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BC Mountaineering Club

Newsletter

BCMC SOCIAL: ADVENTURES IN GARIBALDI PARK

Tuesday, May 12th at the ANZA Club 7:30 pm

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NEW MEMBERS

The **BCMC welcomes** the following new members: John Bell, Darek Fabianiak, Richard Shockey, Martin Lebeau, Robin MacLaughlin, Joel Blackburn, Ian Strand, David Griffiths, Sarah Wu, Michael Hillman, Nicholas Kerr, Chad Chang, Branch MacDonald, & Mike Jones

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

01-03	A Rack of Prime Ribs	Rock Climbing	Adrian Lazar
01-02	Exodus Peak	Mountaineering	Craig Speirs
01	Trad and Multi-Pitch Practice-- Friday Evening	Practice	Robert Simzer
02	Golden Ears	Hiking	Winfred Swatschek
02	Squamish Rock Climbing	Rock Climbing	Barnard Foo
03	Outdoor Rock Climbing First Steps	Instructional Program	Robert Simzer
03	Squamish Single-Pitch Rock Climbing	Rock Climbing	Paul Olynek
03	Quarry Rock - Hike with kids	Family Hiking	Radmila Bridges
05	Executive Meeting	Volunteer Meeting	BCMC Executive
09	Mt. Baker, Day Trip	Mountaineering	Stanislav Liarsky
09	Saturday Squamish Rock Climbing	Rock Climbing	Werner Grzimek
10	New Darling Lake (Mamquam) Trail Construction - IV	Trail Clearing	Chris Ludwig
10	Squamish Single-Pitch Rock Climbing	Rock Climbing	Paul Olynek
15-18	Mount Rainier - Kautz	Mountaineering	Marlaina Rhymer
15-18	Trout Creek -OR- Basalt Heaven	Rock Climbing	Adrian Lazar
22-12	Denali (McKinley) West Buttress	Expedition	Tejbir Sandhar
23	Mt. Luke	Mountaineering	Alastair Ferries
24	Squamish Single-Pitch Rock Climbing	Rock Climbing	Paul Olynek
25-06	Penticton (Skaha) - extended stay	Rock Climbing	Martin Conder
30	Introduction to Trad Climbing (1 Day Course)	Instructional Program	Robert Simzer
31	Squamish Single-Pitch Rock Climbing	Rock Climbing	Paul Olynek

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: MAY 12th, 2015
ADVENTURES IN GARIBALDI PARK

Join us as BCMC Executives Dave Scanlon and Bob Woodhouse present four of their many Garibaldi Park trips.

From the summer 2007, Bob and Dave undertook the Misty Icefields and McBride traverses and travelled to Outlier and the Nivalis Camp. To say nothing of having to arrange for the emergency evacuation of injured participants on two of the trips - and no, they did not find Sumach's gold. Which is fortunate.

Rather than presenting the best places to golf during a dreary Vancouver winter, Bob and Dave will present an overview of some of the best that Garibaldi Park has to offer.

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 May 12th 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.

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

BCMC CONSTITUTION SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS & WATERSPRITE LAKE CABIN BUILDING FUNDS APPROVAL

Two very important votes will be held at the June 9 SGM:

- 1) BCMC CONSTITUTION SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS** - with the purpose to update the Club's Constitution and Policy Manual, Club members Glenn Woodsworth, Anders Ourum, Brian Wood and Doug Lonsbrough worked to revise and update language which reflects the current BCMC membership.
- 2) CONSTRUCTION FUNDS** -The Watersprite Lake Hut Building Committee will ask the membership for the funds with which to build the first BCMC cabin in nearly 30 years.

Notice and wording of both motions will be emailed to BCMC members (print-newsletter members will receive the Notices by post) on or before Monday, May 25, 2015.

The revised BCMC Constitution/Policy Manual by-laws and Watersprite Lake Cabin building information materials will be posted on the BCMC website for members to educate themselves prior to the SGM. A BCMC website link to this information will be provided along with the Notice of Motions.

15% OFF SEA TO SKY GONDOLA TICKETS FOR BCMC MEMBERS

Presenting your BCMC membership card at the Sea To Sky Guest Service Counter (not the Ticket Window) will save you 15% on all Gondola Tickets while you zoom up to their Summit Lodge at 885m elevation.



- Drink in sweeping views of Howe Sound Fjord from their beautiful Summit Lodge
- Enjoy great Hiking / Trail Running / Alpine & Rock Climbing / Back Country Skiing / Snow Shoeing around Mt. Habrich, Sky Pilot, Co-Pilot, & Goat Ridge.
- For Climbers and Scramblers: Climb alpine rock routes on Mt. Habrich 5.7-10b plus alpine climbs and scrambles on Sky Pilot (all levels).
- For Skiers: The Shannon Creek watershed offers in 4 alpine bowls 1300 Hectares (+3000 acres) of new terrain, up to 1100m vertical.
- New rock routes around and below the Summit Lodge.



CONTINUING FUNDRAISING FOR NEPALESE EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS

If you were unable to make it to the Vancouver Collective's fundraising benefit at the Steel Toad Brewery on May 6th there are still opportunities to provide much needed relief for a country in devastation and a population in crisis. **The Canadian government will match donations by Canadians to registered charities doing work in Nepal dollar-for-dollar until May 25.** The matching will be retroactive to when donations first started streaming in on Saturday, April 25th.

RED CROSS: The International Committee for the Red Cross says it is working with the Nepal Red Cross Society and has a team working on emergency response.

To donate, call **1-800-418-1111** or go to **www.nrcs.org**

UNICEF: UNICEF has been working in Nepal for 50 years; along with the Canadian Gov and its corporate sponsors **your donations up to \$80K will be tripled.**

To donate go to **www.unicef.ca**

MSF: Medecins Sans Frontieres has sent four teams to Nepal and is also sending in 3,000 kits including medical supplies.

To donate go to **www.msf.ca**

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: HFH has been working in Nepal for 18 years; their disaster response teams are coordinating response operations with local government agencies and disaster relief partners, and will be assembling emergency shelter kits.

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NEW! 2015 BCMC PHOTO CONTESTS

The BCMC is pleased to announce four Photo Contests for BCMC members: Backcountry Skiing; Mountaineering; Rock & Ice Climbing; and a brand new contest - Hiking & Snowshoeing

Each Photo Contest is open from April 23rd to December 1st, 2015. All entries must be submitted via the online entry form by adult BCMC members in good standing. Each BCMC member may upload only one photo for each photo contest and must be the sole author and owner of the copyright of the photo entered. The photo must have been taken from a digital camera.

All contest photos that are eligible to be voted on will be displayed on the BCMC photo contest webpage. BCMC members in good standing may vote for their favorite photos - including their own - but only once per photo. The number of votes for each photo will be displayed on the Photo Contest Entries webpage. After the competition closing date, one photo will be named as the winner based on online voting totals for each photo. One bonus vote will be given for those photos taken on a scheduled BCMC outdoor trip. Contest voting results will be finalized at the December 2015 BCMC Executive Meeting. The contest entrant with the most confirmed votes will receive a MEC Gift Certificate.

The winning photo will be showcased in a forthcoming BCMC Newsletter publication and mentioned in an eNews email.

For all Photo Contest rules go to : <https://bcmc.ca/m/photocontest/rules>

Check out the back cover for previous contest winning photos

PLANNING SOMETHING BIG? THE BCMC WANTS TO HELP YOU MAKE IT HAPPEN

With the newly created **Expedition Subsidy Program** you, as a BCMC member, can now apply for a subsidy **up to \$1000** for an upcoming BCMC expedition.

Criteria

The Trip must be posted on the BCMC Trip List; for BCMC Members only; mountain and/or outdoor related; remote and/or difficult and/or unique in nature; primarily self-propelled (motorized access is ok); expeditions (typically long in duration by nature, and require participants to be extensively prepared in their training and logistics).

Guided trips, organized events or races, and charity events do not qualify.

Application

To apply for the Expedition Subsidy, submit the following information as your application package to **bcmc.trips@gmail.com**:

An introduction to the expedition organizer and/or participants including their relevant background, qualifications, and experience

- 1) A trip summary (one paragraph) including the trip title, an overview of the objective, the expected start and end dates, and location
- 2) A detailed trip description including more detail on each of the trip summary items, an overview of your itinerary, and an explanation of why your trip is interesting or unique
- 3) A description of known risks and how your team is committed to a safe expedition
- 4) Your anticipated budget for the expedition
- 5) Your plans to present your trip to the club upon your return; it is expected, at a minimum, that this will include a photo essay-style trip report or video blog and a presentation at an upcoming social event; however, if you have another creative medium to communicate with and inspire the club membership then please feel free to suggest. Your creativity on this item could win some major "points" with the selection committee.

Selection

The successful expedition will be made based on the information presented in the Application package with a focus on the nature of the trip and what you can provide to the club upon your return.

Deadlines

There will be two deadlines per year: December 31st and May 31st. Subsidies will be awarded following the January and June Executive Meetings, respectively (first non-holiday Tuesday of the month).

TRIP COORDINATORS NEEDED

Want more trips on the schedule? The BCMC Executive is looking for volunteers to help encourage trip organizers to post more trips. We're looking in particular for the following coordinators for the upcoming season: mountaineering, skiing, rock climbing, hiking, and scrambling. We're also open to any members who would like to work on getting more mountain biking or mountain running trips up, or would like to volunteer for winter sports positions (e.g. ice climbing, snowshoeing).

What is involved in being a trip coordinator?

- All you have to do is help encourage current or potential trip organizers to post trips on the schedule. This can be by word of mouth while you're on trips, by email, by phone, or whatever creative medium you can think of. You can expect to spend a few hours a month (all of which can be done while attending BCMC trips if you like) volunteering.

Who can be a trip coordinator?

- Ideally, a coordinator someone who frequently attends or organizes trips, so they're in contact with other club members often. Perhaps you're an avid hiker or skier, or would like to get more beginner mountaineering trips on the schedule. Perhaps you'd like to develop mountain biking or trail running as a BCMC activity. Perhaps you don't go on too many trips, but you're just enthusiastic and have some extra time to send emails or make calls. You don't have to be an expert in your activity of choice; anyone with the right attitude and a little enthusiasm can be a trip coordinator!

What's in it for me?

- Well, other than having more trips on the schedule to pick from, giving back to the club, and getting to know other mountain and outdoor enthusiasts like yourself, you can get a free BCMC t-shirt! All you have to do is encourage three new trips on the schedule.

How can I get more information?

- The easiest way is to contact Marlaina Rhymer (BCMC Climbing Chair) at bcmc.trips@gmail.com. You can also talk to her, or any one of the other Executive members at an upcoming Social event.

WATERSPRITE LAKE CABIN BUILDING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Watersprite Lake Cabin Building Committee is now actively looking for volunteers to assist in the construction of the proposed new BCMC cabin; on the provision that the funds for the cabin are approved and released after the SGM on June 9, pre-construction of the cabin is planned for mid-June, with projected completion in September. If you are handy with a hammer and saw, and have some time to donate to this excellent project please contact The WLCBC with your name and contact information at Waterspritehut@gmail.com. Please be sure to enter VOLUNTEER in the subject line.

WLCBC has also submitted a proposal to the Ministry of Sports, Transportation, and the Arts for a section 57 "authorized trail" designation to be given to the Watersprite Lake trail. 'Authorized trails' are recreation trails managed by a person or organization through the written consent of MTSA.

BC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OFFICE LOOKING FOR CITIZENS INPUT

The BC Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) is to hosting an online discussion with citizens and stakeholders about improving public consultation and participation in the BC environmental assessment process. The EAO feels public consultation is an important and necessary aspect of environmental assessments in British Columbia, based on the principle that those affected by proposed projects should have an opportunity to provide input to the assessment.

The online discussion will be open for comment until 9am on May 26th, 2015. Comments submitted will be reviewed, summarized and integrated where possible into existing and new EAO processes.

As a first step, the BC EAO suggests to read through the learning material which includes a description of what the BC EAO does, a brief overview of the environmental assessment process, an outline of the EAO's vision for public consultation as well as feedback received to date and a few ideas for your consideration.

Go to <http://engage.gov.bc.ca/environmentalassessment/> to have your voice heard.

GET TO KNOW PINECONE BURKE PROVINCIAL PARK PRESENTATION: FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2015

UBC Buchanan Building, Room A101 7:30 - 9:30pm (Doors at 7:00)

Admission by donation

Pinecone Burke Provincial Park's pristine, remote-feeling wilderness belies its location just a short hour's drive from Vancouver on Katzie First Nation traditional territory. Yet despite its proximity to the densely-populated Lower Mainland, it sees relatively few visitors, primarily due to access issues, limited facilities, and the generally low-profile it's maintained throughout its 20-year existence.

Last fall, the provincial government and Katzie Nation finally committed to developing a management plan for the under-serviced park, seeking input from backcountry hikers, paddlers, campers and naturalists. The FMCBC took part in the stakeholders workshop and sent a letter to BC Parks outlining areas of concern.

With the draft plan scheduled for release this spring, and the final plan (and implementation) coming later this summer, the FMCBC is hosting a presentation to educate the public about the park and ways people can access it.

BC mountaineer and photographer Justin Brown will lead a visual and descriptive virtual tour of the 17 days he and his partner Ian Koch spent traversing and exploring the remote reaches of Pinecone Burke in 2014. Author Lyle Litzenger (whose book "Burke and Widgeon: A Hiker's Guide" covers two of the most accessible areas of the park), Steve Chapman, owner of Canadian MapMakers, and Vicki Haberl, planning section head for BC Parks' South Coast Region, will also be on hand to answer questions and speak to their respective areas of expertise.

TRIP REPORT: OUTDOOR TOP ROPING WORKSHOP - SQUAMISH

Sunday, May 3, 2015

Participants: Marlaina Rhymer, Bala Kumar, Oudina Cherfi, Kat Hlivarova, Gleb Ganeline, Robert Durnin, Jaime Adams, Michelle Hussein, Stuart Morris and myself (Robert Simzer).

The plan for the day was to take those with a varying degree of climbing experience, and prepare them for some of the regular BCMC top roping trips. Some of the participants had taken previous indoor belaying instruction, and others had some type of top roping or bouldering experience. There seemed to be a bout of last-minute flu that went around, because our initial participant numbers were much higher; however, we ended up having 3 members drop out at the last minute.

The workshop/ course was taught by Marlaina, Oudi, Bala and myself, and we started our day at Burgers and Fries Right. We went over how to conduct safety checks on our harnesses; tie a figure 8 knot; how to tie into a harnesses; use belay devices; complete a partner check prior to starting our climb; and communicate while belaying (Belay, on belay, climbing, climb on, etc.).

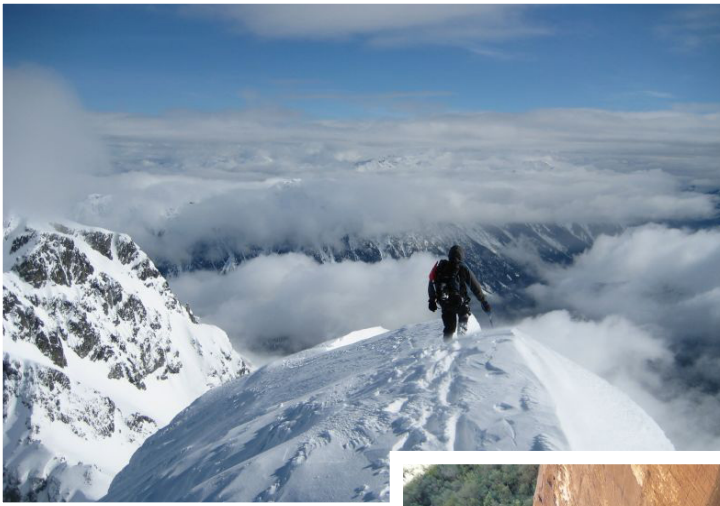
After getting some climbing in and checking everyone on their belay abilities, we completed the Lord of the Rings themed climbs and moved onto top rope anchors. At this point, we didn't get into too much detail since we felt that anchoring basics is an entirely separate course/ workshop on it's own.

We then grabbed some lunch and moved over to Ronin's corner to get out of the sun. Fortunately Bala and Oudi were able to set up the top ropes, as I was humbled quite quickly on some of the easier climbs in the area! I witnessed some interesting slab.. technique.. on "Sky Dancing" (as some of the others can recall), and even had a chance to catch a bit of a rest after my 2 climbs for the day. For the most part everyone was able to climb the 5.9's, and I think if there was more time they would be on climbing some of the harder routes too.

In summary, the day went really well and it looks like we have a few more people that will be looking to join in on the weekly top roping groups. I'd like to thank Bala, Marlaina and Oudi for helping out, and I hope some of the other active climbers in the club will be able to spend some time teaching some of the inexperienced members.

Hope to see everyone out on my next rock climbing trip!

Rob Simzer



2013 Best Mountaineering
Photo

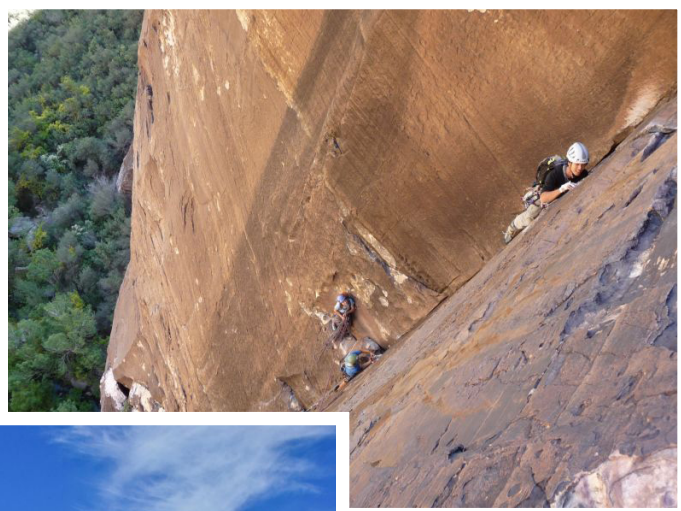
*Descending Summit of
Mt. Joffre*

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2013 Best Mountain Climbing
Photo

Dark Shadows - Red Rocks

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2013 Best Hiking Photo

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