



For over 100 years we've been fuelled by passionate volunteers
who've kept BCMC vibrant and exciting

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When the Forest Fell Silent

Late summer
Years after choker cable
Faller, saw and skidder
Vanished into the winter
Of distant memories

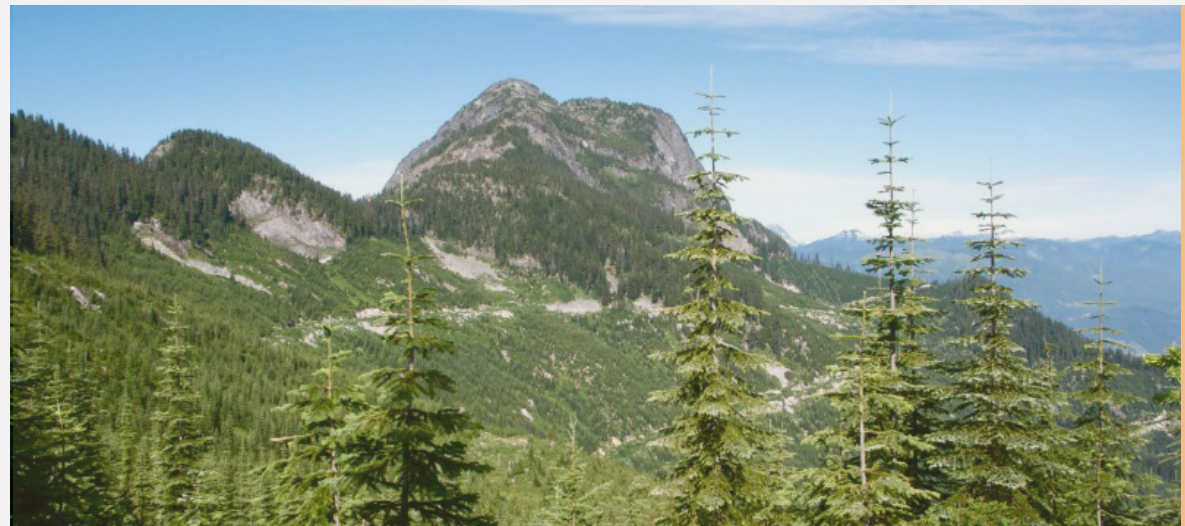
And the logging trucks
That retreated from these mountain roads
Upon this packed gravel bed
Of water and upheaval
Now slowly torn apart
By trickling and shrubbery

We crested the ridge
On what little was left
Of that old road
Under a constant stirring
Of insects
And blaze of hazy sun

For a moment
I thought I heard a distant yell
From the mirage and silhouette
Of safety gear and chainsaw
Milling about this steep clear cut

but there were only two of us today
slowly clawing through the jumbled mess
of discarded logs
amongst choked and small, smothered
planted evergreens
that no one ever came back to check upon

Seemingly forever it took us
To reach the oasis
Of that thin ribbon of spared old growth



And from high above
That past of steel, oil and blade
We would look upon it all
The ridges, the valleys

The lakes and the streams
That could now slowly heal
As our boots have learned to tread
more lightly

And here on this summit
Of tarns and heather
Overlooking the Fraser Canyon
I would contemplate my own shadow
After the healing is finally done

Chris Ludwig 2021

Featured Member

Written by *David Scalon*

A tribute to *Ed Zenger* ; Hiker, Explorer, Mountaineer, Father & Grandfather

Definition of a Volunteer:

A person who freely offers to take part in an enterprise or undertake a task or Ed Zenger.

Definition of Zeal:

Applies to lively or eager interest for a proposal, cause, or activity or Ed Zenger.

Innertkirchen, Switzerland is where he grew up. He was born in a hospital in a nearby larger town like Meiringen. But Innerkitchen is where his family's house is situated. In 1960, Ed did a 4 year apprenticeship at Sulzer AG in Winterthur doing mechanical design, an invaluable craft that will later benefit BCMC.

Ed moved to Canada in 1968, first to Calgary then after a few weeks to Banff, where he worked for the Canadian Pacific Hotel doing mechanical work and also as a ski instructor. Banff became too cold for his liking, he then moved to Vancouver in 1969 where he did his first first ascents in the coast mountains.

Ed Zenger joined the BCMC January 1st 1969 as a lifetime member. Now a 52 year member of the club he has a lot to look back on and a great many accomplishments to be proud of.



Ed Zenger and his father



Near Lauter Brunn. Jungfrau, Eiger, Monch mtns behind him



Fieschhorn



Crown Mountain

Here is what Ed contributed to the designing of and the construction of the BCMC's Watersprite Lake Cabin.

As he puts it in a humbling way,

"A very very small part of what I've contributed to BCMC over the years"

	Cabin design proposals (16 x 20 ,16 x 24 , 20 x 24)	40 hrs
	Final cabin design (16 x 30 roof) BOM & purchase lists	60 hrs
	Kiosk & Outhouse drawings	8 hrs
	Foundation drawings & calculations	8 hrs
August 9	Cut 2 x 2 to length in Squamish for roof	1 day
August 18	Made up helicopter loads	1 day
August 19-22	Foundation digging and pouring at sight	4 days
August 26	Made drawings for SS kitchen counter	4 hrs
August 29	Ordered Material with Dave at Dicks lumber	3 hrs
August 31	Bought Doors & Windows in Squamish	4 hrs
September 2	Bought Fasteners & Hardware at Std. Buildings	3 hrs
September 4	Cut arches to size (With George M.)	1 day
September 6	Redesign of porch with 4 new arches.	
	Ordered more lumber & roofing	1 day
September 8	Made up Heli loads with Gerry E.	1 day
September 9-14	Work on cabin	6 days
September 26-30	Work on cabin	5 days
October 4	Meeting with Rusty in Squamish about chimney	2 hrs
October 21-25	Work on cabin	5 days
November 14	Ordered end wall cladding	4 hrs
November 22	Picked up cladding at Dicks Lumber	3 hrs
November 23	To Squamish to make Heli load	1 day
TOTAL 26 DAYS AT WSL & 140 HRS IN TOWN		



The finished watersprite Cabin he devoted so much of himself to



The proud grandfather with his son Geoff and grandchildren, Conrad, Eira



Ed is currently living in Burnaby with his wife Leslie with his 3 children ; Geoff Nancy and Peter.

Welcome New Members

April - June 2021

Casey Gu
Ayrton Farrell
ELISENDA SOPENA
Martin Ham
Milan Vrekic
Jacinda Bangma
Gabriel Chiang
Lina Rosales
Tristan Todd
Aethan Pasion
Paola Calip
Tara Bassili
Marie Elhorga
Charlotte Bleuer
Jonathan Goddard
Mathew Krizmanich
Lisa Coulter
Richard Kirk
Samuel Petrina
Lucia Lam
Julian Potvin-Bernal
Mike King
Clare McKenna
Heather Wong-Mitchell
Nicholas Burns
Shenoah Plewes
Peter James
Ethan McGowan
Lisa Thomas
Joel Kailia
Graham Macdonald
natasha haq
Rakesh Malik
Emma Gray
Carter McNaught
Teresa Raidl
Anna Doubkova
Alison McMahon
Ross McKay
Geoff Leadbeater

spencer holborn
Ronn Mostat
Julia Kamphuis
Russell Washington
Euan McGhee
hillary bullock
Laurence Paul
Srinithi Sthapit
Hannah Kacary
Thomas Haebler
Meena Wong
Tomer Rockman
Andrea Watson
Talon Van Horn
Darian Low
James Wright
Karlo Kowalczyk
Mark Gowland
Maria Toro
Craig Pamplin
Maria Doll
Christopher Joy
Meghan Hernandez
Taylor Woodcock
Sean Lavoie
Ben Hann

Sarah Drewery
Dan Larlee
Zygimantas Kucas
Nimit Garg
Dan Murphy
Brent Wilson
Neha Kulkarni
Alan Yee
Janna Bradshaw
Suhud Lowalekar
Abe Gamez-Castillo
Kaivan Ferdowsi
Akshay Patel
Chee Chan
Madeline Metras
Lisa Zandbeek
Vincent Tetreault
Kathleen Horita
Beatrice Rost-Komiya
Matt MacEachern
Bill Wingerak
Farnam Takaloo
Patrick Yukman
Abe Kohandel
Jerry Tieng
SERAFINA LIOTTI
Payvand Rzaad
MARIA REYES BARIAN
Nolan Mullins
Benjamin Russell
Nik Bladey
Andrea Petersen
Angela Griffin
Fraser Robbins
Viral Patel
JOSEPH NAYRAL
Larisa Larisa
Pankul Katoch

Trip Report

Poland Lake Ski Touring

Written by *Sima Valizadeh* and *Ian MacNab* | Jan 23rd 2020

Summary: This trip is great for new to backcountry skiers who would like to practice their skin up skills. It is not ideal for those who do the uphill part only to get to ski on powder or split boarders as most of the trip is in split mode.

Trip Detail Explanation:

We were a group of four BCMC members with mixed experience in backcountry skiing and felt that Poland lake was an ideal low-risk option for touring for beginners and pleasant enough scenery for the more experienced.

For emergency and communication, we had PLB and two FRS radios that one of our group members kindly provided them. Most of the backcountry trail does not have cell service.

The earliest that we could start travel uphill was when Alpine Guest Services in Manning Park Ski Area opens at 8:30 AM.

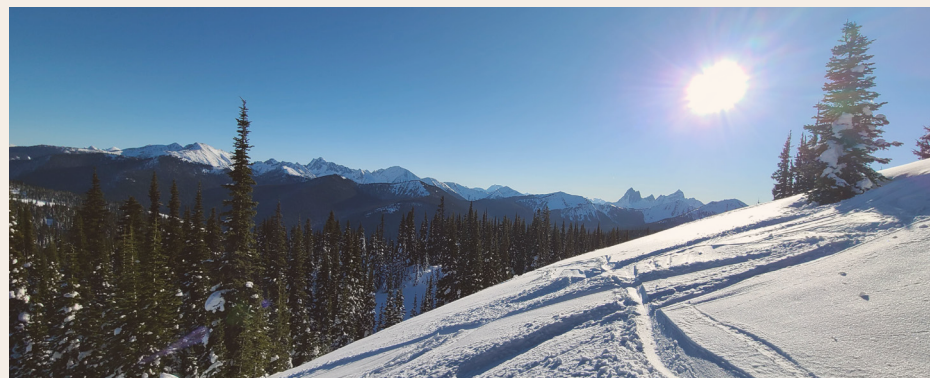
The resort approved line for backcountry travel is the horseshoe run on the climbers' left side. Their patrols usually stop when they see backcountry travellers for a little chat and reminder of staying on the horseshoe run and they are very friendly.



After 250m into our journey, we got to a fork and took the right one. The one on the left merges to horseshoe run and is just a little loop. At the second fork, is where we ran into a little hiccup - I should've checked my GPS here.

Thankfully, we ran into two ski patrols and they kindly rerouted us to the horseshoe run.

The trail for backcountry travel towards Poland lake has a sign and is easy to notice. At 10:30 AM we were at start of the trail and from here, it is 3km to the lake with easy way finding and nice skin track.



We reached Poland Lake just around noon and went to look for shelter to rest, reflect, lunch. For it had not been for Gaia gps, we would've totally missed the shelter as it was hidden in the shadows and the roof was under 1.5m of snow.

The sunset was at 4:50 PM that day.

We started heading back at 1:30 PM and decided we may just have enough light to pursue Grassy Mountain.

Carpe Diem while we're at it.

Grassy is around 100m elevation gain and 150m distance. One in our party did not wish to continue up Grassy. After a brief discussion it was decided the rest would continue up while the other headed back down to the main trail to wait. We would remain in radio contact and the terrain back to the main trail was straightforward and low risk.

We wrapped our day with smiles just around 3:45 pm.

Ian's observations on snow conditions:

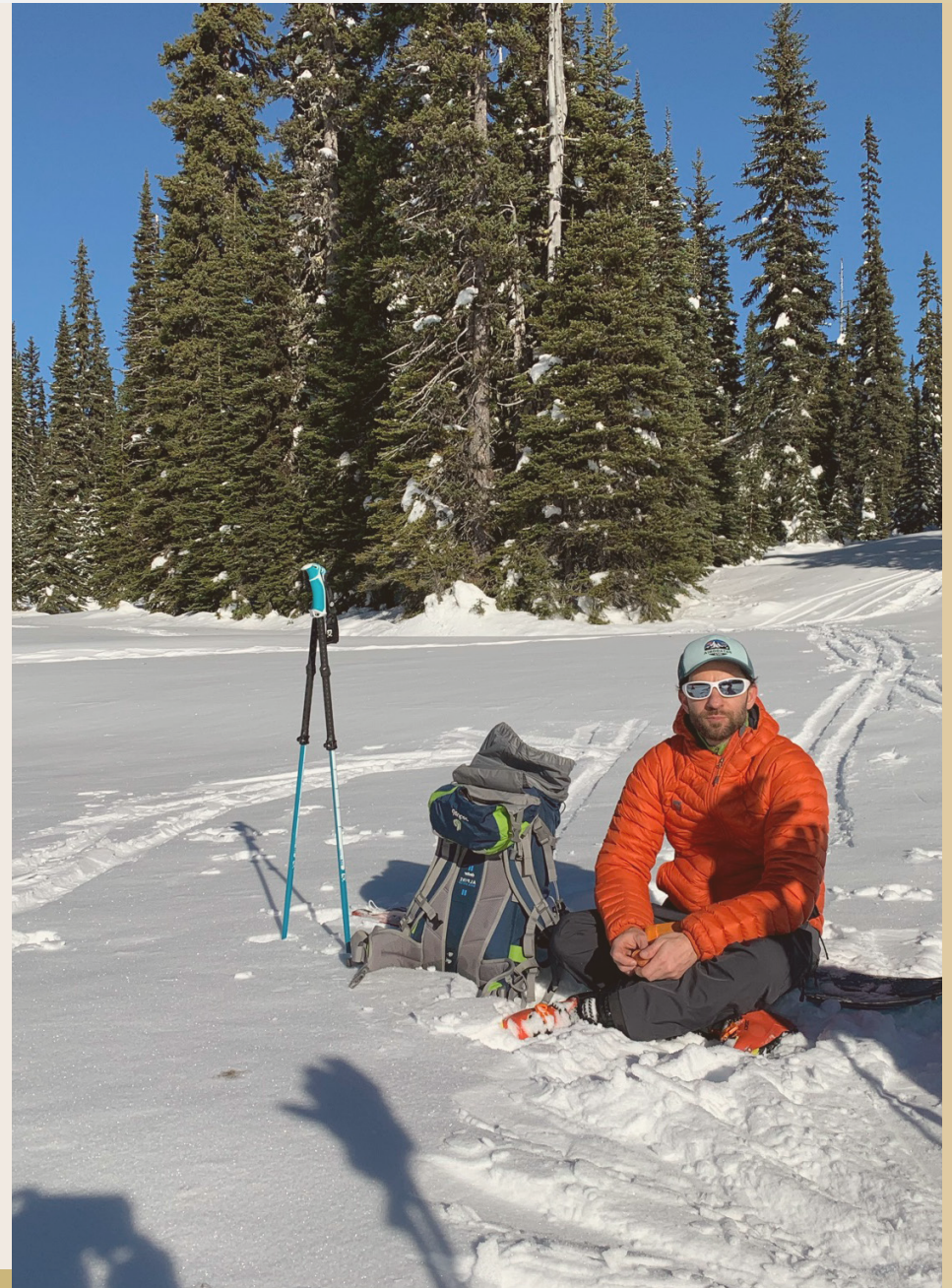
Poland Lake ski trip from Manning Park Resort was an awesome sunny easy ski trip. 3 to 10 cm snow on top of a crust. Grassy Mountain, had 10cm. However, the entire trip was below 1889m, below treeline and there was no evidence of wind effect at this elevation. Except Poland Lake seemed to have only 80cm of snow on top of ice.

Ian's observation on avalanche conditions:

Only a few or obscure avi/snow hazards were observed. It was one of the coldest days this year. We were below tree line. Pinwheeling was observed on slopes that over 30° and south facing. This pinwheeling was from warmer weather a few weeks ago. Trees boughs were clear of snow below 1730m.

Snow bombs were large above this elevation. At this below treeline elevation, on this day, a more significant risk resulted from heavy rains that fell and washed-out creeks ten days prior. Not only could this slow travel, tunnelling and/or bridging was observed close to Poland Lake where blowing snow is suspect. This is an unusual, unsuspected terrain trap.

Acknowledgement: Sincere thanks to [Winifred Swatschek](#) for suggesting this trip, sharing her insight as well as GPS track and providing comments to revise the report before submission.



In the Community

Our Fellow Mountaineer



I wish you enough sun to keep your attitude
bright no matter how grey the day may appear.

I wish you enough rain to appreciate the sun
even more.

I wish you enough happiness to keep your
spirit alive and everlasting.

I wish you enough pain so that even the
smallest of joys in life may appear bigger.

I wish you enough gain to satisfy your wanting.

I wish you enough loss to appreciate all that
you possess.

I wish you enough hellos to get you through
the final good-bye.

I wish you enough.

David Scanlon 2021

Nesakwatch North Spire Southwest Ridge Climb

Written by [Shashi Shanbhag](#)



This trip was done with [Bala Kumaravelu](#), [Lily](#) and [Oudi Cherfi](#)

“...It was one of the hottest weekends in British Columbia, and I carried 3L of water on the climb. Others carried at least 2L each. But by the time we reached the basin, we were almost out of water. Oudi walked over to the two climbers who were bivvying close by and filled his Nalgene bottle. These were the same climbers we had seen on the West face of Nesakwatch South Spire.

Once we got to the big creek, we quenched our thirst, and we all probably gulped down a litre of water. It took us another three hours to hike down, and it was 11:15 pm by the time we were back at the trailhead. Before leaving on this trip, I had prepared a trip plan and informed Kasturi to call 911 in case she doesn't hear back from me by 7 pm on Saturday. After discussing with the group, I changed it to 9 am on Sunday. I was way too ambitious...”

Do read the rest of the passage on his [blog site](#).

Remembering Our Fellow Mountaineer Marilyn Louise Cram

A SMILE is the simplest gift you can give others, and Marilyn's BIG SMILE was unforgettable. Marilyn born June 12, 1951 Kindersley, Sask, Toronto, 1951-1954.

For over 20 years Marilyn was very fulfilled with her work as Physio and Occupational therapist with Student Services in Chilliwack. The flexibility of her student services work allowed her to chase fresh snow days in winter and explore the wilderness in the summer.

Marilyn honed her back country skills ski touring, especially enjoying her Selkirk Mountain Experience family and many other group trips combining touring and crosscountry skiing.

Also walking, biking, hiking and paddling all over BC, from her neighbourhood Heron Reserve, to Haida Gwaii, Nootka Island, Vancouver Island and as many ranges in BC as she could. Carol and Karl's research found that over 5 decades Marilyn had been on 130 trips and reached 139 mountain tops.

She was a member of the BCMC with friends ; Carol, Ellen, Evelyn, Jack, Karl and Liz to name a few, did many extreme trips and treks together. She was not a leader, but she was known for her amazing strength, stamina and positive outlook.

Marilyn had a wonderful life filled with fulfilling friendships and so many adventures, Alzheimers had extinguished her bright eyes and wonderful smile. Thank goodness for the continued love and support from so many dear friends and family. Karl Ricker became her devoted companion into her challenging later years.

You are invited to leave a personal message of condolence on the family's online obituary at: www.myalternatives.ca

Please consider a Donation in Marilyn's memory to - The Mission & Service Fund, United Church of Canada OR Carman United Church, e-transfer carmanuc@telus.net



June 12, 1951 - March 7, 2021



Remembering Our Fellow Mountaineer Nemanja Markovic

Nemanja Markovic, 47, has recently passed away on Mount Fee. A skilled and passionate mountaineer, he loved living in BC and exploring everything our mountains have to offer. Above all, he loved his family and friends. He will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by everyone.

Sincerely,
The Markovic family

Remembering Our Fellow Mountaineer Robert Coupe

Robert's passion for the mountains brought him to BC in 1965. When I met him in May of the following year, he was about to leave for a solo trip to the Rockies, where for want of an ice axe he grabbed a stick to steer his glissades.

Over the next decade or so, Robert's aim was to climb every peak in the Chilliwack River valley, and he led club trips up several of them. We didn't go on big expeditions in the Coast Range, but enjoyed many club summer camps – Berg Lake, Farnham Creek, Tchaikazan, Falls Creek, Ape Lake – with the comfort of communal tents and a camp cook.

An outstanding memory is our two weeks in the Valhallas in 1973. Ruby and Lena Rowat (now renowned for their magnificent Coast Range traverses) were there, aged three years and six months respectively, as were their parents Peter and Nona, our two-year-old son and second unborn child, and fortunately a babysitter.

Snow still lay deep in the valley where the toddlers played, but the skies were bright and the granite warm.



Elladee Brown

With her friends, Paton Peak overlooking the Seymour Reservoir



@elladee17



Elladee Brown

At top, immersed in serene thoughts

Season Highlights Trip Snapshots

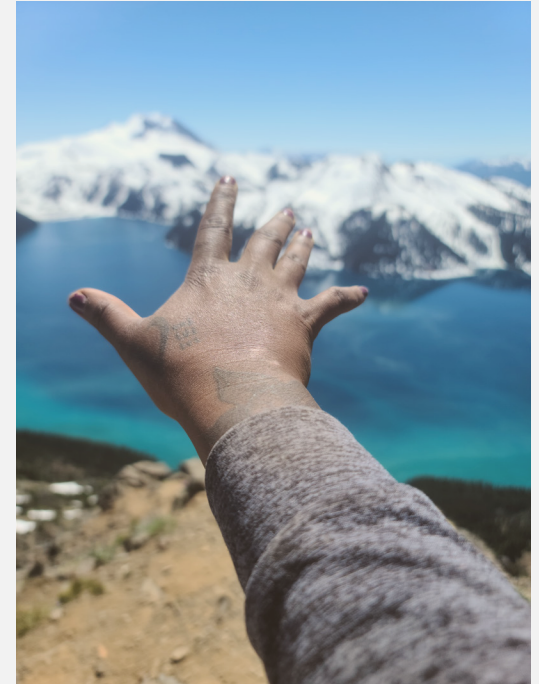
Season Highlights

Trip Snapshots



Glenn Woodsworth

July 1972 - Setting out on a twitchy and spooky ford of Falcon Creek, during a several-days backpacking trip down the upper Blshop River



Pirabalini

Panaroma Ridge, in all its glory

Upcoming Events

July-August 2021

July

August

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| 01 Animal Aware: How to Camp with Wildlife Nearby
<i>Vaughan Public Libraries</i> | 13 Volunteer Appreciation Event
<i>Kathleen Cheng</i> | 24 Mountain Lake Hut
2 Days
<i>Marie Amante</i> | 05 Survive Outside Program
<i>BC AdventureSmart</i> |
| 06 Birding and Nature Exploration with Families
<i>Black Swamp Bird Observatory</i> | 14 Camping Safety: How to Protect Yourself and the Environment
<i>Vaughan Public Libraries</i> | 24 Screaming Cat Lake & Iceberg Lake Loop
<i>Jeff Long</i> | 07 Mount Macfarlane
<i>Jeff Long</i> |
| 07 Introduction To Trail Maintenance Management
<i>American Trails</i> | 15 Climbing Weekend Nanaimo
4 Days
<i>Carolyn T Steingard</i> | 24 Kayaking to Granite Falls
2 Days
<i>Ayrton Farrell</i> | 10 Griswold Pass 7 Days
<i>Brian Sheffield</i> |
| 08 Nature Photography: Tips For Getting Outside and Getting The Shot
<i>CPAWS Manitoba</i> | 16 North Creek Trail Work Party
<i>Brian Sheffield</i> | 29 Climbing in Valhalla - Gimli & Asgard 4 Days
<i>Mohammad Pahrbod</i> | 13 Introduction To Trail Design & Construction
<i>American Trails</i> |
| 09 Survive Outside Program
<i>BC AdventureSmart</i> | 18 Niobe, Pelops to Omega
<i>Brittany Goulet</i> | 31 Howe Sound Crest Trail
3 Days
<i>Marie Amante</i> | 14 Golden Ear
<i>Jeff Long</i> |
| 11 Macro Photography: Tools & Tips for Getting Closer to Your Subject
<i>The Camera Company</i> | 19 Pebble Peak Mountain Week
5 Days
<i>Brian Sheffield</i> | 31 Howe Sound Crest Trail Overnight 2 Days
<i>Henry Phan</i> | 25 The Art of Watercolour: How to Paint Nature
<i>CPAWS Manitoba</i> |

MORE INFO >

The background image is a vibrant landscape photograph. In the foreground, there's a lush green meadow filled with various wildflowers, including white and purple blossoms. The middle ground shows a dense forest of evergreen trees on a sloping hillside. In the background, majestic mountains rise, with a prominent, snow-capped peak in the center. The sky is a clear, pale blue. A large, semi-transparent olive-green rectangle is centered over the image, serving as a backdrop for the text.

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15% OFF



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10-20% OFF



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20% OFF



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20% OFF



Cypress Mountain Resort

20-35% OFF



Canadian Rockies Annual

25% OFF



Business Plan Signup

UP to 32% OFF



US Premier Climbing Magazine

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Gripped Magazine

70% OFF







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Note: All discounts are subject to change without notice. The merchant has final say on its discount program

NEW: As a Frequent Trip Organizer(1) you can participate in the BCMC’s “PRO Discount Program” with discounts of up to 50% on major brands. Must show BCMC PRO-Card for discounts below:

			
BCMC PRO Discount	BCMC PRO Discount	BCMC PRO Discount	BCMC PRO Discount
50% OFF	40% OFF	50% OFF	15% OFF

		
BCMC PRO Discount	BCMC PRO Discount	BCMC PRO Discount
25-50% OFF	35-50% OFF	50% OFF

Any Member who organized 4 qualifying club trips during the past 12 months can apply for the BCMC “PRO Discount” Program. Apply with the BCMC Marketing Team for your Pro-Discount.

Your Story

Matters

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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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