

# BCMC

BC Mountaineering Club  
Newsletter

## **UPCOMING BCMC SOCIAL**

At the ANZA Club 7:30 pm  
Tuesday, June 11 - Marc-Andre LeClerc  
presents on Squamish hard rock climbing  
and his journey from teen beginner to 5.14  
climber.

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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](http://www.bcmc.ca)

### June 2013

1	Squamish to Indian Arm - Mountain Biking - B2	Alena Dzujkova
1	Mt. Lardehtac - D3	Craig Speirs
1	Saturday Rock Climbing Squamish - A5	Werner Grzimek
2	Sunday Squamish Rock Climbing - A5	Paul Olynek
5	Wednesday night climbing - A5	Michael Lim
7-9	Castle Towers Northwest Face - AD, ice & 4th class - D4	Don Montrichard
7-8	Mt Currie-D2	Gordon Esplin
8	Anvil Island + Kayak	Alena Dzujkova
8-9	Systems for Mountaineering- ANCHORING BASICS - FULL	Justin Bennett
11	BCMC Social: Squamish Hard Rock	
12	Wednesday night Squamish climbing - A5	Michael Lim
14-16	Mount Weart North Face - AD+, ice - C5	Don Montrichard
15	Volcano Ski Withdrawal Management Program - C2	Mike Hamata
15	Saturday Squamish Rock Climbing - A5	Paul Olynek
15	Skagit River Trail - B1	Geoffrey Zenger
20-23	Wilderness First Aid - FULL -	Peter Almerling
21-23	North Face of Mount James Turner - TD ice, 5.7	Don Montrichard
21-22	Joffre Peak- Southeast Face - PD+	Basia Pajerski
22	SUMMER ICE CLIMBING @ BAKER SERACS - WI 2-5	Werner Grzimek
28-30	Slesse North Face Couloir - D+, 5.8, ice	Don Montrichard

### July 2013

4-8	Grand Teton - Wyoming, USA - D4/5	Jake Stubbs
5-6	Habrich SW Spur - Life on Earth - D5	Adrian Lazar
6	Saturday Rock Climbing Squamish - A5	Werner Grzimek

## NEWS AND NOTICES

### New Members

The club welcomes the following new members: Greg Levitsky, Starla Talbot, Leslie Pitt, Francisco Anglada, Soleil Onoya, Sachiv Ahir, Ivana Kadlecova, Ashley Christensen-Pate, Renato Infanti, Mike Wrede, David Lam, John Beeckler, Caroline Black, Marlis Klucker, Andrew Daetz, Leonardo Moretto, Elaiza Datar, Paul Henderson, Elizabeth Grant, Kevin Worth, Leah Yun, Justin Gasmio, Aaron Lake, Kevin Martin, Andrew Swartz, Lorenzo Pederzani, Chris Morrow, Mark Dawson, Manuela Schneider, Tristan Jasper, and Heather Svyrensky Campbell.

### Waddington Range Mountaineering Camp - July 28 - August 5, 2013

Objectives include Mt. Grenelle, Sierra Pk, Mt. Merlon and others down ridge (range) from Mt. Munday on south side of Tiedemann Glacier. For more information, please see the website or contact the trip organizer, David Hughes, 604-987-7101.

## **BCMC Intro to Mountaineering Camp - July 24-30**

This is a seven day camp covering off the following aspects of mountaineering skills:

- Ascending BASIC (1 day)
- Rappelling BASIC (1 days)
- Haul BASIC (1 days)
- Anchoring (Snow) INT (1 days)
- Leading (Glacier) BASIC (1 day)
- Rescue (Glacier) BASIC (1 days)

There will be a fee associated with this course, participants are required to have the requisite gear and previous climbing experience with strong knot skills. For more information, please check out the Trip List posting for this camp.

## **Male Test Subjects Wanted for UBC High Altitude Study**

Healthy male subjects wanted for a study of genetics and susceptibility to Acute Mountain Sickness Participation involves up to an 8 hour exposure to simulated altitude in a hypoxia (low oxygen) chamber on campus. The conditions will be the equivalent to 4500 meters altitude ( like summiting Mt Rainier ).

A sample cheek cells will be taken (for DNA) and a number of physiological measures made, including heart rate, blood pressure, blood flow, exhaled nitric oxide, and lung diffusion capacity. We expect about ½ of subjects will develop headaches and other symptoms of acute mountain sickness while in the chamber.

Interested? Contact any member of the study team for more details.

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## **Federation of Mountain Clubs of BC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 7-9 June 2013**

This is to remind you that the Kamloops Hiking Club will be hosting the FMCBC AGM on Saturday, June 8th at McQueen Camp near Kamloops. The AGM will take place on the Saturday with social events planned for Friday and Saturday evenings and a group hike planned for Sunday morning. We are setting up car pools and note that reasonable travel expenses will be covered by the FMCBC.

All FMCBC Members are welcome to attend, so please register your intentions by visiting the FMCBC website at [www.mountainclubs.org](http://www.mountainclubs.org), or if you have questions please contact Jodi at [admin.manager@mountainclubs.org](mailto:admin.manager@mountainclubs.org) or (604) 873-6096.

Please remember that for over forty years the BCMC has supported this province-wide umbrella organisation of 27 outdoor clubs, and represents the interests of the non-motorized recreationists. So, please let us see a few BCMC members there, and remember that we are seeking a new Vice President and Treasurer(which would look great on your resume).

## **BCMC Executive Seeks Member Proposals**

As a not-for-profit organization, the BCMC strives to use its financial and volunteer resources to advance the aims of the club. Historically, the club has done a good job in utilizing volunteers to achieve its goals. The club has also been very frugal in achieving its goals; so frugal in fact, that some members refer to the BCMC as the “Be Cheap Mountaineering Club”. The result has been that the club has accumulated more than \$100k in its General and Literary & Reserve Funds over the years. The current executive believes the time has come to put our financial resources to good use. Thus, we would like to encourage members to brainstorm and submit proposals for how the funds could be used.

Proposals will be considered by the executive at any time. In order for a proposal to be approved it must contain a detailed description of the project, including expected outcomes, budget, timeline, and the names of those members accepting responsibility for ensuring completion. An excellent example of a member proposal that was recently approved by the executive was the replacement of the foot bridge over Sigurd Creek. Replacement of this bridge benefits members by improving access to peaks in the Tantalus range such as Ossa and Pelion.

Members are encouraged to contact the executive if they have any questions or would like to discuss potential projects.

### **Tweet Tweet - Follow the BCMC on Twitter**

BCMC volunteer Jake Stubbs has stepped forward to help give the BCMC yet another way to connect to our members and the wider community. Thanks Jake!

You can follow the BCMC official Twitter account at <https://twitter.com/BCMMountainClub> for all the latest news and updates from the club and wider mountaineering community in BC.

This is also a reminder of our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/BCMmountaineeringClub>, another way to connect with the club and receive updates. BCMC'er Dean Perez is the volunteer voice behind the BCMC Facebook page. Thanks Dean!

### **What would you like to see in a BCMC history?**

*Comment by Michael Feller*

The club executive is currently considering investing in the production of a history of the club, since its formation in 1907. Such a history could be available on both the club website and in printed form.

During its 100+ years of operation the club has been heavily involved in many mountain activities, from early exploration and first ascents, hut and trail building, numerous social activities, camps and expeditions, mountain conservation, publications and audiovisual presentations, and attempts to protect opportunities for our forms of recreation. Are there any aspects of these, or anything else that you would like to see in a club history? Do you think the club should invest any finances in the production of a history?

If you have any comments on this, could you please send them to Michael Feller, at michael.feller@ubc.ca.

### **Community Events**

July 17-21: The Squamish Mountain Festival: Five days of Instructional climbing clinics, Films, Trail days, Parties, and Adventure Photography Clinics. Check it out here: <http://www.squamishmountainfestival.com/>

### **Park Enhancement Fund - Giving back to B.C.'s provincial parks**

BC Parks is a provincial government agency (part of the Ministry of Environment) that manages over 1000 parks and protected areas in B.C. and provides camping and recreation services to approximately 20 million park users annually. Although BC Parks is a government organization, a special account was created in 2008 separate from the provincial government's revenue fund called the Park Enhancement Fund. Donations made to BC Parks for the Park Enhancement Fund are eligible for official tax receipts.

The Park Enhancement Fund is a transparent account where individuals and businesses can make donations to specific parks and/or specific projects that enhance our provincial parks or the services offered in them. Money donated to the Park Enhancement Fund can go towards initiatives such as enhancing hiking trails.

The Park Enhancement Fund has very strict rules governing how money can be received and spent. For example, Park Enhancement Fund money cannot be spent on staff salaries, land acquisition or any other service that is not considered an "enhancement" to the core services provided by BC Parks. This means, that 100% of your donation goes to supporting your chosen project.

There is a donor story from an individual who is funding the reconstruction of the Mamquam Lakes Trail within Garibaldi Parks on the BC Parks website. For further information on the program, go to the BC Parks website.

### **Mt Jimmy Jimmy - Nine out of Ten - April 24, 2013**

Participants: Max Aleksandrov, Paul Kubik (reporter)

Merit points were earned for:

- An officially named summit was attained by the entire team.

- A good dog was found enroute and accompanied the team to the summit.

- We were able to drive very close to Pokosha Creek road on a good 2WD road that was recently cleared and graded.

- Recent trail work by the club made for a smooth ascent.

- Snow conditions were by and large excellent.

- Sunny weather prevailed in the afternoon for the descent but it was sufficiently cold to preserve the snow conditions for skiing.

- A brief snow storm before noon deposited fresh powder on the route down to 800 metres. Avalanche conditions were favorable for backcountry travel.

- One demerit point was awarded because through no fault of the trail maintainers a large

number of trees came down in the winter.

This was probably my eighth ascent of Jimmy Jimmy, always on skis. For Max, a recent arrival from Kyrgyzstan, it was his first ascent. January 30, 2011, we had actually been able to drive to pretty much the same spot after the snowmobile track up Ashlu Creek was soaked by a Pineapple Express rain event and subsequently froze hard. So the road access is very good at times due to the presence of the IPP project on the Ashlu.

We parked just beyond the intake for the IPP project. It put us within two km of the Pokosha Creek turnoff. Unfortunately, the unique circumstances of the previous December contributed to an impressive amount of downed trees across the road. These circumstances I attribute to heavy snow throughout December with little wind. It allowed an enormous snow load to accumulate on trees. All around the south coast and the North Cascades there was heavy damage to trees in the band between 600 and 900 metres elevation. While annoying, it was not sufficiently bad to turn us away.

The continuous snow line did not start until about 1.2 km up Pokosha Creek road. Again, fractionally annoying but travel up the cleared road was quick carrying skis. The blowdown was actually less intense than the main road.

Around the end of the road is when we acquired the dog. The past president Alena had driven up with a party of four plus Karma the dog and parked shortly after we did. Although Alena's destination was to be Sigurd Lake or Sigurd Peak, the dog had dashed that plan. It was following Max and I to Jimmy Jimmy. There was no sign of the other party despite us waiting for 10 minutes and yelling. So we took Karma with us.

The dog was quite capable on the snow and never had a problem keeping up. From the avalanche path off Pokosha Peak at road end, we ascended steeply up the forest on the other side. Steep climbing brought us to the lake where we continued to ingratiate ourselves with the dog by feeding her. Now that the dog had sufficiently bonded with us, we headed up to the saddle with Coin Creek beyond the lake.

A brief loss of elevation of no more than 50 metres is necessary in order to wrap around the headwaters of Coin Creek. It is completely unavoidable. On the other side is a wonderful ramp that ascends to around 1800 metres before it steepens into a steepish snow slope below the Jimmy Jimmy Glacier. The last 200 metres was a bit of a grunt to gain the glacier. Once attained, a persistent cold wind was blowing at us across the glacier. We could spy the summit of Jimmy Jimmy still about two km away and only about 200 metres higher. Off we went and before too long the entire party including Karma were on the summit.

It was a bit too cold in the wind to sit around for long before we were off for the next great adventure, about a 1500 metre ski descent back the way we came. Conditions did not disappoint. The snowpack was largely firm and supportive with a bit of powder or creamy slush on top.

I was prepared to take Karma back with me and I considered awarding the trip another demerit point because we had to give her up. She is a good dog and would make a welcome addition if only she could be persuaded to remain with her pack. We skied past Alena back down at the lake and decided to stay put until her party had all returned from skiing Pokosha Peak. Apparently, Karma "has a history" in this regard. The other major problem is that she eats apple cores which would be bound to arouse jealousy in my dog Linus.



**BRITISH COLUMBIA  
MATRIMONIAL CLUB  
STRIKES AGAIN**

2 more BC MC members were inducted into the British Columbia Mountaineering Club's "Matrimonial Club". Greetings and congratulations to Peter Margetak and Alena Dzujkova who were married on May 26th in Vancouver at Spanish Banks.

Let the adventure begin.

