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BC Mountaineering Club

Newsletter



**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH - 7:30 ANZA CLUB: AGM & BCMC SOCIAL
BODIES AND MINDS SHAPED BY THE MOUNTAINS OF BC PRESENTED BY
LEIGH AND SPRING McCLURG**

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NEW MEMBERS

The **BCMC welcomes** the following new members: Wojtek Jakubowski, Ali Sanieyan, Dean Chamberland, Monica Olinescu, Lindsay Parker, Shail Casey, Russell Hartlaub, Michael Lu, Andrew More, Thomas Burland, and Lisa Forbes.t

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

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3	Cypress Season Pass Discount	Downhill Skiing	Radmila Bridges
3	BCMC Volunteers Team Meeting	Volunteer Meeting	BCMC Executive
4	Wed Evening - Cliffhanger	Indoor Climbing	Radmila Bridges
5	MEC Fall "10% Discount" Club Night	Discount Shopping	Marlaina Rhymer
7	Heliotroping	Backcountry Skiing	Mike Hamata
7	Coin Peak	Hiking	Craig Speirs
8	Dry Tooling Pract. for Mixed-Climbing	Mixed Climbing	Oudina Cherfi
10	BCMC Annual General Meeting	Presentation	BCMC Executive
10	Spring & Leah McClurg: Climbing and Skiing in BC & the Rockies	Social	Doug Lonsbrough
11	Wed Evening - Cliffhanger	Indoor Climbing	Radmila Bridges
13-15	Dragontail Triple Couloir - Type 2+ Fun	Mixed Climbing	Adrian Lazar
14	Heliotroping	Backcountry Skiing	Angus Robb
14	Mt. Shadowfax	Mountaineering	Alastair Ferries
14	Basic Rescue Haul Systems for Climbing	Instructional Program	Winifred Swatschek
15	Basic Rescue Haul Systems for Climbing	Instructional Program	Winifred Swatschek
18	Wed Evening - Cliffhanger	Indoor Climbing	Radmila Bridges
20-21	Black Tusk	Backcountry Skiing	Angus Robb
21	Skyline Divide	Backcountry Skiing	Mike Hamata
21	MEC Snowfest Vancouver	Presentation	Club Marketing
25	Wed Evening - Cliffhanger	Indoor Climbing	Radmila Bridges
27-29	Early Winter Mixed Climbing Sessions	Mixed Climbing	Adrian Lazar
28	MEC Snowfest North Vancouver	Presentation	Club Marketing
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1	BCMC Volunteers Team Meeting	Volunteer Meeting	BCMC Executive
5	Heliotrope Ridge	Backcountry Skiing	Mike Hamata
5	Snass Mtn.	Mountaineering	Alastair Ferries
8	How to Organize Trips	Instructional Program	Marlaina Rhymer
8	John Baldwin & Linda Bily: Soul of Wilderness	Social	Doug Lonsbrough
9	Avalanche Transceiver Practice	Practice	Winifred Swatschek
12-13	Brew Hut	Backcountry Skiing	Mike Hamata
31-3	Powdercap Traverse	Backcountry Skiing	Mike Hamata

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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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.

Please contact bcmc.editor@gmail.com to submit material.

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.



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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 Gumpfinger (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.

**NOV 10TH SOCIAL : BODIES AND MINDS
SHAPED BY THE MOUNTAINS OF BC**



When Leigh and Spring McClurg left Ireland behind in early 2010, they had no idea about how their new lives in South-west BC would change them forever. They both came from comfortable desk jobs, spent a majority of their free time on the couch and defined "fun" as nights out in their local Irish Pubs. In 2010 Leigh weighed over 300lbs and Spring had been dealing with ongoing health issues.

Today they are competent Mountain Explorers that learned to climb, ski, run and camp in Canada's wild lands. They work to spread their love of the great outdoors in the hopes of inspiring others to see the natural world for themselves.

Come listen to them speak to find out how they switched their lives around, what inspired them to keep going and where they are going from here.

Everyone is welcome: visitors, members and guests. The meeting will take place at the Vancouver ANZA Club main

FEATURED COURSE:

Basic Rescue Haul Systems for Climbing

Starts: Sat Nov 14, 2015

Meetup: 8am, Dennett Bluff (east of Port Coquitlam)

Course Objectives: this is a 1-day course covering simple 3:1 and complex 5:1 haul systems for rescuing climbing partners. Sounds simple (no pun intended) but we'll need a busy day to cover the material, including demonstrations and practising. The minimum number required for the course to proceed will be *8*, i.e. 2 teaching and 6 learning. Review information in the course Planning Forum discussing techniques for building 3:1 and 5:1 rescue haul systems. While doing this, create your own set of "How-To" notes and, in your home or local park, build both a 3:1 and a 5:1 pulley system -- as best you can.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING to be held on 10 November 2015 at 7:30pm at the ANZA Club, 3 West 8th Avenue, Vancouver, BC. At the meeting, one Special Resolution will be put to the Membership for debate and voting upon. For a Special Resolution to pass, 75% of the voting Members present at the meeting must vote in favour of the Special Resolution and a quorum of 25 Members must be present. The Special Resolution is to authorize the spending of up to \$50,000.00 on the construction of a Hut at Watersprite Lake near Squamish.
(See formal NOTICE OF SPECIAL RESOLUTION below)

In addition to the Special Resolution Vote the AGM will include:

Financials: The 2014/15 Financial reports from the Executive volunteers will be submitted followed by a presentation of the 2014/15 BCMC Financial statement to be approved by the membership.

Executive Election: The names of club members running for Executive volunteer positions will be put forward and voted on as a group. In the rare instance an election is called, voting ballots will be provided and cast.

As of printing, the names of members running for Volunteer Executive Positions are as follows:

PRESIDENT:	DAVID SCANLON
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Club Number S-00330 NOTICE OF SPECIAL RESOLUTION

The Board of Directors of the The British Columbia Mountaineering Club hereby gives notice of the following special resolution, which will be debated and voted on at the Annual General Meeting to be held at 7:30pm on 10 November 2015, at the ANZA Club, 3 West 8th Avenue, Vancouver, B.C.

Dated at Vancouver, British Columbia, 8 October 2015.

By: David Scanlon (President)

MOVED AS A SPECIAL RESOLUTION THAT: UP TO \$50,000.00 BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A HUT AT WATERSPRITE LAKE NEAR SQUAMISH, BRITISH COLUMBIA, WITH \$15,000.00 BEING RELEASED FROM THE BRITISH COLUMBIA MOUNTAINEERING CLUB'S LITERARY AND RESERVE FUND AND UP TO \$35,000.00 BEING RELEASED FROM THE BRITISH COLUMBIA MOUNTAINEERING CLUB'S GENERAL FUND.

NOTES:

1. A special resolution cannot be amended. That is, once it's finalized, and notice of it is given to the members.
2. 75% of the voting members present at the meeting must vote in favour of a special resolution for it to pass, and a quorum must be present. A quorum is 25 members who are entitled to vote.
3. A resolution, if it passes, does not take effect until it is filed at the Registrar's office in Victoria.



CYPRESS GROUP PRICING FOR ALPINE & NORDIC SEASON PASSES

Radmila Bridges will be organizing Wednesday night club skiing at Cypress this season. If you are interested in going regularly, and want to buy a pass, go to the BCMC website's **CLUB RELATED NEWS** for all the details and links.

Deadline for Group Discount Pricing is NOVEMBER 3rd, 2015



MEC VANCOUVER FALL CLUB NIGHT IS HERE!

Thursday November 5th from 7:00 to 9:00 PM

Registered BCMC Members will receive 10% off on all regularly priced items purchased that evening. Members must **sign up** for the event on the BCMC website's Trip list where they can also find all further details.

Happy Shopping!

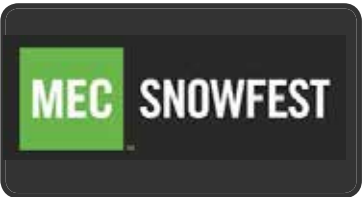


VIMFF FALL PROGRAM JUST ANNOUNCED!

THURS, NOV 12 @ RIO THEATRE - SNOW SHOW: Linda Bily & John Baldwin present *SOUL OF WILDERNESS / Mountain Journeys in Western BC and Alaska*; Nick Waggoner's film, *JUMBO WILD*

FRI, NOV 13 @ CENTENNIAL THEATRE - ROCK SHOW: Will Stanhope in *BUGABOOS DREAMS*, gives a presentation on his quest to free climb the Tom Egan Memorial Route on Snowpatch Spire; North American premiere of the *ORBAYU*, with the Swiss rock queen Nina Caprez sending one of the hardest big wall climbs in the world.

SAT, NOV 14 @ CENTENNIAL THEATRE - NEPAL - BEFORE AND AFTER: offers a series of presentations and films, and a fundraiser dedicated to Nepal.



ITS TIME FOR ANOTHER MEC SNOWFEST!

VANCOUVER MEC: Sat, Nov 21; NORTH VAN MEC: Sat, Nov 28

Get in on tons of great deals at this legendary Snow Swap, partake in informative clinics and win some sweet prize giveaways!

Events start at 10am.

For more details go to events.mec.ca

B.C. SEEKS FEEDBACK ON ANCIENT FOREST / CHUN TOH WHUD U JUD PLAN

In July, B.C. signed an agreement with the Lheidli Teneh First Nation and the Caledonia Ramblers Hiking Society, a community-based conservation organization. The partners are working together to ensure the Ancient Forest called Chun Toh Whud U Jud (Lheidli dialect) is preserved and, in the long-term, designated as an official protected area.

The forest covers more than 12,000 hectares of largely unlogged temperate rainforest, and contains stands of giant red cedars, some more than 1,000 years old, as well as rare plants and lichens. The forest is 120 kilometres east of Prince George next to Slim Creek Provincial Park

The Province is holding a series of regional meetings over the next two weeks to get feedback on a plan to preserve the unique ecosystems of the Ancient Forest, Shirley Bond, Minister of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training announced on behalf of Steve Thomson, Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations.

The Province is also accepting email comments on the plan; send your feedback to ancientforest@gov.bc.ca before Nov. 2, 4 p.m.

To read about Ancient Forest/Chun Toh Whud U Jud visit and review details of the plan to preserve its unique ecosystem, visit: <http://www.engage.gov.bc.ca/ancientforest>

IN MEMORIAM: DONALD IVAR OUROM (1926 – 2015)

My father was born in southwest Saskatchewan, and first saw mountains near Jasper when sent by the army to Prince Rupert, in spring 1945. He never forgot that sight, and was happy to move the family from Kingston to Vancouver in 1962. Soon after, he and my mother Rita joined the BCMC, and he was an active member through the late 1970s. Dad went on and led many hikes and snowshoe trips during that time. He also introduced his children to the outdoors through BCMC family hikes, annual two week family camping trips, and support as we started to take follow our own paths outdoors. When I began mountaineering, he introduced me to the BCMC and his friends in it, feeling that I would be in safe hands with them. The inauguration of the Mountain Lake Hut in June 1971 was one of the more memorable trips we went on together.

Dad was a many-faceted man. Proud Saskatchewanite and son of Scandinavian homesteaders. Civil engineer and surveyor. Small businessman. Builder, handyman and woodworker. Musician, creator of musical instruments, and lover of chamber music. Clockmaker. Family historian. Dog walker. Canoeist, skier and glider pilot. Calligrapher. Collector of Baedeker travel guides, slide rules and nutcrackers. But most of all a kind, intelligent family man with strong but quiet values. Dad was a founding member of the Mountain Access Committee, and an early and life-long supporter of Mountain Equipment Co-op. He volunteered with the Mountain Rescue Group until he was seriously injured while on a search near the Golden Ears in 1966. Dad slowly recovered, and returned to hiking and snowshoeing, including an ascent of Mount Baker.

In 1974 the family acquired land on Lasqueti Island, and Dad built a cottage there. He spent many happy days on the island, working on the cottage, entertaining visitors, and relaxing. He also traveled to Norway three times in his later years, and many cousins came to visit. He died on April 21st, and his remains were buried at St. John's church, near where he grew up.

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A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Where are we heading as an organization? Some time ago in the past the Club had banquet nights, bowling nights, dances. The BCMC cabin on Grouse was a beehive of all kinds of activity including all of the above as well as having play nights, Christmas and Thanksgiving nights where Club members would pre-cook turkeys and carry them up to the clubs cabin on Grouse for a feast on the mountain.

Times changed, and the cabin on Grouse went away. For these past many years the Club has been meeting at the Anza Club with a potpourri of presenters - and tea and cookies for a treat afterwards. And each and every Social has been a place for BCMC members to get together and see a new and varied presentation each month, socialize and tell their stories of past climbs and to meet and greet new members and for visitors to come and see what the club is all about and hopefully join up.

The tea and cookies afterwards were always a popular part of the evening. Unfortunately, the after-party tea and cookie part of the evening in August and September had not happened. Why? Because we needed someone to step up and take care of it! I am pleased to say that, after asking for help at these Socials and in the Club eNews, this volunteer position was filled. I would not have liked to have this part of the BCMC Socials go away. Thank you, Ann and Dave, for stepping forward.

For the next Executive we will be needing someone to take over the Socials chairperson position: someone to book future presenters for the 10 BCMC socials each year and set up the Anza club for the same events.

So I have to ask the question: Are we, the BCMC, to perhaps lose the Socials as well? What would we, the BCMC become if that were to happen? There may be those of you that say that I am a pessimist and that someone will eventually do it - or, why cannot someone from the present Executive do it? My answer to that person would be this: Why could you not do it? Your Executive is made up of volunteers one and all. You have computer programmers, lawyers, accountants, those with their own businesses, and other professional people all who give up their private time to be on your Executive to make the BCMC what it is today. Their time after a days work all for you, the BCMC members.

Volunteers are always needed. Can you help? Questions may be asked of any Executive member regarding anything you may be able to help with. Too much work you say?

David Scanlon
President



TRIP REPORT: ZUM – THE END OF THE ALPHABET

October 3-4, 2015

Participants: Marilyn Cram, Steve Grant, John Sapac, Jenny Faulkner, Erich and Eileen Hinze, Ed the official Swiss guide, Mike and Evelyn Feller, Ellen Woodd, Holly Colquhoun, Alice Purdey, Fred Douglas, John Halliday, Dave and Adrienne Hughes (with Chilko) and Karl Ricker (organizer of the 43rd Coldcoqu campaign).

The peak has attracted little attention despite its roadside position in the upper Coldwater basin, and with the added luxury of a Forest Service campsite labelled Zum. Furthermore, the Little Douglas Lake trail begins at the campsite which is very useful in the initial approach to the peak's southwest ridge – the easiest way up if you remain on it but apparently hard to do in the fog (see V.O.C. attempt on the internet, July 25, 2015). The peak was ascended as early as 1920 by the geologist C.E. Cairnes and his assistant, W.E. Chantler. His geological map and report, published by the Geological Survey of Canada, gave this peak an uninspiring name, "Coldwater Hill", elev. 6,200 ft. on the map. Fortunately, toponymers never saw it, otherwise it would have been a gazeited official name!

And for the name, Little Douglas Lake, not seen on maps but used by the Forest Service, the trail to it is described accurately in Murphy Shewchuk's guide, "Coquihalla Trips and Trails". Bivouac.com has also missed it. The trail is short and leads to another BCFS campsite at the lake. Glistening smooth granitic slabs line the walls up-valley from the lake, awaiting the hard core to make their move!

Our scheduled trip, however, was for the trampers; the "old core" kept phoning until the number increased to 22 before five bailed at the eleventh hour. As there was no info on Zum in the guidebooks, and only a V.O.C. report which read ugly, Marilyn and I did a recce 12 days in advance, stopped on the trail where it crossed Little Douglas Creek. The bridge pictured in Shewchuk's guide was no longer there, washed out years ago; the creek was raging again, knee-deep. Nonetheless, we saw enough to confirm that the trail was the way to give us a best uphill route to the saddle at the base of the southwest ridge which appeared to be obstacle-free. And the Zum BCFS campsite would be our car camping spot.

At 3:00 p.m. most participants showed up on time, or near to it, at the Britton Rest Stop on "the Coke". Hinzes decided to join us the following morning. So 7 cars went to the forestry site about 8 km up the Coldwater but the Zum campsite was already taken! Backing down the road about one kilometre, we set up at roadside: 7 tents, plus 3 of us in our cars and a handy fire pit by our side with lots of wood! Around the blaze, which gave us warmth and ever-changing smoke direction, our average age was calculated — at 67.4 years!

A (-) 3C night and frozen water everywhere saw Steve lead the parade to Zum with a 15-minute walk diversion to Little Douglas Lake. Three and a half hours of steep uphill forest, minor heather and krummholz saw all 17 on the summit — a record for summiteers on a "Coldcoqu" trip. Fabulous views all around, no cairn though, and an hour of needed rest. The organizer was zonked, with an energy level approaching zilch! Appropriate words for a Zummy ascent and by 3:45 p.m. were back to the cars: a 7-hour trip with only 7 km of to and fro tramping, minor bushwhacking and a day rating by Mike Feller as "dismal".

Karl Ricker



Above: Participants of the 43rd "Coldcoqu Campaign" (*K.Ricker*)
Behind: Mt. Zum (*K.Ricker*)
Front Cover: Moon Halo, Panorama Ridge (*L. McClurg*)