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UPCOMING BCMC SOCIAL

At the ANZA Club 7:30 pm
Tuesday, Feb 11 - Brian Jones will share stories of high adventure at high altitude from a career of guiding and climbing mountains.

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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.

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

1-2	Ice Climbing Around Lillooet WI3-4	Werner Grzimek
1	Metal Dome - C2	Seth Baker
1-2	AST-1 Avalanche Skills Training - B3	BCMC Programs
1-2	Introduction to Ice Climbing - B5	BCMC Programs
1	Splitboard Saturday (Nak or Thar) - B2/3	Andrew Brown
1	Musical Bumps ski - B2	Kathy Nemis
2-10	Ice Climbing - Canmore and the Icefields Parkway - B5	Margaret Hanson
4	Dawn Patrol Seymour - A1	Mike Hamata
4	February Executive Meeting - A1	Francis St Pierre
5	Wednesday night skiing at Cypress - A3	Radmila Bridges
7-9	Mount Matier - NW Face (FULL) - C/D4	Don Montrichard
7-9	Ice Climbing near Lillooet WI3-4	Paul Olynek
8-10	North Joffre Creek Horseshoe - C3	Alexis Guigue
8-9	AST-2 - "No Frills" (Wk 1 of 2) - B3	BCMC Programs
8-10	Lizzie Creek Cabin skiing - B3/C3	Andrei Smertin
8	Needle Peak Snowshoe - C2	Marlaina Rhymer
11	Dawn Patrol Seymour - A1	Mike Hamata
15-16	Multi Pitch Ice - WI-3+	Adrian Lazar
15-16	Cayoosh Mountain B3/4	David Hughes
15-16	AST-2 - "No Frills" - Wk 2 of 2	BCMC Programs
15	Meadow Dome - D2	Alastair Ferries
15	Alpine Practice - Mt. Seymour - B5	Serguei Okountsev
18	Dawn Patrol Seymour - A1	Mike Hamata
21	Taylor Mt. - South Approach- RESCHEDULED -C3	Stanislav Liarsky
22-23	Ice Climbing Around Lillooet - WI3/4	Werner Grzimek
22	Splitboard Saturday - B2/3	Andrew Brown
22	Mt Sproatt & Tonic Peak - C2	Bill Maurer
25	Dawn Patrol Seymour - A1	Mike Hamata

The BCMC welcomes the following new members: Alistair Campbell, Amber Gould, Andrew Scriabin, Arron Vickery, Elena Machneva, Eric Suess, Glen Ross, Jeremy Simpson, Jocelyne Garnett, Lesly Derksen, Matthew Wu, Taylor Macdougall, Tracy Page, and Youliana Tichelova.

2013 Active Trip Organizers

Outstanding trip organizer rewards for 2013, please claim your free t-shirt from David Scanlon at a BCMC social: Peter Malacarne, Brad Percival, Jeff Ross, Seth Baker, Mike Hamata, Alexis Guigue, Wninfred Swatchek, Jim Vercammen, Craig Spiers, Neil Beattie, Karl Ricker, Justin Bennett, and Waldemar Jonsson.

Tim Jones - In Memoriam

The mountaineering community and the greater outdoors community is mourning the passing of Tim Jones, who as leader of the North Shore Rescue was involved in hundreds of rescues that saved many lives. He was also a vocal proponent of new rescue technologies and for better funding of the search and rescue system within BC. The province has lost a truly dedicated man who gave

countless hours towards helping others in need. An online campaign has been started to lobby to rename the second peak of Mount Seymour after Tim Jones, as well, there are two fundraising campaigns in Tim Jones' name, one for North Shore Rescue and another for the Justice Institute of BC for a bursary. Consider lending your support or donations towards these efforts, more details can be found online.

Webmaster Report from Nov 2011 to Nov 2013 - by Paul Olynek

I joined the BCMC Executive in Nov 2011 specifically to modernize the "old" website that Kevin Swanson had previously spend years working on. As a professional website developer I knew it would take many months of part-time volunteer work to develop a new BCMC site that combined the useful components from the old site plus several newer ones. My goal was to create a more integrated, dynamic, modern-looking website that had greater appeal to new club members and would make it easier for club volunteers to get their work done. During the first year I spent well over 1,000 hours on the new website development plus launching it. During the second year I spent about half as much time again to further improve and maintain the new site. Overall it was a huge volunteer undertaking and one that I'm glad to be for the most part finished with. Without a doubt I accomplished a lot, though not quite everything I'd hoped for. Though at times I was very thankful to get some much needed help from a few of the club's "techie" members. there were other times I was disappointed with the lack of help for even simple requests. In Nov 2013, I stepped down as BCMC Webmaster and was content to transfer the responsibility for future site development, along with the often daily tasks required to maintain the website, to a small group of volunteers.

Vancouver International Mountain Film Festival - Feb 7-15

One of the highlights of the year is here! Come out and say hi to the BCMC volunteers staffing the table at Centennial Theatre, check out some awesome films, memorable presentations and see what it's all about. Tickets available online (\$19) and at the door (\$21). The BCMC sponsors the VIMFF each year including the David Macaree Award for Best Mountain Culture Film.

VIMFF Program Schedule

VIMFF Opening Night - Presenter: Sasha DiGiulian

Fri Feb 7 @ 7:30pm (doors 6:30pm) - Centennial Theatre

Trail Running Show - Presenter: Ellie Greenwood

Sat Feb 8 @ 7:30pm (doors 6:30pm) - Centennial Theatre

Himalayan Climbing Matinee

Sat Feb 8 @ 2:00pm (doors 1:30) - Rio Theatre

Cycle Travels Show - Presenters: Ainaz Bozorgzadeh , Anne Sophie Rodet , Stu Coleman

Sat Feb 8 @ 7:30pm (doors 6:30pm) - Rio Theatre (ages 19+ only)

Big Wall Climbing Show - Presenter: Silvia Vidal

Sun Feb 9 @ 7:30pm (doors 6:30pm) - Centennial Theatre

Girl Power Show Matinee - Films: Maidentrip, Made of Steel

Sun Feb 9 @ 2:00 pm (doors 1:30) - Rio Theatre

Ski Features - Films: Into The Mind, McConkey

Sun Feb 9 @ 7:30 pm (doors 6:30) - Rio Theatre (ages 19+ only)

Mountain Mixer Matinee

Sun Feb 9 @ 2:00 pm (doors 1:30) - The Cinematheque

Great Traverses - Presenters: Sarah Outen, Markus Pukonen

Sun Feb 9 @ 7:30pm (doors 7:00pm) - The Cinematheque

Family Film Matinee

Mon Feb 10 @ 2:00pm (doors 1:30pm) - Ages 12 and under free* - Rio Theatre

Arctic Adventures Show - Presenter: John Dunn

Mon Feb 10 @ 7:30pm (doors 6:30pm) - Rio Theatre (ages 19+ only)

Protecting the Planet Matinee

Mon Feb 10 @ 2:00pm (doors 1:30pm) - The Cinematheque

Spiritual Journeys - Presenters: Sue Oakey-Baker, Martyn Williams

Mon Feb 10 @ 7:30pm (doors 7:00pm) - The Cinematheque

Ski Mountaineering Show - Presenters: Kyle Miller, Jason Hummel

Tue Feb 11 @ 7:30pm (doors 6:30pm) - Rio Theatre (ages 19+ only)

Life at the Top

Tue Feb 11 @ 7:30pm (doors 7:00pm) - The Cinematheque

Adrenaline Show - Presenter: Andy Lewis

Wed Feb 12 @ 7:30pm (doors 6:30pm) - Rio Theatre (ages 19+ only)

Enviro Show - Inspired by Nature

Wed Feb 12 @ 7:30pm (doors 7:00pm) - The Cinematheque

Ski Show

Thu Feb 13 @ 7:30pm (doors 6:30pm) - Centennial Theatre

Kayak Show - Presenters: Erik Boomer, Sarah Landry

Thu Feb 13 @ 7:30pm (doors 6:30pm) - Rio Theatre (ages 19+ only)

Alpine Adventures Show - Presenter: Paul McSorley

Thu Feb 13 @ 7:30pm (doors 7:00pm) - The Cinematheque

Mountain Bike Show - Presenter: Debora de Napoli

Fri Feb 14 @7:30pm (doors 6:30pm) - Centennial Theatre

Polish Climbing Show - Presenter: Ola Dzik

Fri Feb 14 @ 7:30pm (doors 7:00pm) - The Cinematheque

VIMFF Finale - Awards, Presenters: Sarah Hart, Vikki Weldon

Sat Feb 15 7:30pm (doors 6:30pm)

Stein Divide Ski Touring - December 25-29, 2013 - by Dean Perez

Adrien organized a trip to Lizzie Lake for Christmas break. Lizzie Lake is a great destination for its wildly remote, easy ski touring peaks around the vicinity, and also less crowded cabin. The access is somewhat difficult, you would really earn to get to this area for its brutal approach. Due to a low snowpack this year, going through the alders was difficult on skis and with a heavy backpack. It's a great destination for sure because I ran the trail in summer, however I did not express my interest due to work commitments, but after some persuasion from Adrien, I decided to join the group. We left Vancouver on the 25th at 6am, driving Adrien's crammed Subaru with all our gear.

The plan was to skin up on the first day to the hut but it didn't happen. We decided to take the bypass trail higher up instead crossing the creek. Adrien had chosen to wear his ski boots on the approach while Ben, Alex and I had our approach shoes. The bypass trail was narrow and steep. We didn't put our skis until 6-7km mark on the logging road. Just like what we had expected, it was very tiring to get through the slide alder.

We reached the lake just when the sunlight faded out. At this point, I didn't know if I misunderstood Adrien's plan about crossing the lake. The actual trail starts from the north of the lake and gradually ascends to the ridge below Whisky Lake, contouring Southeast to the upper creek drainage of Lizzie Creek. I took the lead and crossed it heading towards South of the lake. We started ascending, following the creek on the north side. Our chosen route was a big mistake. We were sucked in through deadfall and steep terrain for skinning. After some difficult postholing and slow progress navigating through deadfall, the group had enough and decided to camp in the ravine. I protested to the idea and wanted to keep going, at the end I was overruled by the group. We were less than 1km away from the hut, according to my GPS. I wasn't a happy camper that night. Adrien had his 2P tent which he had shared with Alex, same as Ben but had chosen to sleep in his bivy bag. I had my bivy bag as well. I was drenched from sweat and my bag was getting heavier from the rain. I was so tired that I had fallen asleep right away in my warm sleeping bag. I woke up twice during the night because of the rain and snowbombs that kept falling on my bivy bag.

The next morning we woke up to blue sky, promising a great day ahead of us. We proceeded to the cabin but once we reached the cabin the weather started to crap out. Ben, Alex, and I went to get some turns, hoping to bag a peak. We went up to Tabletop and Anemone. The wind picked up once we hit the col. We made to the summit of Tabletop in whiteout. We didn't stay too long at the summit and went back down to our skis. We have only 45 mins of day light to get back down to the hut. We skied out in whiteout, great view once we descended below the clouds.

It was nice to have the hut to ourselves with all the amount of stuff we needed to dry after skiing. Just like a christmas tree, it is well decorated, occupying every corner of the hut with our wet clothes, gloves, skins, etc. We brought more than enough food to refuel every night.

On the third day, the weather did not change, this time it was snowing and the visibility was much worse than the previous day. Adrien decided to stay at the hut while the 3 of us went back to bag Anemone. We followed our track from the day before. From the col, it took us an hour to get to the summit of Anemone. A lot of excavation going on. Skiing out in whiteout makes me dizzy. We skied back down to the hut and had our lunch.

The weather slightly improved, Adrien joined us to to scoop up our route the next day. We went up to long lake and stopped at the west shoulder of Long peak.

Fourth day, we lucked out with the weather. The goal was to bag Tynemouth, Arrowhead, and Long Peak. We followed our track to Long lake, veered off around SE of Rainbow lake toward the South Face of Arrowhead. It clouded in when we got up to the summit. We all took turns skiing down the south face.

Once we were at the bottom, we proceeded on the windswept rocky bluffs of Arrowhead-Tynemouth col to the summit of Tynemouth. Ben and I skied all the way up to the summit while Adrien and Alex boot packed the last steep pitch.

We didn't have time to bag Long Peak. Ben and I settled to much smaller objective. We went up to Tarn Peak, a minor bump west of Long Lake. We arrived back at the cabin for our last night shortly after dark and we all had a great time hanging out and eating all of our extra food.

We pack up our stuff on the 5th day and headed home. The descent back to Lizzie Lake was much worse than I expected. Navigating through deadfall is much harder when gravity pulls you down. Skiing out through slide alders on the logging road was quite entertaining for me and Alex. I had fun watching Alex gets his frustration every time he bails. He often talks to himself in Romanian whenever he gets strangled by alders.

Adrien's boots fell apart, the tongue broke off and the locking mechanism at the back of one of the boots failed to work which he had trouble walking on walk mode. It was 6km of sufferfest for him to the car.

This is a great place to explore. I wish we had a better weather window to explore the area. It was great trip to end the year with friends.

