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BCMC SOCIAL

Tuesday, March 10th at the ANZA Club 7:30 pm
BCMC Members Margaret Hanson and Tony Knight present their scramble across the remote, rugged and rarely visited Powell Divide.

NEW MEMBERS

The **BCMC welcomes** the following new members: Laurent Bélisle-Chabot, Anthony Mallinson, Chelena Chan, Christian Ruediger, Marie-Pier Dionne, Danielle Finney, Danika Brandvold, Ashley Robertson, Jessica Greinke, Andrew Mildenhall, Igor Maksymenko, Michael Thiessen, Katie Webber, Stephanie Finta, Daniel Helm, Martin Conder, Colette Shockey, Ann Erfan, Mike Morellato, Paul Miedtke, and Nathan Rogers

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

01	Cayoosh - Armchair Route	Backcountry Skiing	Steve Pollak
01	Whistler Telemark Festival	Downhill Skiing	Lawrence McIntosh
02	Midweek Spearhead Ski Day	Backcountry Skiing	John Beeckler
03	Executive Meeting	Volunteer Meeting	BCMC Executive
04	Wed Evening Indoor Climbing - Cliffhanger	Indoor Climbing	Paul Olynek
05	SFU bouldering - boxcar boulder	Rock Climbing	Mauro Perizzolo
06-08	Mount Garibaldi - East Face (PD+, ice)	Mountaineering	Serguei Okountsev
07-08	Shuksan Mt.-White Salmon To Upp. Curtic Glacier	Mountaineering	Stanislav Liarsky
07	Squamish Single-Pitch Rock Climbing	Rock Climbing	Paul Olynek
10	How to Organize Trips	Instructional Program	Marlaina Rhymer
10	March Social Presentation	Social	Doug Lonsbrough
11	Wed Evening Indoor Climbing - Cliffhanger	Indoor Climbing	Paul Olynek
13-18	Wapta Traverse	Backcountry Skiing	Deon Molloy
14	Rainbow Mountain via Hanging Lake	Backcountry Skiing	Mike Hamata
14-15	Systems for Mtneering - Rescue -Haul Systems Basic	Instructional Program	Justin Bennett
14-16	North Creek cabin 3 days ski trip	Backcountry Skiing	Andrei Smertin
14	Peak 5400	Snowshoeing	Joanne Boutin
14	Saturday Squamish Rock Climbing	Rock Climbing	Werner Grzimek
15	Metal Dome	Backcountry Skiing	Mike Hamata
18	Wed Evening Indoor Climbing - Cliffhanger	Indoor Climbing	Paul Olynek
21	Systems for Mountaineering - Anchoring Int - Snow	Instructional Program	Justin Bennett
21	Rock Climbing - Spring Warm-up	Rock Climbing	Adrian Lazar
22-29	Mistaya Lodge ski week in the Rockies	Backcountry Skiing	Cameron Fraser
25	Wed Evening Indoor Climbing - Cliffhanger	Indoor Climbing	Paul Olynek
27-29	Skaha Spring Trip	Rock Climbing	Adrian Lazar
28-11	Cascade Volcanoes - Oregon/California	Mountaineering	Marlaina Rhymer
28	Mt Barr E2	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: MARCH 10th, 2015
A HIGH TRAVERSE OF THE POWELL DIVIDE**

BCMC members Margaret Hanson and Tony Knight have been having fun in the coast mountains for decades: mountaineering, climbing and ski touring. For 11 days in September 2014, Margaret, Tony, and six others scrambled across the rugged and remote Powell Divide, the first recorded traverse of which was undertaken by John Clark in 1984. Travelling south from near Julian Peak to Emma Lake, the team covered approximately 55km over much 3rd and some 4th class terrain that called for the use of a rope for belays and rappels. Only a half dozen or so parties are known to have attempted, yet alone completed, the traverse.

They consider themselves moderate weekend warriors and are living proof that you don't have to be a super climber (or super fit) to get out there and visit some fantastic places.

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.

**IMPORTANT: SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING
JUNE 9, 2015 AT THE ANZA CLUB**

Two very important pieces of BCMC business are coming up to a vote at the June 2015 SGM:

1) BCMC CONSTITUTION SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

In keeping with his goal to update the Club's Constitution and Policy Manual, BCMC President Dave Scanlon has asked Club members Glenn Woodsworth, Anders Ourum, Brian Wood and Doug Lonsbrough to help with revisions and updating language which reflect what the BCMC is currently.

The BCMC Executive was able to review and comment on the working draft of the Constitution changes at the March 3rd Executive meeting. A copy of the finalized draft will be available to BCMC members to review on the BCMC website before the SGM vote.

2) WATERSPRITE LAKE HUT CONSTRUCTION FUNDS

The Watersprite Lake Hut Building Committee will give a formal proposal to the membership for the funds to proceed with hut construction.

For updates regarding the Watersprite Lake Hut Construction, you can find minutes from the meetings on the BCMC Online Forum. BCMC President Dave Scanlon and construction team provide update presentations at the monthly Social events.

VIMFF FINISHES ANOTHER GREAT YEAR



A big thanks to BCMC members who supported the VIMFF by coming out to the different venues to take in the amazing films and presentations.

A special thanks is extended to all BCMC volunteers who helped out at the Membership and Information table at the Centennial Theatre.

GRAND PRIZE: JUREK (dir. Pawel Wysoczanski, Poland, 2014, 73 minutes)

The film portrays Jerzy Kukuczka, one of the greatest climbers in history and second person to ascend all 14 eight-thousanders.

BEST MOUNTAIN CULTURE FILM (sponsored by the BCMC): TASHI & THE MONK (dir. Andrew Hinton & Johnny Burke, India, 2014, 40 minutes) Former Buddhist monk Lobsang was trained under the guidance of His Holiness the Dalai Lama, but 8 years ago left a life as a spiritual teacher in the United States to create a unique community in the foothills of the Himalayas which rescues orphaned and neglected children.

BEST CANADIAN FILM: THE HAND OF FRANKLIN (dir. Frank Wolf, Canada, 2015, 68 minutes)

A four person team from North Vancouver attempts to row the Northwest Passage in order to shed light on climate change in the arctic.

BEST CLIMBING FILM: REDEMPTION (dir. Paul Diffley, UK, 2014, 53 minutes)

Redemption tells the controversial story of one of the world's best trad climbers, James Pearson. The film follows his return to the UK as he faces his demons and looks to redeem his place back within the UK climbing community.

If you missed the Film Festival but still want to check out the films keep your eye on the **VIMFF BEST OF THE FEST TOUR** with dates in towns all over BC this spring - **including an encore in Vancouver!**

For full film festival results and Best of the Fest Tour dates go to: www.vimff.org



MEC CLUB NIGHT: APRIL 21st 2015

MEC Vancouver, 130 West Broadway 7:00-9:00pm

Have a laundry list of gear you need to replace? Have you been eyeing up that kayak in the window? Don't miss out on this great semi-annual event! 10% off all regular priced items purchased that evening – including bikes and boats!

You must be a member of Mountain Equipment Co-op in order to make a purchase; if you are not a member, you may purchase a \$5.00 membership that evening. On sale merchandise is limited to in-stock items at the Vancouver MEC location only.

BCMC members wanting to attend the event will need to sign up on the Trip List by April 14th so MEC staff can assemble a guest list.

FROM THE ARCHIVES: MARCH 1924 BCMC NEWSLETTER

POLICE INTERFERENCE

On a recent Saturday several Club members suffered the unpleasant experience of having their packs searched by a member of the Provincial Police in North Vancouver; even two women were not exempt from the same public indignity. Apparently the object of the search was for firearms— incidentally members might be reminded that the Club strongly discourages the carrying of firearms on trips or to the Cabin. It might also be mentioned that within the District of North Vancouver, which extends nearly north to Crown Mt., a special permit must be secured in addition to the regular permit to carry firearms. This is not a matter of general knowledge.

Mr. L. C. Ford, president, claims this search was entirely illegal - but it was made. The Executive Committee has taken up the matter vigorously with the authorities.

OUR NEWSLETTER EDITOR WANTS YOUR TRIP REPORTS (And he'll give you the BCMC T-shirt off his back for them)

Ok, not his shirt (its much too near & dear to him), but a BCMC t-shirt just the same!

The Deal: Starting in April 2015, we will choose a Trip Report from the BCMC website to feature in the monthly Newsletter. If your Trip Report is chosen, you get a BCMC t-shirt. Pretty simple.

Ideally, we are looking for trip reports of 500-700 words, but exceptions can be made on either side of that scale. If you have a blog, or frequently post on other forums, we will accept reposted Trip Reports so long as there is no copyright infringement.

To enhance the Trip Report, photos of the trip are welcome and encouraged, but not explicitly mandatory (although they sure look great featured on the back cover).

If your Trip Report is chosen, you will receive an email from the Newsletter Editor regarding size, colour, and delivery/pick-up arrangements.

We're looking forward to hearing about your trips!



REVELSTOKE MUSEUM & ARCHIVES PRESENT: *LAND OF THUNDERING SNOW* VIRTUAL EXHIBIT



Revelstoke residents were the driving force behind a new national virtual museum exhibit unveiled on March 4, 2015. The *Land of Thundering Snow* explores the history of avalanches, avalanche science and safety, and avalanche ecology, giving the user unprecedented 'behind the scenes' access to material not generally accessible to the public. The website is very engaging with lots of video, interactive elements and other design considerations that make it user-friendly and fun.

Partners on the project include Avalanche Canada, Okanagan College, Parks Canada and the Revelstoke Railway Museum; it also received support from the British Columbia Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, Canadian Pacific, the Canada Science and Technology Museums Corporation, HeliCat Canada, Canadian Armed Forces, the Revelstoke Credit Union, and the Virtual Exhibits Investment Program of the Virtual Museum of Canada.

To enjoy this fantastic historical and educational exhibit, go to www.land-ofthunderingsnow.ca



MULTIPLICITY: SPEARHEAD HUTS COMMITTEE FUNDRAISER WHISTLER APRIL 12, 2015

Presented by Mountain Life Media – A special flagship fundraiser for the Spearhead Huts Committee

Like a TEDTalk on adrenalin, MULTIPLICITY is packed with adventurous visual storytelling from eight unique and passionate personalities in the mountain world. A multimedia extravaganza designed to resonate as much as it entertains, the event premiered in 2013 and was immediately pegged "the most underrated event at WSSF."

Hosted by *Mountain Life* editor Feet Banks, MULTIPLICITY is a must-see celebration of true-mountain and adventure culture. Presenters use a mix of photography slideshows, video and intriguing anecdotes to bring the audience into their world. The 2015 line-up will feature world-class visual storytelling from: Kirby Brown, David McColm, Suz Graham, Darcy Turenne, Chris Winter, Julie Angus, and Tim Emmett. This year's headliner is yet to be announced so STAY TUNED!

See the WSSF Event Website for more up to date information, or to BUY TICKETS.

SPEARHEAD HUT UPDATE: MARCH 5, 2015: Design team selected for Spearhead Huts Project

The schematic design for the Russet Lake Hut has begun and we're thrilled to announce our experts to help in the process:

Don Stuart and Chad Manley will be the primary architects; Robert Malczyk of Equilibrium Consulting will be the structural engineer; Leslie Peer of Reid Jones Christoffersen will be the building envelope engineer; and Paul Schlotfeldt of Golder Associates will be doing the geotechnical design. With so many experts on side, we're confident the huts will be nothing less than world class.

BCMC TO SPONSOR RAVIL CHAMGOULOV IN HIS ARCTIC CHALLENGE

In May 2015 Ravil will climb the highest peak of Arctic, Mt. Gunnbjorn. Ravil's ultimate goal for his Arctic climb is to raise awareness of the deterioration of the Arctic ice cap and melting glaciers. Ravil will be the first man to have ever ascended the highest summits of all seven continents and the Arctic! The highest peak in the Arctic, Mt. Gunnbjorn is located in Greenland north of the Arctic Circle in a very remote, cold, and rarely visited area.

The BCMC is proud to donate \$1500 to assist Ravil in his endeavour; we wish him a safe journey and the best of luck!

To date Ravil has raised \$6,600 of his \$10,000 fundraising goal. If you, or someone you know might be interested in helping Ravil in the final leg of his fundraising goal, get more information at www.8summits.com

QUEST GEOLOGY PROFESSOR TO STUDY GARIBALDI LAKE AND BARRIER STABILITY

Dr Steven Quane, professor of geology at Quest University received \$12,000 from an American educational institution in July 2014 to map and assess the Garibaldi Lake and the stability of the Barrier. Quane's research will allow him to get a calculation of the volume of the lake and give him a chance to analyze the bedrock contained in the barrier.

Quane's funding lasts until July 2015. He plans to do two types of research. The first method takes place during the winter and they will bore holes into the ice to take water samples. The samples allow them to determine how the water system works. The second method will be used in the spring, when Quane and his team will map the bottom of the lake using a BC Parks boat, sonar and GPS.

He hopes to have more information on the stability of the barrier after his research, and he looks forward to understanding what he describes as the system of a stunningly beautiful geological spectacle.

(exerpted from the Squamish Chief Feb 5, 2015)

PUBLIC INPUT NEEDED:

Update on the parking situation at Cypress and Mt. Seymour

Jodi Appleton, Executive Director FMCBC

Our (FMCBC) Recreation and Conservation Committee recently sent in a letter to Vicki Haberl, BC Parks Planning Section Head for the South Coast Region, in response to BC Parks' Discussion Paper on Parking Capacity as it relates to the private ski hill operations in Mt Seymour and Cypress Provincial Parks. The parking capacity situation for these two ski hills is complex. For most days it's not a problem, but on the 20-30 peak days per season a lack of parking capacity for ski hill clients can pose a big issue for the ski hill operators and could impact whether or not these two skill hills remain viable.

Since 2012 we've been involved in meetings and discussions with BC Parks and the ski hill operators revolving around how best to accommodate parking for the commercial ski hill clients while still maintaining park access for public users. BC Parks' Discussion Paper poses several possible solutions and considerations relating to each. Our letter, which relates mainly to the situation at Mt Seymour, provides our perspective on a few of the ideas suggested in the Paper and how we feel these would directly affect access for the general public if implemented.

Our main concerns:

Safe, free winter access to these provincial parks for the general public be maintained.

If additional parking is added that it is done so in a way that does not remove upper elevation park area and detract from the parks' natural assets.

The costs to expand parking capacity be paid for mainly by the ski area operators and not by BC Parks.

We're interested in hearing about user experiences, especially from our members. If you've tried to access these parks and been affected by the recent parking restrictions write to us about it at info@mountainclubs.org

If you want to review the draft policy itself, it will be posted on the BC Parks' website for 30 days with feedback requested by April 7th, 2015. To encourage public review and feedback BC Parks has also posted a simple response form on the policy webpage. BC Parks will consider all input received when drafting the final policy.

Comments: <http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/permits/consultation/ski-resort-policy.html>

TRIP REPORT : MOUNTAINEERING APPA GLACIER (EAST PEMBERTON ICECAP)

By Brian Muske

Saturday, March 7th, 2015

Trip Organiser: Michelle Hyun

Participants: Brian Muske, Siegfried Rohdewald, Andrzej Jarzabek, Gordon Esplin, Youliana Tichelova, Roger Barany

Heading down Rutherford FSR it didn't take long to hit snow and ice, from around the 4km mark we were in compact snow. Something weird about this road, it seems to be made up entirely of bumps in most places. Had to go quite slow 15 kmh or so otherwise you were in danger of hitting your head on the roof. Difficult to pick up speed for the hills, we got stuck on one at the 17km mark and decided to turn around and park at the flat area. I pulled of the compact snow a little too far and sunk into the ditch. After trying to dig the wheels out and rocking back and forth etc, the other vehicle had to pull me out. Luckily I had some rope with me.

Up the road another km or so to the turn off, the road forks down to the left and a couple of hundred meters later you see a large yellow sign for the Trail. Patchy snow on the road a couple of big hills and 2km or so your at the cabin. Shortly after the cabin the trail opens out and you make your way along the creek. We follow the snowmobile tracks up to the lake. I had trail crampons on from the car but took them off crossing the lake as they kept balling up with snow and I got tired of having to knock it off with my pole.

A few snow bridges to cross and we were at the glacier, kept on the tracks up the left hand side of the glacier until steepness levelled out a bit. Soon we got a view of our original objective, Appa Peak, however with the delays earlier in the day it was 1.30pm by the time we were on top of Appa glacier. Some of our group decided to stop here. With 2 hours or so to our turn around time there was no chance of achieving the peak so we decided to to the ridge south of Appa SW2. Distances on the glacier are hard to judge, it takes a good while to cross or get anywhere.

Put snowshoes on from here, I was sinking in to just above the ankle. A steep climb and I'm the first one on the ridge. Kwtamts Peak looked invitingly close but with a too heavy pack slowing me down and little daylight left this was the end of the road, it was probably further than it looked. A quick lunch and back down, crusty snow meant no butt sliding. Same trail back to the cars only 15 mins or so after the group that stayed on the glacier. Wasn't looking forward to the drive back, I was a little worried about getting up some of the steeper hills with the sun soften snow. I post holed several tile on the road back from the hut, so the snow was obviously wasn't as firm.

Start to head off and find that now the other Jeep is stuck in the snow, so out with the rope and were soon under way. A long drive to the highway a little slippy in places but we didn't get stuck along the way.

Appa Glacier

Photos uploaded by Michelle Hyun

