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BC Mountaineering Club

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UPCOMING BCMC SOCIAL

Tuesday, February 10th at the ANZA Club 7:30 pm
BCMC Member Marcus Dell presents his 2014 trip
to Mt. Waddington and a selection of easier alpine
rock routes in B.C., Washington and California.

NEW MEMBERS

The **BCMC welcomes** the following new members: Jeremy Cooper, Jolene Swain, Jason Town, Blaise Sack, Iulian Mocanu, Tom Clendening, Neil Davis, Evan Reese, Dan Giroday, Michael Buda, Craig Jones, Jason Baird, Aaron Kinvig, Jaynie Miller, Katie Hay, Robert Funk, Jaroslav Kavalir, Omar Helou, Patti Shen, Stefan Lozinsky, Lauren Welch, Karl Jensen, Mathew Dv, Steve Bultitude, Erika Villanueva, Martins Denisovs, Liam Jackson, Jeremy Mohr, Marco Buccheri, David Peddie, Alexandra Zavarukhina, Preet Lidder, and Crisлана Rafael.

FEBRUARY 2015 TRIP SCHEDULE - Sign up, updates and details at www.bcmc.ca

01	Manning Park area	Backcountry Skiing	Paul Kubik
01	Climbing at the Oval	Indoor Climbing	Henry Marsden
02-06	Multipitch Ice Climbing - Lillooet or Rockies	Mixed Climbing	Mike Gudaitis
02	Pulling on Plastic @ the Oval	Indoor Climbing	Adrian Lazar
03	Indoor Climbing	Indoor Climbing	Leonardo Moretto
03	Executive Meeting	Volunteer Meeting	BCMC Executive Team
04	Wed Evening Indoor Climbing - Cliffhanger	Indoor Climbing	Paul Olynek
06-08	Dalton Dome	Backcountry Skiing	Craig Speirs
07-08	AST-1 Seymour-- Snowshoe (BCMC Discount)	Instructional Program	Club Courses
07-09	Cathedral Mountain North shore	Mountaineering	Leonardo Moretto
10	February 10th Social	Social	Doug Lonsbrough
11	Alpine Practice - Belay	Practice	Serguei Okountsev
11	Wed Evening Indoor Climbing - Cliffhanger	Indoor Climbing	Paul Olynek
14	Follow-Up to Intro to Backcountry Skiing	Backcountry Skiing	Diana Diaconu
14-15	Skills Practice &t Knowledge Sharing	Practice	Marlaina Rhymer
18	Alpine Practice - Rappel	Practice	Serguei Okountsev
18	Wed Evening Indoor Climbing - Cliffhanger	Indoor Climbing	Paul Olynek
20-22	Systems for Mountaineering Avalanche OAR	Instructional Program	Justin Bennett
21-22	Ice Climbing - Leader's Choice	Ice Climbing	Werner Grzimek
21	Taylor Mt.- South Approach	Backcountry Skiing	Stanislav Liarsky
25	Alpine Practice - Protecting Winter Alpine Rock	Practice	Serguei Okountsev
25	Wed Evening Indoor Climbing - Cliffhanger	Indoor Climbing	Paul Olynek
28	Rainbow Mountain via Hanging Lake	Backcountry Skiing	Mike Hamata
28	Mt Price	Backcountry Skiing	Bill Maurer
28-01	Mount Matier East Ridge	Mountaineering	Mauro Perizzolo
28-01	Ossa - West Ridge	Mountaineering	Serguei Okountsev
28	Mt. Dewdney (east of Hope)	Snowshoeing	Alastair Ferries

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.



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Please contact editor@bcmc.ca to submit material

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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.

**SOCIAL PRESENTATION: FEBRUARY 10th, 2015
MT. WADDINGTON AND EASIER ALPINE ROCK
IN B.C., WASHINGTON AND CALIFORNIA**

Join us as BCMC Member Marcus Dell presents his 2014 trip to Mt. Waddington and a selection of easier alpine rock routes in B.C., Washington and California. Routes presented will include the true summit of Waddington, the North Ridge of Sampson, the West Ridge on Forbidden (WA), the Matthes Crest Traverse in the High Sierras and the East Buttress on Mt. Whitney (CA).

Inspired by trips undertaken by fellow BCMC Members, Marcus has climbed on a wide number of peaks both near and far: Mt. Slesse, Mt. Baker, Mt. Logan, Mt. Fairweather, Mt. McKinley, Mt. Assiniboine, Bugaboo Spire, Sir Donald, Ama Dablam, Aconcagua and K2.

Everyone is welcome* ... visitors, members and guests. The meeting will take place at the Vancouver ANZA Club main floor (corner of 8th Ave and Ontario) on Tuesday January 13th 2015. The entrance door opens shortly after 7pm and the meeting begins at 7:30pm.

* Note that due to BC Liquor Laws you must be 19+ years old to attend and will be asked to sign-in at the door to ensure that we don't exceed the limit of 135 people.

**LEARN HOW TO ORGANIZE TRIPS
ANZA CLUB 7:00pm, MARCH 10, 2015**

If you missed this popular information session in January, here is your chance to get in on it!

Join our Climbing Chair Marlaina Rhymer for an informal, and interactive info session for those members who would like to know how to organize trips. This session is best for those who have been on a few trips but haven't yet organized one, or are just starting to organize your first one(s), though all members are welcome. If you're a member, then you **CAN ORGANIZE**, and are encouraged to do so!

Discussion topics will cover:

- How to pick a destination
- How many people to take
- Safety considerations
- Club tools available to you
- The process from beginning to end
- The benefits of being a frequent trip organizer

And a Web tutorial on:

- How to post a trip online
- Managing participant lists
- Trip reports and feedback

Plus... there will be sushi served, so bring your questions and your appetite

If you have any questions/comments/suggestions before this session, feel free to call or text at **604-928-5812** or email at marlaina.rhymer@gmail.com.



DISCOUNT VIMFF ADMISSION - BCMC MEMBERS ONLY

There is a good chance you don't need any incentive to attend the **18th Annual VIMFF**; however, our good friends at the film festival have offered BCMC members a discounted daily admission of \$15 (reg price \$19)

To take advantage of this offer you must purchase your tickets online at www.vimff.org/tickets/.

Select the tickets you wish to purchase, then click on "Shopping Cart" and enter the coupon code : **\$15VIMFF**

We hope to see lots of members out there and don't forget to come by and say "hi" to the club volunteers at the BCMC's Marketing table at the Centennial Theatre venue.

The BCMC will once again present the Best Mountain Culture Picture Award at the VIMFF Climbing Finale and Awards night on Feb 21st. For

DISCOUNTED SPOT OPEN FOR TOURING TRIP TO ICEFALL LODGE

Recently the BCMC received this letter from Phil Shaw in the hopes that he would be able to find someone to fill his spot on a guided touring trip to Icefall Lodge, northeast of Golden, BC:

I am introducing myself to you in the hopes that you know somebody who might be able to benefit from my minor misfortune. I was in Jackson Hole last week and separated my shoulder, so I have to give up my spot on a touring trip with Icefall Lodge icefall.ca

The trip is a fully guided 4 night trip. We are helicoptering into the lodge on February 28, out on March 4. The group is a strong group of predominantly 30-plus year olds.

My cost was \$1627.50, and I will sell my spot for \$1000. This includes heli transport in and out, 4 days of touring, guide service, and all food.

If any club members are interested, please contact Phil for more information at 604-302-8338

TECH-SAVVY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our very busy BCMC Volunteer Webmaster, Paul Olynek, is looking for some help with maintaining and fine-tuning the BCMC website. Paul hopes a few "tech-savvy" club members will help him with a few relatively easy website tasks. These could be as simple as reviewing the various sections of the website, looking for unclear information, and suggesting improvements.

Paul would also like some help with overseeing the BCMC Photo and/or Trivia Contests that he'd like to run from February to November this year. Paul's goal is to create a short list of simple tasks from which members of his "Web Team" can select from. None of these "selectable" tasks will be time-consuming or require constant checking for URGENT issues.

Those BCMC members interesting in volunteering an hour a week to improve the club website, please contact **Paul Olynek** at bcmc.webmaster@gmail.com, thank you!

BCMC COURSES - WINTER OVERVIEW

Despite the lack of local snow, our schedule is continuing to fill up with both volunteer led courses and ACMG Guide instructed courses.

The BCMC is heavily dependent on volunteers, and as such the BCMC Executive would like to recognize the following course volunteers for leading and helping in 2014/ 2015 winter courses:

Diana Diaconu, Dan Carie, Lisa Quattrocchi, Geoff Zenger, and Mike Hamata for the Introduction to Backcountry Skiing courses; **Justin Bennet** and **Winifred Swatscheck** for their Mountaineering Training and Skills courses; **Jeremy Thom, Joseph Wong, and Paul Olynek** for the Ice Climbing courses

For those looking to brush up on mountain skills, or learn something new, please note there are reimbursements available for volunteer course instructors, course helpers, and trip leaders with 4 or more trips in the past year. All of the details can be found in sections 23.1 and 23.2 of the policy manual; however, in summary the following applies for reimbursements on AST-1, Rock Rescue, Crevasse Rescue, and Wilderness First Aid Courses:

1. Course instructors from the past 12 months can receive 50% off of the above noted courses
2. Trip leaders with 4 or more trips in the last 12 months, or course assistants in the last 12 months receive 25% off of the above noted courses.

There are also reimbursements available for other mountaineering instructional courses as noted in section 23.1.

Should you have any questions about the reimbursements, suggestions on courses you would like to see made available, or if you would like to help out and either lead some courses or assist in coordination, please contact bcmc.courses@gmail.com

NEWLY ADDED!! - REVISED VOLUNTEER COURSE ORGANIZERS REIMBURSEMENT

The BCMC will reimburse reasonable shared expenses incurred by club members who have successfully organized a BCMC scheduled "Instructional Program" course. Requests for reimbursement must be submitted by each organizer to reimburse.courses@bcmc.ca within 30 days of the course end date. Each request must be either disapproved with stated reasons or approved with payment within 30 days from being received.

Notes:

[a] "shared expenses" means the volunteer course organizer shared the transportation and/or motel costs with at least two course participants. The "Club Driver Guidelines" maybe used to calculate shared transportation expenses; see https://bcmc.ca/club_driver_guidelines.php for more information.

[b] "club members" refers to BCMC members in good standing.

[c] "successfully organized" means the course proceeded as originally planned with at least two course participants per organizer.

[d] the reimburse.courses@bcmc.ca email will be monitored by the Courses & Camps Chairperson who will be responsible for ensuring the submitted information is complete and reasonable before forwarding it to the Treasurer for final approval.

IN MEMORIAM IRENE APPS - 1919-2014

Irene Apps was a member of the BCMC longer than anybody else. She joined in 1944 and within a year was already elected as secretary on the club executive. In November 1945 she was introduced to the hazards of the Vancouver North Shore mountains, when, during an evening snow storm, a large fir crashed into the top floor of the club's Mt. Seymour cabin where she had joined a small group of club members for a weekend trip (fortunately nobody got injured).

Irene grew up in Ocean Falls and Powell River, where her father worked for the local mills ("Rattenbury Point" on King Island in Dean Channel is named after him) . She later married Jack Apps, also a club member - it was the well known BCM(atrimonial)Club at work!

Both Irene and Jack were very involved in the club's activities, both social and climbing; for example: Irene was a key organizer of the club's well attended 50th anniversary banquet (1957), while Jack MC'd the evening's social proceedings. In the mid-seventies the whole Apps family volunteered for about five years to fold, envelope, and mail the monthly "Newsletter" and bi-annual "BC Mountaineer" to every member, local or far away: no small task with over a hundred members.

With a growing family of four boys, Irene's mountaineering was constrained, but she still organized and led quite a few easier club trips. Irene was very well known for her polished accordion play at club and private parties and for her ever present sense of humour, as an example: in a short (March 1975) report on a day hike to Lookout Mtn. she wrote: "...this fabulous trip was so poorly attended it must be amended to: "Annual Antipodal Outing" (the only two hikers who had joined her were visitors from New Zealand!).

In later years both Irene and Jack switched their outdoor activities to hiking and canoeing and I can recall a fair number of exciting river paddles we did together, such as the Dease, the Upper Columbia and the Stikine.

Irene was a wonderfully alive companion on many occasions in our life. We will miss her!

- Martin Kafer

UPDATE: POWDER MTN CATSKIING TENURE EXPANSION APPLICATION

Recently, **Ben Singleton-Polster** (BCMC Recreation & Conservation Executive Volunteer; BCMC's FMC-BC Representative) sent a letter to the **Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations** outlining the BCMC's concerns regarding the Powder Mountain Catskiing's tenure expansion application into areas near the Varsity Outdoor Club's Brew Hut.

In the letter it is explained that "the BCMC does not want this proposed tenure expansion to proceed due to the impact of the proposed expansion on existing historical non-motorized resort on backcountry recreation." Outlined in the letter were 4 points of opposition:

1. The area around the VOC Brew hut has traditionally been non- motorized. The VOC constructed the first Brew hut in 1982 and the area was used by non motorized recreational users prior to that. The area has been relatively ignored by snowmobilers and PMC prior as there is limited ski terrain in the area. The proposed tenure area will allow access to the alpine by snowmobiles. Snowmobile use within the Roe and Bandywine creeks is high. The RV park is located near the Brandywine snowmobile parking and as the proposed new cat roads will lead into the alpine areas this will facilitate snowmobile usage into the alpine.

2. As part of the winter backcountry sharing accord reached by different winter backcountry recreation groups, and adopted by the Sea-to-Sky January 15, 2015 LRMP, which the government has accepted this area is was left un resolved as the First Nations, motorized, non-motorized, and commercial tenure holders could not reach consensus on the zoning. By allowing the proposed tenure expansion the area will become essentially motorized as the cat roads that are shown to be constructed will allow snowmobile access and potentially summer motorized access. This is unacceptable as the areas near highways and historically non-motorized should be preserved via natural buffers for non-motorized users.

3. A recent study by the Federation of Mountain Clubs of BC shows that non-motorized backcountry users contributed about \$3.6 Billion in direct economic spending to the Province of BC in 2012. This report shows that non-motorized recreation is important and thus the areas that are easily accessed by foot within a day should be preserved as is and PMC can conduct operations in areas further away from the plowed roads.

4. Cat skiing during the winter is acceptable below about 1000 m elevation and within the extents of the 2014 clearcuts. We recommend that the tenure area be revised to include only the area below 1000 m or within the 2014 clear cuts and that this area be resolved under the LRMP.

As of this publishing, the letter has been received by Malissa Smith (Land Officer for Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operation) who ensures the BCMC's comments will be considered in the decision making process.

TRIP REPORT: BACKCOUNTRY SKIING FAT DOG TRAIL (MANNING PARK)

Sunday, February 1st, 2015

Participants: Roger Barany, Michelle Hyun, James Milne, Darryl Leniuk, Marie Burle, Nicolas Jimenez, Andrzej Jarzabek, Sacha (dog), and Paul Kubik (leader)

We finally received some new snow. From a smorgasbord of options, rapidly rising freezing levels on Sunday and low snowpack below 1300 meters made Fat Dog Trail the best choice for the day. The goal was to ski some terrain that the organizer had not skied before. When we reached the col before First Brother Mountain, the initial objective on its north side was in low visibility. Not inspired to go higher or ski new terrain we could not see, we descended the normal south side in strong wind and blowing snow. It was a descent of a couple hundred meters. Rather than cut the day short we opted for another run. On the way back up to Heather Trail, we decided it was not worth another run due to the wind scouring of the fresh snow down to ice. We started to retreat the way we came - retracing Heather Trail to Fat Dog Trail. Just below the trail junction, we found ourselves above a steep pitch above the head of Fat Dog Creek. It was protected from wind and the slope was enticing. As I had not skied it before it meshed well with the objectives of the day for the group. We changed plan and skied it down to the creek. Then there was a long stretch of really nice tree skiing back down to the Fat Dog Trail. The descent from the ridge was about 450 meters or more. By now we were back on Fat Dog Trail at 1600 meters elevation so we called it a day. It was a great new descent route for me and a lot more fun than the regular trail which is less steep.

Conditions for the ski out on Fat Dog Trail were really good. There was soft snow over hard crust. Unfortunately, it was warming at the parking lot and the snow was turning to sleet...



Fat Dog Trail 2015 - Nicolas and Sacha
Photo: Darryl Leniuk



Fat Dog Trail 2015 - James and Michelle
Photo: Darryl Leniuk



Fat Dog Trail 2015
Marie and Paul at bottom of first run
Photo: Darryl Leniuk



Fat Dog Trail 2015 - Michelle and Andrzej
Photo: Darryl Leniuk