancy Henderson and two border-collies, Ziff House, Ed Zenger, John Sapac, Evelyn and Michael “Sulphide” Feller.

Mt. Sutter: Elev – 6323’ (1927 m) on the 1960 ed. of the B.C. Topo Survey map, 6400’ contour on the 1972 ed. of the B.C. Topo Surv., 6400 foot contour on the fed’s (1976) NTS 92H/6 map, 1948 m (6391’) at the Geodetic plug on Evelyn’s GPS unit (about 1 metre below surrounding humps), and 1951 m (6401’) on BC TRIM series (1993). Who can beat that? (We need the Geodectic Surveys calculation.)

Photo below: Mt Sutter group shot (Photo: E. Zenger)

Esther and Martin Kafer on the summit of Kilimanjaro (Photo: M. Kafer)

Karl Ricker pointing out rock details on Mt Sutter (Photo: E. Zenger)



