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UPCOMING BCMC SOCIAL

At the ANZA Club 7:30 pm
Tuesday, June 10 - WORCA president Jerome
David presents on off road cycling on the
South Coast, present and future.

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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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Back Top: Phair Peak ridge (Photo: P. Longia)
 Bottom: Summit of Outram (Photo: G Zenger)

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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.

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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.

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

- 1 Elk - Thurston - B2 Murray Lashmar
- 1 Squamish Multipitch Sunday - A5 Francis St Pierre
- 1 Squamish Multipitching A5 Adrian Lazar
- 3 TuesDay Squamish Rock Climbing (10am to 7pm) - A5 Paul Olynek
- 3 Tuesday Night Climbing in the Valley - A5 Alan Trick
- 4 Wed Night Squamish climbing - A5 Radmila Bridges
- 5 ThursDay Squamish Rock Climbing (10am to 7pm) - A5 Paul Olynek
- 6 Friday Rock Climbing - A5 Cynthia Montemayor
- 7-8 Castle Towers - Northwest Face (AD, ice, 4th class) D4-5 Don Montrichard
- 7-8 Meditation, Lindisfarne, Phacelia - D2 Alastair Ferries
- 7 Lightning Lakes & Lone Mountain - C2 Geoffrey Zenger
- 7-8 Slalok Mountain - Stonecrop Face (PD, ice 600m) - C4 Serguei Okountsev
- 8 Cloudburst - B2 Brittany Zenger
- 10 TuesDay Squamish Rock Climbing (10am to 7pm) - A5 Paul Olynek
- 10 Tuesday night Squamish climbing - A5 Radmila Bridges
- 10 Tuesday Night Climbing in the Valley - A5 Alan Trick
- 10 BCMC Social: Off Road Cycling on the South Coast Douglas Lonsbrough
- 13 Grouse Grind - Hike/run/train - A2 Jake Stubbs
- 14-15 Mount Baker - North Ridge - AD, ice - D5 Don Montrichard
- 14 Sky Pilot C/D3 Stanislav Liarsky
- 14-15 Joffre Peak - Aussie Couloir (PD+, ice) - C4 Serguei Okountsev
- 14-15 Rock Climbing Essentials - B5 Paul Miller
- 17-22 Adams/Hood/St. Helens Threefer - C/D 2 Marlaina Rhymer
- 18 Wed night Squamish climbing - A5 Radmila Bridges
- 20-22 Mt. Adams - South Climb - C2-3 Ben Singleton-Polster
- 20-21 Mt. Baker in a Day - D3 Mike Hamata
- 21 'Solstice On Ice' (Ice Climbing on Baker Seracs) - W13-5 Werner Grzimek
- 21-22 Anchoring - Intermediate - A5 Justin Bennett
- 21-22 Shuksan Mt. via Fisher Chimneys - C/D3-4 Stanislav Liarsky
- 21-22 Wilderness First Aid + CPR (June) - B0 Club Courses
- 21-22 Mt Matier - East Ridge - AD - C4 Jake Stubbs
- 25 Wed night Squamish climbing - A5 Radmila Bridges
- 27-30 Mount James Turner - North Face - TD, ice, 5.7 - D5 Don Montrichard
- 27-29 Mount Garibaldi: Climb & Camp - RESCHEDULED - C4 Serguei Okountsev
- 27-28 Mt. Baker in a Day again - D3 Mike Hamata
- 28 Rock Climbing First Steps - B5 Marlaina Rhymer

JULY TRIPS

- 1 Canada Day Outing (Squamish) A1 - B5 Anders Ourom
- 4-6 Mount Rainier, Emmons Glacier - C3 Stanislav Liarsky
- 4-6 Mt. Wedge - North Face - C5 Serguei Okountsev
- 5-6 Blackcomb Peak - Buttress & DOA - PD+, 5.7 - B4-5 Don Montrichard
- 5 Cirque Pk - D3 Alastair Ferries
- 5-6 South Twin Sister - C3 Geoffrey Zenger
- 11-13 Matier - Northwest Face (AD-, ice) - C5 Serguei Okountsev
- 11-14 Tantalus/Lake Lovelywater Backpacking Trip - B2 Christopher Barton
- 12-13 Joffre Peak - Northeast Glacier - AD, ice, 5.8 - D5 Don Montrichard
- 12-18 Mountaineering Summer Camp — B5 Justin Bennett

- 12 Saturday Squamish rock climbing - A5 Francis St Pierre
- 18-20 Rethel Couloir (PD, ice) - C5 Serguei Okountsev
- 26-27 Golden Ears Traverse - D4 Alan Trick
- 26-27 Mount Baker - Coleman-Deming - F, ice - C5 Serguei Okountsev
- 27 Rock Climbing First Steps - A5 Peter Malacarne

The BCMC welcomes the following new members: Alsid Prime, Amy Moore, Barnard Foo, Barry Duncan, Blair Woodhurst, Braeden Ennis, Brian Lahiffe, Carlo Sarmiento, Chris Bueley, Chris Warren, Clarissa Pasilliao, Diana Senf, Florence Perrin, Francisco Roy, Gerry McGeough, Greg Pruner, James Rogers, Jennifer Magdalenich, Joe Morrison, Jonathan Ross, Justine Simmons, Laurent Perrin, Leonardo Collares da Rocha, Levi Graham, Margaux Perrin, Michael Sweeney, Orla Robinson, Philip Gallagher, Rhonda Cochrane, Rob Janousek, Samuel Perrin, Sandra Banholzer, Sergii Bogomolov, Sergio Bernardo, Stephane Santelli, Stephen Fraser, Stephen Marks, Tyler Murphy, Victor Zaman, and Zbigniew Fabiszewski

BCMC member and sponsored climber **Ravil Chamgoulov** on May 25 at 7am reached the top of the world, the Everest summit, the last of his Seven Summits. Congratulations Ravil on your great accomplishment!

Did you know we're on Facebook and Twitter? Like and follow us at <https://www.facebook.com/BCMountaineeringClub> and @BCMMountainClub for club updates.

We're looking for a **newsletter editor**, to take over production of the monthly printed newsletter. Templates, tutelage, and much encouragement offered to any willing volunteer. Contact Brittany Zenger at editor@bcmc.ca for more information.

Trip Organizer Incentive Program - Submitted by Werner Grzimek

All Members: If you organize(d) 4 trips you get 40 % pro-discount at 300+ outdoor brands!

All members can now post trips! Get 40% PRO discount at over 300 outdoor brands when you organize(d) 4 trips during 12 months. Check out our PRO Discounts here and apply for your 'PRO CARD'.

2. Not an Expert Hiker-Climber-Skier? No Problem:
Start organizing an easy trip – limit participants to 3, 4.

Go to: •Grouse Grind •Gym Trips!! •Basic Top Roping in Squamish •A Bike Trip or anything after work - include a visit to a pub? •Hike/Ski Paul Ridge •A short Hike/Ski around Mt. Seymour • Hike (ride-up to) Grouse Mountain and Dam Mountain– have a good time at the pub.

3. The BCMC welcomes very much easy hiking, scrambling and climbing trips. Many (most?) members are in the beginner-moderate group – Just like you?

You are NOT supposed to be a Guide! – You are an Organizer! All trips will be reviewed by a member of the climbing committee before they are published at the trip calendar.

If you enjoy going on trips – please also post trips!

Organize 4 trips a year and save 40% on your gear!

4. Discounted Brands are: (just to name a few of over 300)

•Gold Star Shoe Rebuilders 15% •Mountain Smith-Camp Gear 40% •Gregory Packs 40% •National Geographic 25% •Intuition Liners 25% •Nikwax 40% •Loki-Apparel 30% •Scarpa 40% •La Sportiva 40% •Icebreaker 40% •Big Agnes 40% •Sierra Designs 40% •BCA 35% •Kelty 40% •Delorme 25% •Magellan 40% •Leki 45% •Zamberlan 35% •1st Degree •Millet 45% •Adidas 25% •Timex 45% •Sony 30% •Bushnell 55% •Timbuk2 40% •Oasics 40% •Helly Hansen 50% ...plus 280 more.

DON MACLAURIN , 1929 to 2014 - In Memoriam

Submitted by Martin and Esther Kafer

Don joined the BCMC in 1958 and within a year he was already active in the climbing committee, which he chaired in 1960/61, only to take on the Vice President and President jobs in the 3 years following.

Don was very active leading club trips during the 60's and 70's while he worked for the BC Forest Service. His contacts with forestry companies lead to one memorable trip on May 14/15 in 1960: Don got permission to access the Mamquam-Stawamus-Shannon Ck. roads and drove a borrowed logging "crummy" with a BCMC party to a camp at the base of Mt. Habrich. From there the 14 climbers made the 2nd ascent of that (then) rather remote peak via the bush, snow-slopes and rock of the NE ridge.

In 1968 Don started teaching forestry, recreation and parks management at BCIT. After he and his wife Isobel built an A-frame cabin (in 1961, their house now) at Whistler's Alpha Lake, he got deeply engaged in preserving the forest environment of the burgeoning recreational municipality. He was the leading force in the creation of the "Whistler Interpretative Forest" and in preserving both the "Ancient Cedars" North of Whistler and "Lost Lake Park".

Don was also very involved and consulted on the routing, building and maintenance of a network of summer hiking trails around and out of the valley, one of many examples is the day long hike from Madeley Lake via Rainbow Pass to Whistler. In recognition of his efforts the suspension bridge across the Cheakamus River is named: "MacLaurin's Crossing".

Phair Peak by Fair Means - Submitted by Pardeep Longia

Northwest of Duffey Lake, just East of the Boulder creek FSR, lies a North-South ridge connecting three peaks; Onion at the South end, Molybdenite in the middle, and Phair at North. Though Phair isn't a the highest mountain on this ridge, it sure is the most alluring, for me at least. On a late April day last year, I told myself that I had to attempt Phair Peak; as I stared at it from Slumber Peak which is just North of it. I will fess up that what allured me most was the West ridge of Phair, and particularly a steep gully that bisected it; for me it was and is an aesthetic route.

I have to give credit to Alastair Ferries, for if it wasn't for his Slumber Peak trip, I probably wouldn't have heard of Phair. I made a point to set a date that would work for both him and I. I was surprised

by the interest in this mountain. I had in total 12 people show up; at various times. It was interesting experience to organize a trip for the BCMC, and it won't be my last either.

On Saturday May 24, Alastair Ferries, Andrzej Jarzabek, Chloe Tergiman, Dean Perez (started later), Fred Touche, Gordon Esplin, Michelle Hyun, Joanne Lantela, Mark Bondyra, Philippe Lapointe, Ross Polutnik, and me began hiking from our ad-hoc parking area at the beginning of the Boulder Creek FSR. For all my talk of the aesthetic West ridge route, I settled on the South Ridge approach for Phair. This decision was based on the idea that it would be a good idea to summit Phair, and view the tougher route first hand, and then come back for it. This decision of mine wasn't overlooked by Alastair, haha. I got an earful from him about how the South ridge wasn't alpinism, and that I essentially was a type of fowl.

After my dose of Alastair admonishment, I decided to stick with my South ridge idea. The group hiked along the Boulder Creek FSR, and at about 7km down the road (elevation approximately 1500m), we started hiking East towards the Molybdenite-Phair col. This was the last time I saw Fred until the summit; that man is a machine. In the higher reaches of this approach there is a cliff band, but we shot for a point where we thought a break in the band might be, and it panned out. I would suggest bringing a helmet for this trip. In such a big group, we had to incidences of rock fall caused by participants. As you near the ridge crest, there is a minor bump between the Molybdenite-Phair col, which can be bypassed on the left. The ridge walk was quite fun, and there's not much snow left; no snowshoes, ice axe, or crampons/microspikes needed.

Once we crested the ridge, through blowing snow and loose rock the summit can be reached in about 30-45 minutes. Once on top, I was hoping to scope the aforementioned West ridge route, but the weather wasn't on my side. At the top, Alastair brought up the idea of going for Molybdenite, but my resolve to down a Hillbilly Deluxe burger at Mile One Eating House was greater. Alastair and I discussed a full traverse from Phair to Molybdenite, starting at Phair's West ridge. Another trip for next Spring has been set I think. After our talk, Alastair decided to go and at least scope out the notch just before Molybdenite.

The ridge walk down was quite beautiful. The weather had improved, and the views of Slumber and Boulder Peak were superb. As our group dropped down the scree slopes, I caught a sight that assuredly is rarer than viewing a Sasquatch. The inimitable Alastair Ferries was dropping down from the ridge towards us, but Molybdenite was further South. Why was he dropping down West? That I'll leave for him to fill in.

We all quickly hiked back down to the FSR and made it out to the cars. It was a superb day, and I'm glad to have my first trip as BCMC organizer under my belt. I would like to thank Alastair for introducing me to this mountain. I would like to thank Alastair (again) and Fred for being open to new people hiking with them. I look to these two guys, and other as mentors, and I am very appreciative that I have the opportunity to hike with and learn from them. Their mountain travel ethos is inspiring for me.

Oh yeah, we started hiking at approximately 0730, and the hike lasted for about ten hours round trip. Dean started at 1330, and took six hours round trip. Dean is fast.

This is a great area; give it a go.

Mount Outram - May 24, 2014

Participants: Brittany Zenger (organizer), Paul Ng, Doug Bull, Maria Poechaker, John Blair, Britt van Rooij, Gusta van Zwieten, Rob Janousek, Geoff Zenger (reporter)

Difficulty: 2 (trail and snow-walking, very long)

Report: After our unsuccessful attempt on Mt. Outram in early May a couple years ago, Brittany had unfinished business with the mountain, and posted a trip on the BCMC schedule to make another attempt. The forecast for the day was only so-so but 9 of us were undaunted and made our way out to the western edge of Manning Park to march up towards the summit.

We started out on the trail at around 9:40am, and I was pleasantly surprised to find that someone has done substantial work on the trail in the past couple years. The trail is in good shape and was easy to follow until we hit snow, just before the crossing of 17-mile creek (perhaps 150 metres higher than where we hit snow two years ago). There are still a few good snow bridges over the creek, and so we had no difficulty getting over despite the rushing torrent below. We crossed the creek right at noon, and once across the creek, we lost the markers, but as the trail just switchbacks up the ridge, we chose to ascend straight up, and popped out into the open (snow-covered) meadows just metres from where the trail does so. We stopped here for a lunch break as the 4 hour mark of our trip ticked by, and then proceeded up the snow covered ridge to the main summit. Generally the snow quality was good for foot travel, but in places was simply terrible, and the party members who had lugged snowshoes up were glad to have done so. Even from the meadows it's a surprisingly long ways up the ridge, but we finally made it to the summit a bit before 3:30, for a total ascent time of about 5:45. Success!

Unfortunately, the views from the summit were very limited due to cloud and occasional fog, and so we couldn't see much of anything, but we were all happy nonetheless to have made it all the way up (more than 1800m elevation gain!) and after a quick break started the long trek down. The snow quality was even worse on the way down, and in places were postholing all over the place until we descended far enough to reach firmer snow. This wouldn't have been too much of a problem except that it resulted in a couple tweaked knees, which would lead to the rest of the descent being much slower than anticipated. Lower down there were great glissading opportunities until we picked up the trail again just a bit above 17-mile creek, and from there it was a long slow journey down the trail as knees were nursed and the long grind of the day took its toll. The last of us made it back to the parking lot a bit before 8:30pm, and we packed up as quick as we could to go enjoy some food and drink in Hope.

Thank you everyone for coming out! It was a great trip, both long and rewarding with great company. Thank you to Brittany for organizing!

