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UPCOMING BCMC SOCIAL

At the ANZA Club 7:00 pm
Tuesday, Mar 12 - Shaun Luong
presents
Adventures in the Rockies.

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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.

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The club has equipment available for member rental including avalanche transceivers, personal locator beacons, technical ice tools.

Additional equipment is being acquired and a complete list of equipment and rental fees will be made available in the near future.

Rental fees are non-refundable and payable in advance and a refundable deposit may be required, at the equipment manager's discretion. Equipment for use in instructional programs may be exempt from rental fees, depending on item and use.

The equipment is stored at our storage unit near Lougheed and Rupert in Vancouver.

Contact rentals@bcmc.ca to book equipment.

The BMC welcomes the following new members who joined October 1, 2018 to February 28, 2019:

Aaron Leyland	Charles Mercier	James Moffat	Marcel Schaubus	Ryan McKee
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UPCOMING TRIPS ~ Sign up, updates and details at bcmc.ca

Mar 13	Mount Outram ski - C3	Paul Kubik
Mar 13	Fat Dog Creek / Cambie Creek - A1-B2	Len Soet
Mar 14	Climbing @ Cliffhanger - A5	Shannon Healy
Mar 15-17	2019 Baker Splitfest - B2	Dave Muhlert
Mar 16-17	Snow Shelter Workshop - B2	Barnard Foo
Mar 16	Matier and Slalok Mtn - C4	Bill Maurer
Mar 16-17	Winter Crevasse Rescue - B4 - \$235	Canada West Mountain Skill
Mar 16-18	Spearhead Traverse - C4	Brian Geary
Mar 16	Snowshoe/Microspike Hollyburn - A2	Carolyn Steingard
Mar 17-24	Wapta Peyto-Guy-Mitchell - B4	Wayne Pattern
Mar 20	Companion Rescue Practice - A1	Kathleen Lane
Mar 23-24	Garibaldi N�v� Traverse (North to South) - C3	Winifred Swatschek
Mar 23-30	Pebble Creek Cabin - C3	Brian Sheffield
Mar 23-24	Garibaldi N�v� Traverse (South to North) - C3	Joe Blakeman
Mar 29-31	Watersprite Lake Hut Trip - C4	Elaine Leung
Mar 30	Mt Garibaldi - C4	Wayne Pattern
Mar 30-31	Joffre Peak - Aussie Couloir - C5	Mohammad Pahrbod
Apr 1-7	McBride Traverse - B3	Rowan Cassels-Brown
Apr 6-9	Mt Saugstad - C4	Nick Neufeld
Apr 13	Wedge Mountain - Northeast Arete - C5	Slawomir Skoczylas
Apr 13	Cayoosh - C3	Bill Maurer
Apr 13-14	Mt Garibaldi - C4	Jonathan Colyer
Apr 18-21	Skaha Bluffs - A5	Esteban Guisado
Apr 26-27	Mount Hood - C4	Mohammad Pahrbod
Apr 27	Rampart Mtn - D3	Alastair Ferries

Check <https://bcmc.ca/m/events> for late additions

TRIP REPORT

Watersprite Cabin

Marc Plumb - Nov 9 - 12, 2018

The weather forecast was originally for rain, so we expected to be making more use of the hut, but by the time the long weekend arrived, it was sunny and warm. Our group of eight met at the gas station in Squamish before repacking into just two cars for the drive up the service road. Some work had been done on the worst parts of the road, but it still required being slow, and cautious. We did see some cars without all-wheel-



drive, but they were either parked 2km from the trail-head, repairing a flat tire, or leaking oil.

On Saturday (Nov 9) there was just a sprinkling of snow at the start of the trail, and it only got a little heavier as we worked our way up. Between stopping for lunch, and being

cautious scrambling over the rocks it was a 4.5hr hike up. We arrived to find the cabin already warm since there were a couple of BCMC custodians at the hut (David Scanlon, and Ed).

The cabin is amazing. It's sealed well enough that there were no mice. Water from the creek is just a short walk away, the view of the sunset from the porch is great, the foam sleeping pads were nice (even though I think everyone brought

their own), and the fire keeps things cozy (almost too hot at times so I regret not bringing a cooler sleeping bag).



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The custodians were very helpful. In addition to David calling me on Friday to let us know the road and trail conditions, and helping chase away the dozens of day hikers over the weekend, He and Ed also offered a number of great suggestions for hikes in the area -- and left footprints in the snow to follow. As a result on Sunday the group split up. Some headed up Martin Peak, some up Watersprite Tower, and some did both.

While we were hiking on Sunday David was working on building a trail up to Demon Ridge (I'm not sure if it's possible to connect to the Demon Ridge trail that branches off the Watersprite Trail, but that would be an interesting alternate route to try in the summer). Some of the group explored the new trail on Monday before hiking out.

Great people, cabin, scenery, and weather made for an amazing long weekend.

TRIP REPORT

Stoyoma Awash

Karl Ricker - Sep 29 - 30, 2018

A cast of 13, sitting around Norm's cheery evening fire, heard the noises of birds overhead as we wandered to our tents at 8:00 p.m. Little did we realize that it was the murmurs of migrating Sandhill cranes, their chatter identified by the senior Coquihallyer, Bert. Were they fleeing from the dark clouds that had moved in at dusk? Those were the first cranes ever heard or seen in 46 years of our Coldcoqu quests.

This year's trip was organized by Dave Hughes who asked all of us at the Merritt meeting point to sign waivers!, another first!. Then began the 7-vehicle entourage up the Spius River valley to last year's camp spot for the hikes on Mt. Stoyoma. This year it was to be to its north peak, less than 20 metres lower than the higher south peak (2282 m), but on the same 7400 ft. contour shown on the federal 1:50,000 scale maps. The valley was in full autumn colour, for the entire 32 kilometre drive up the valley where campsite was eventually reached. Arrival was unanticipatedly too early. Norm reminded us that the spur road leading to Cabin Lake was very rough and could tolerate loose rock removal. So while the "A" team helped Norm with gathering the firewood, and campfire stool material, the "B" team, under Bert Parke, went ahead to move rocks. Upon job completion, it was dinnertime and the clouds began to move in. Ominous? Light drizzle began at 8:15 p.m.

Rain continued, non-stop, overnight and a drizzly conference at 7:00 a.m. decided it was time to retreat as the moisture had then changed to snow! At a follow-up 2-hour breakfast meeting in Merritt, the trip was rescheduled for the same time and place one year hence. The Stoyoma follow-up 45 years ago had suffered the same ordeal in snow and rain, except that it was with a much younger crew; this year's entourage had an average age of 71.9 (median: 73), about 5 years older than last year's gang! It was a very rainy return to the lower mainland!, but on very full breakfast bellies.

Participants (in descending age order): Bert Parke, Norm Hansen, Karl Ricker, Fred Douglas, Jenny Faulkner, Dave Hughes, Alice Purdey, Mike Feller, John Sapac, Evelyn Feller, Chris Lepso, Ziff House, Tom Milin and man's best friends: Decker and Cedar.

TRIP REPORT

Harvey North Ramp

Steve Roberts - Mar 2, 2019

A big thanks to Mohammad Pahrbod for leading two groups up Mt Harvey's North Ramp today. We had great weather and a great time!

Left the parking lot just after 6, geared up at the base around 8. We used several pickets and even placed a few screws in some icy spots. Our fearless leader faced all sorts of excitement, including alpine swimming through the soft snow. We reached the summit just after 2pm. After some beautiful photos we thrashed down the normal trail, which was quite unpleasant due to soft powder over icy rocks and branches, back to the car at 530. Photos to follow!



TRIP REPORT

Rainbow Mountain

Andre Lazelle - March 3, 2019

A 22k roundtrip mission up Rainbow Mountain, making the most of a bluebird day, rewarded with great views and windslab on the way down. Just under 8 hours car to car, another great trip run by Bill!



TRIP REPORT

Steep Creek

Bill Maurer - Mar 8-10, 2019
with Ginna Abramovitch

We headed out for this popular part of the Duffy that I'd never visited under blue crisp skies on a Friday morning. With a somewhat relaxed start traffic was not an issue. The cabin's wood supply looks like it might last for another month. We did a quick loop up to the Dome on Friday experiencing some crust on the alpine south facing aspects. Lots of pow in the trees though. Saturday saw us heading up to a grand traverse of Steep peak and it's ridge. We bypassed one set of tracks heading down to the lake just past the summit. The ridge is heavily corniced with some entrances now blocked. We ended up shovelling through one small section of cornice and downclimbing onto the slope below after hitting a discontinuity on the ridge. Fantastic powder on the snow down to the lake. We shared the cabin with 6 others that all arrived on Friday. There were no new arrivals on Saturday so there was plenty of space with 8. On Sunday we headed up Darkside, skied the north slope followed by a lap down the NW slope, and returned to the cabin. Soon after our arrival we were greeted by a group of day trippers from Whistler which included Michelle Cohen. An awesome bluebird weekend!



