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BC Mountaineering Club
Newsletter

UPCOMING BCMC SOCIAL

At the ANZA Club 7:30 pm
Tuesday, Nov 12 - Francis St Pierre and Lee
Pervis share their adventures in West Coast
ice climbing, plus the BCMC AGM.

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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.

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Lower: Summer Mountaineering BCMC

Photo Contest Winning Shot (Paul Olynek)

Submit Your Content:
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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.

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.

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.

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

November 2013

2-3	Conflict & Ring Lakes - B 1/2	Don Montrichard
2-3	Wilderness First Aid - B1	BCMC Programs
2	Van Horlick or Elaho area Snowshoeing - D2	Alastair Ferries
2	Saturday Indoor Climbing - Cliffhanger Vancouver - A5	Stanislav Liarsky
3	Squamish Mountain Biking (XC) - B3	Geoffrey Zenger
3	Hike BCMC Trail - A1	Paul Olynek
5	November Executive Meeting - Volunteer Meeting	Francis St Pierre
6	Wednesday Indoor Climbing - Cliffhanger Vancouver - A5	Paul Olynek
8-11	Owl - Tenquille Traverse-C/D 2	Don Montrichard
9	Mt. Artaban - A/B 1	Geoffrey Zenger
10	Hike BCMC Trail - A1	Paul Olynek
12	BCMC Social: The West Coast Ice Climber: a rare breed???	BCMC
13	Wednesday Indoor Climbing - Cliffhanger Vancouver-A5	Paul Olynek
16-17	Itchy Scratchy Mixed Climbing - M4/W14	William Ferguson
16	Coquihalla Ice-B5	Justin Bennett
17	Hike BCMC Trail - A1	Paul Olynek
20	Wednesday Indoor Climbing - Cliffhanger Vancouver - A5	Paul Olynek
23-24	Glacier Travel and Crevasse Rescue Course B2-B3	Jason White
23	Anderson Ice Climbing - C5	Justin Bennett
24	Hike BCMC Trail - A1	Paul Olynek
27	Wednesday Indoor Climbing - Cliffhanger Vancouver	Paul Olynek

Correction: The October newsletter incorrectly identified Robert Kennedy, the lawyer who was worked with the FMCBC on the universal waiver as “Michael Kennedy”, our apologies.

The BCMC welcomes the following new members: Colin Gilbert, Tara Surprenant, Justin Todd, Nancy Zenger, Ahoow Bowker, Liam Irwin, Milos Kalanovic, Katie Robb, Shervin Nowtash, David Cardoso, Pavel Stech, John Trotter, Chris Carter, Charles Young, Wayne Lefebvre, Edward Peters, and Kevin Mlynarski

Congratulations to BCMC member **Brian Wood** who successfully raised over \$11400 for Alzheimers BC in the annual Ascent for Alzheimers Kilimanjaro Charity Climb.

Thank you to our dedicated trip leaders!

The following are the names of those who have led 2 or more trips this past year for the BCMC. They are in no particular order.

Brad Percival, Peter Malacarne, Margaret Hanson, Alastair Ferries, Jeff Ross, Seth Baker, Werner Grimzek, Serguei Okountsev, Geoffrey Zenger, Mike Hamata, Alexis Guigue, Stanislav Liarsky, Don Montrichard, James Clarke, Winifred Swatschek, Jim Vercammen, Francis St Pierre, Bill Mauer, Craig Speirs, Andrzej Jarzabek, Paul Olynek, Alena Dzujkova, Adrian Lazar, Neil Beattie, Karl Ricker, Justin Bennett and Waldemar Jonsson.

The BCMC executive has decided to award to each of you club members who have given your time and expertise to lead 2 or more trips and or be a course instructor for 2 courses during this past year. You may have your choice of either a BCMC T-shirt or club bandana. A new t-shirt order is now in and you will have 3 color choices, white, grey, honey yellow. Please see David Scanlon at a social to get your award.

Fall/Winter Course Registration Opens Monday November 4

Fall/Winter course registration dates have been changed to open on Monday November 4: Intro to Backcountry Skiing (Dec 29, Jan 4, Jan 12, Jan 26, Feb 16), AST-1 (Avalanche Skills Training) (Jan 4-5, 18-19, Feb 1-2), AST-2 (Feb 8-9,15-16). The Intro to Ice Climbing courses remain scheduled for a later registration date. The Intro to Backcountry Skiing courses offer a low prerequisite chance to get a taste for the backcountry before taking the plunge and investing in the general prerequisite AST-1 avalanche training required for almost all other winter backcountry trips.

Vancouver International Mountain Film Festival Fall Series - November 12-16

Check out these great shows put together by the folks behind the VIMFF, just in time to take advantage of that rainy November lull between the summer high season and the beginning of the fun white stuff. Tickets available online at www.vimff.org.

REEL ROCK 8

Tue Nov 12 @ 7:30pm (doors 6:30pm)

RIO Theatre MAP

REEL ROCK is back again! Four brand new films to quench your thirst for climbing!

Films: The Sensei, Spice Girl, High Tension: Ueli Steck and the Clash on Everest, The Stone Masters

TIM COPE: ON THE TRAIL OF GENGHIS KHAN

Wed Nov 13 @ 7:30pm (doors 6:30pm)

RIO Theatre

Tim Cope brings his live presentation and book tour to Vancouver for the VIMFF Fall Series.

Presenter: Tim Cope

Film: On the Trail Of Genghis Khan

REEL ROCK 8

Thu Nov 14 @ 7:30pm (doors 6:30pm)

Centennial Theatre

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FALL SKI SHOW, presented by ARC'TERYX

Fri Nov 15 @ 7:30pm (doors 6:30pm)

Centennial Theatre

Featuring presentations by ARC'TERYX ski athletes and brand new ski films for the season.

Presenters: Justin Lamoureux, Austin Ross
Films: The Backyard Project, Elevation, Wrangelled

BC's ENDANGERED WILDERNESS – Past and Future

Sat Nov 16 @ 7:30pm (doors 6:30pm)

Centennial Theatre

Sixteen Candles: Live presentations and films reflecting BC's natural treasures and threats we are all facing.

Presenters: Bonny Glambeck, Dan Lewis, Tamo Campos

Film: Stand

Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour - November 28-30

This film tour will exhilarate you with amazing big-screen stories when it comes to the Park Theatre in Vancouver on November 28, the Centennial Theatre in North Vancouver on November 29, and the Vogue Theatre in Vancouver on November 30.

The 2013/14 Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour brings films from the 38th annual Banff Mountain Film Festival to about 400 communities in 40 countries around the world. From an exploration of remote landscapes and mountain cultures to adrenaline-fueled action sports, films in this year's World Tour are sure to captivate and amaze the explorer within you.

Be moved. Be inspired. Don't miss out. Last year's shows were sold out. This stop on the World Tour is hosted by the Alpine Club of Canada, Vancouver Section. Tickets available online as well as at the BCMC social.

Fee Change Proposal for Printed Materials

The Annual General Meeting of the BC Mountaineering Club will be held on Tuesday, November 12. The executive approved the following changes to the membership fee structure for consideration by the membership:

Basic Membership Fees:

Active or Associate: \$40

Senior or Youth: \$20

Life member: \$800

Add-ons:

Electronic Newsletter and Journal: No fee

Printed and mailed Newsletter: \$10 per year *

Printed and mailed Mountaineer Journal: \$10 per Journal

* Only applicable to Life Memberships purchased after Dec 31, 2013, no fee for prior Life Members.

The goal of these changes is to help clarify the add-ons available for members and to make it

clearer for members how to purchase a Mountaineer while not receiving print newsletters. The costs more directly reflect production costs of both print publications, although both are still subsidized by the club. These changes will not produce changes for most members who do not receive printed publications. Furthermore, by allowing prepayment for The BC Mountaineer, we'll be able to better gauge how many journals to print for members.

VOC Community Events

On November 5th, the VOC will show the new skiing movie, "Into the Mind" by Sherpas Cinema. Start at 8pm, doors at 7:30pm, in the Norm theatre in the Student Union Building at UBC. Tickets will soon be available from our clubroom during gear hours, from the Outpost student store in the Student Union Building and from Valhalla Pure Outfitters. Tickets are \$12, or \$15 at the door and *all* profits will be donated to the Canadian Avalanche Centre. A similar fundraiser last year was extremely successful and we hope to repeat it this year.

Please find all the relevant information on the VOC website,
<http://tinyurl.com/intothemindcac>

ACC-Vancouver and Varsity Outdoor Club are presenting a slide show by alpinist Colin Haley on Wednesday, November 13. Colin will share stories and images from climbing in Patagonia. The show will take place in IBLC 182 at UBC at 7 p.m. All are welcome. There is a suggested donation of \$5 at the door.

A BCMC First - Everest on the Trip Schedule - April 2014

Experienced BCMC mountaineer Ravil Chamgoulov is aiming to summit Mt Everest in April 2014. He already holds the Snow Leopard designation for climbing the 5 7000m peaks in the former USSR and has an extensive climbing resume. He is welcoming interested parties to participate in the adventure.

Let Ravil know if you want to come along, you can contact him via the Trip schedule. This is a great cultural and climbing adventure.

The trip goes from Kathmandu - Lhasa - Xigatse - Xegar - Base Camp - Advanced Base Camp - North Col - Summit - Dzangmu to Kathmandu.

There are various options offered for trekkers/climbers who don't want to summit, but still want to be a part of an Everest expedition. - A cultural and climbing adventure of a life time:

- a) Traveling/Trekking option to Base Camp - 15 days and less
- b) Trekking/Climbing to Advanced Base Camp - 1 month and less
- c) Climbing up to the North Col - 30 days

A Recipe for Disaster: CAC Warns Against Smartphone 'Beacon' Apps

The Canadian Avalanche Centre is warning people against using smartphone applications that are being billed as avalanche transceivers.

In a news release, the CAC said that three European-made applications being marketed as economical alternatives to transceivers are not recommended for use.

The applications are the iSis Intelligent (Mountain) Rescue System, the Snøg Avalanche Buddy, and SnoWhere.

The CAC says the applications have some serious issues.

“Not only are these new apps incapable of connecting with other avalanche transceivers, they are also incompatible between themselves, so one type of app can’t find another,” said CAC Executive Director Gilles Valade in a statement.

Smartphones don’t transmit well through snow, the CAC says. They don’t come close to matching the 457 kHz standard adopted by the transceiver industry. they use WiFi or Bluetooth signals, which are significantly weakened when passing through snow, and easily deflected by the solid objects we expect to see in avalanche debris,” Valade said. “And the accuracy of a GPS signal is nowhere near the precision required for finding an avalanche victim. ”

The CAC also expressed concern about the battery life, robustness, reliability and interference.

Cellphones also have the ability to interfere with avalanche transceivers. Two recent studies by researchers show that transceivers should be at least 20 cm away from electronic devices when in send mode, and at least 50 cm away when in search mode. Interference between transceiver signals and Bluetooth and WiFi signals has been documented.

Baden Powell Trail Maintenance

Sunday, October 6, 2013

Participants: Alexis Guigue, Paul Kubik (reporter) and dog Linus, Doug Lonsbrough, Andrew Wong (photographer)

The plan was to do some trail work up the Rose Trail in the Ashlu valley on the side of Sigurd Peak but the midweek weather forecast was not good. I moved the trip to a local Vancouver trail but in the end the forecast changed again and the weather improved. We had a great day out on the Baden Powell trail between Skyline and Blue Gentian trails above the British Properties in West Vancouver.

This is a section of trail I’ve been maintaining since the early 1990s. It sees a lot of use now from trail runners and there is a noticeable degradation of the trail from that type of use. So, it is difficult to keep ahead of the demands of the required maintenance. It was great to have the help of Doug, Alexis and Andrew.

We did not cut down any trees. There was a lot of deadfall and shattered trees from last December’s heavy snows. We only used dead timber for the work.

