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UPCOMING BCMC SOCIAL

At the ANZA Club 7:30 pm
Tuesday, May 13 - Paraglider and flight
instructor Dion Vuk will showcase modern
paragliding and fantastic air photos.

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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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Back: Climbing Priory Peak, Lillooet Lake in background (Photo: D. Perez)

Submit Your Content:
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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.

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

2-3	In-SHUCK-ch Enticement - C3/4	Pardeep Longia
2	Friday Squamish Rock Climbing - A5	Evgeny Sorkin
6	May Executive Meeting - A1	Francis St Pierre
6	MEC Spring Club Night - A1	Cynthia Montemayor
7	Wed night Squamish climbing - A5	Radmila Bridges
7	Wed day Squamish climbing - A5	Aaron Cornes
10-11	Anchoring - Basics - On Hold - A5	Justin Bennett
10	Mt. Martyn CANCELLED Snowshoeing - D2	Alastair Ferries
14	Wed night Squamish climbing - A5	Radmila Bridges
16-19	Trout Creek, OR, Basalt Heaven - A5	Adrian Lazar
17-18	Slalok Mountain - climb and camp - C4	Serguei Okountsev
21	Wed night Squamish climbing - A5	Radmila Bridges
24-25	Baker North Ridge - D4/5	Alan Trick
24	Mt Outram Hike - C2	Brittany Zenger
24-25	Wilderness First Aid + CPR - B0	Club Courses
24	Phair Peak - By Fair Means - B2/3(4)	Pardeep Longia
25	Basic Outdoor Top-Roping - B5	Paul Miller
28	Wed night Squamish climbing	Radmila Bridges
31-1	Anchoring - Int - On Hold - A5	Justin Bennett
31	Mt. Bonnycastle - D2	Craig Speirs
31-1	Mount Baker - Coleman/Deming C/D2	Marlaina Rhymer

The BCMC welcomes the following new members: Andrew McKay, Newton Wong, Britt van Rooij, Jennine Stockall, Carolyn Baker, Andrei Lapitski, Calvin Winter, Maria Poechacker, Natalie Godfrey, Margot McKeown, Eckhardt Ferdinandi, Adrianna Ng, Greg Holland, Nuno Vasconcellos, Nick Collings, Ryan West, Sebastian Romero, Rick Ketler, Lawrence Panzo, and Ravinder Singh Sidhu.

BCMC member and sponsored climber Ravil Chamgoulov as of Monday May 5 has reached a high point of 7100m on his attempt on Everest, the last of his Seven Summits.

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

BCMC Has New General Liability Insurance Policy

As of May 1 2014, the club, executive, and all members (including trip organizers, volunteer instructors, etc) are covered for general liability under a new policy. As a brief summary:

- \$5 million coverage per incident, no annual limit
- Worldwide coverage
- No cost increase to the club guaranteed for 3 years.

The previous policy had a potential gap that has now been addressed through the careful and diligent work of the FMCBC insurance committee which has reviewed and vetted the new policy with outside help. The BCMC is thankful for the hard work of both BCMC and FMCBC members who have worked hard to address this issue in a timely manner.

We need more trips on our trip list! Anyone can now go ahead and add trips/courses with the comfort of coverage under this new policy. Trips don't have to be hard or long to be worthwhile... Go ahead and add a hike after work (grouse Grind, Eagle Bluffs, Lynn Peak...), a day or evening top-roping trip to Squamish, a day or weekend hike or mountaineering trip, a mountain biking trip, or even a ski trip (lots of good snow left up high). You may be surprised at how many members would like to join you on an outing.

To create a trip, go to <https://bcmc.ca/m/events/home/> and click "Add Trip", more information is available under the Organizer Info tab if you have any questions.

BCMC Member Michael Feller Receives BC Community Achievement Award

BCMC Honourary Member Michael Feller, who among other roles serves as the Mountaineer editor, has been recognized by the BC Achievement Foundation with a 2014 Community Achievement Award, recognizing individuals who have made a significant contribution to the province and their communities. Congratulations to Michael for the well deserved recognition.

109 Walks New Edition Published

109 Walks, published by Greystone Books, has been released, it is available in all major bookstores including online, with many volunteer hours from members Alice Purdey and John Halliday the book has been painstakingly updated with new hikes and up to date access information. A portion of royalties from the book help support conservation initiatives by the BCMC. It's a great collection of shorter trips under four hours with less significant elevation gain that take you to lots of lovely spots hidden within the city as well as in the country, well recommended for anyone who lives to get outside.

Brew Hut Threatened By Potential Commercial Expansion - *Scott Nelson*

Powder Mountain Catskiing has applied for a commercial recreation tenure for snowcat skiing next to the Brew Hut, a backcountry ski cabin owned by the Varsity Outdoor Club. A rough estimate is that the tenure expansion proposal includes 60-70% of the good ski terrain around the hut, including all of the north facing terrain. Their proposal shows a snowcat road within about 800m of the hut. However the proposed road crosses some cliffs. To avoid the cliffs they will have to build the road about 250m away from the hut. A groomed graded snowcat road into the area will no doubt attract lots off snowmobilers. See more: <http://arfd.gov.bc.ca/ApplicationPosting/viewpost.jsp?PostID=45790>

The tenure application is now open for public comment. Please fill out the comment form on the website to tell the BC government what you think of this proposal. Also you can write, call or email your MLA, the minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations Steve Thomson, or Scott Shaw-MacLaren who manages commercial recreation in the Squamish Forest District. Individually written letters are best.

A full list of all government employees by organization, including all MLAs and civil servants, is available here: www.dir.gov.bc.ca

Ravil's Everest Update - April 23

Today is my first rest day on the mountain. It's also the first time I had a chance to take a bath in a public bath tent. I have time for more stories now.

The tragic accident that happened on the Everest South side so far hasn't directly affected the climbing season here in Tibet, on the North side of Mt. Everest. Our sherpas are on duty. I am working according to the acclimatization plan.

Yesterday I went to the Intermediate Camp at 5,800 m. to carry some loads. The camp was located on the glacier moraine. The trail was a moderate rocky trail with some icy sections. Everything was OK, though one piece of equipment failed to work. It happened about 100 m. below the camp. I was just making another step up, putting some weight on my left Black Diamond pole for support, when suddenly the pole collapsed and I fell down on my left arm, hitting the rock with all my weight. The pain was so sharp that my first thought was: 'Will I still be able to climb Everest with the broken arm?' I examined my arm, it functioned, I was able to move my fingers. I was all right, just got a few bloody scratches. Three layers of clothes I had on me has softened the impact.

That was not not the first time the Black Diamond poles were broken while I was climbing/hiking. Last time it happened a couple of years ago while I was crossing the river after climbing Mt. Baker. I applied my weight on the poles to jump to another rock, and one pole got broken. It wasn't pleasant to fall into the river with a heavy backpack. I stayed with the brand, just bought a "heavy duty" Expedition Poles for Everest expedition. Enough is enough, no BD poles anymore. I wish I have with me my reliable Volki poles that I bought for two bucks on a garage sale. They served me well for about 100 vertical kilometers of hiking (mostly on Grouse mountain trails). They are one section poles, I wasn't able to take them on the plane.

Other than that small equipment failure everything is fine. I am in a good health and acclimatizing well. I will not provide updates for about four days since I will be up on the mountain, out of the Internet zone.



**On the way to Advanced Base Camp
(Photo: R. Chamgoulov)**

Garibaldi Neve - A Great Way to Spend a Sunny Weekend

Garibaldi Neve Traverse April 12th & 13th

Participants: Mike W., Louis A., Win S., Cliff E., and Don Montrichard (trip organizer).

Hot and clear weather both days. Not as busy as expected on such a beautiful weekend. Still a deep snowpack, with only the largest crevasses opened up.

After a late start on Saturday, we were happy to find that snow began right at the parking lot on the south end of the traverse (the road into the parking lot was in great condition, just one muddy section, should be no problem for a 2wd vehicle).

After a couple of hours, the two halves of our group met up at the Elfin Lakes Hut around noon (where we also ran into Craig, Dean & co.). There was a well beaten skin track after the Hut, leading down into Ring Creek, where we were forced to cross (thrash?) through a number of wet avalanche debris piles, before the end of the descent. The final drop into the creek crossing was a bit tricky this time, but we all made it down in one piece. After skinning up to the Opal Cone, half the group camped there, while the other half pushed on up to the Bishop Glacier to camp for the night. The huge full moon resulted in a super bright night.



On Sunday, we met a couple of groups doing the traverse from north to south, and had a few day tripping groups following us from the south. The climb up to the high point of the route went very quickly, and once there we saw a large group topping out on Mt. Garibaldi and then skiing down the NE Face (looks like the bergshroud is still fully-bridged).

From the high point, we decided to store the rope, and had a great run on soft snow across the North Pitt Glacier, over to the Sharkfin (pictured), and (after 15 more minutes of skinning) then down the Sentinel Glacier, to Garibaldi Lake.

The slog across Garibaldi Lake was hot and endless. The creek is now open, and the skin track currently avoids crossing Lesser Garibaldi Lake. The skiing down the switchbacks of the Rubble Creek Trail were “fun”, as always. Ran out of snow around KM3, where skis were stowed on packs. After such a hot day, I was grateful for the meltwater streams we encountered after that...

Great way to spend a sunny weekend.

Meadow Dome and Priory Peak - April 26, 2014

Meadow Dome and Priory Peak are located on the divide between the north and main forks of Lizzie Creek.

Crew: Craig, Alastair, Mark, Michelle, Michael, Gordon, Eugene, Dean Perez (reporter)

Craig had to postpone his Bonnycastle trip and having Meadow Dome and Mount Morrison as a back up. Alastair sent me an e-mail if I wanted to come, with a fore-warning that skiing would not be great as there's a steep bushwhacking involved. I thought he had already figured out of me being on skis. I joined them on Friday night to car camp at Lillooet Lake for an early start.

Mark brought a box of chopped fire-woods to burn for the night. The night was perfect to spend some time in front of the camp fire. We discussed some future trips and shared interesting stories; like Alastair's bizzare story on his Ashlu area trip that were involved samurai and SWAT team.

The camp was infested with mice. I had to spend the first hour inside my tent listening to them running around outside. I was worried they would chew my tent into pieces as I've heard/read stories of people doing Stein traverse getting their tent damaged by this rodent. Sure enough, apparently they managed to get inside Craig's duffel bag and ate his apple. The morning was calm and the sky was dull. Everyone got up at 6am, had breakfast, and drove the logging road on the South side of Phacelia Creek. We were able to drive with high clearance vehicle all the way to the third spur road at about 800m elevation. We followed the road for about 1km until it became badly overgrown, and we bushwhacked straight up on the West ridge to the summit of Meadow Dome. The usual coastal bushwhacking at its grandest. At 1600m, I finally put my skis on after battling with heavy bush and blowdown. This was probably by far the most bushiest bushwhacking trip I've done with my skis on my back.

We had more energy and time so we bagged Priory N0. We followed the South ridge of Meadow Dome to Priory, dropped down to Fried Egg lake, then contoured around to the East ridge of Priory where we ascended the mountain. We re-traced our route back to the car. Although, the skiing was mediocrelly short, I just truly enjoyed being on skis.

Photo below: Priory Peak from the summit of Meadow Dome



