



Avalanche Echoes

Alpine Club of Canada - Vancouver Section News



Map at hand, scoping out the route on the Tahumming Traverse. Photo by Liz Scremin.

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Next meeting: Tuesday, September 24th, 2002 at 7:30pm

Location: Floral Hall, Van Dusen Gardens, W. 37th & Oak St., Vancouver

Welcome Back!

Entertainment: John's Country - The Tahumming Traverse by Manrico Scremin

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The club meets monthly, usually for a slide presentation, at the Floral Hall in Van Dusen Gardens, W 37th and Oak St., at 7:30 pm on the fourth Tuesday of the month, except in July, August and December.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

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ACC-Vancouver, c/o FMCBC, 47 West Broadway, Vancouver BC V5Y 1P1.

SUBMISSIONS

We encourage submissions of writing, photography, drawings, etc. If possible, articles should be submitted by e-mail (about 500 words). Photos and slides are always needed (JPG format is preferable). Deadline for submissions is the last day of the previous month.

ADVERTISING

Advertising in the Avalanche Echoes shall be accepted at the discretion of the Editor. All advertising shall be for products or services of direct interest to our membership.

EDITORIAL POLICY

Suitability for publication is at the editor's discretion within the guidelines of the Section Executive. Articles may be edited for clarity or to fit the available space.

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Letter from the Chair

"In John and John's Footsteps"

by Liz Scremin

On Sunday August 18th, we stood on the shores of Toba Inlet and shouted with joy. We (myself, Manrico Scremin, Irene Goldstone and Tony Knight) had successfully completed the Tahumming Traverse! It was spectacular country that carried us into the very heart of the Coast Mountains but it was also the most demanding traverse we had ever done. The route is stitched together through rugged and remote terrain, on rock and ice above 6000' much of the time. It is essentially fourth class mountaineering with a large overnight pack on your back, as hardly a day goes by without some technical bit. The glacier travel involves going into at least one icefall and the ridge scrambles include a number of airy gaps. It's all very exhilarating and keeps you on your toes! The views were amazing in all directions with dramatic drops into the Tahumming Valley, granite monoliths on the horizon and glacial basins at your feet. Moss and heather abounded. We saw tracks of goat and bear, one weasel, ptarmigan, hawks and eagles, and the flash of hummingbirds. The weather was difficult in the first half of the trip before finally improving. Indeed every afternoon the clouds would boil up and let loose. We saw it all ...rain, sleet, driving hail, thunder and lightning, and a full day of snow... in August! Having four food drops to cover the 21 days was a real treat and kept our weight reasonable. Even in white-outs, we managed to find our intact orange boxes. Water was everywhere... in tarns, in trickles, in gushing creeks and cascades. Half way through the trip, we took a rest day to walk to the head of the Tahumming and Orford Rivers.

There we discovered a fabulous series of pools that we christened John's Spa! What fun! The campsites were all divine – especially one heather terrace that hung 5000' directly above the Tahumming Valley and our last high camp, set on a huge rolling speckled slab. Nights were spent watching meteor showers and the progress of the moon and Venus. The walk out to the head of the inlet at the end entailed substantial bushwhacking. Real coastal stuff! It was a great trip... challenging but immensely satisfying.

The whole time I was on the Tahumming Traverse, I thought about the two men who established the route in 1986... John Baldwin and John Clarke. Yes. We were indeed following in their footsteps. We had their verbal and written descriptions in our heads and carefully marked topos in our packs. We had a GPS, a Satphone and a scheduled return flight. We were out there and yet we were so secure by comparison. What did they have? Dreams, daring, and determination, no doubt. Sharp eyes and nimble feet. Days facing unknown terrain, living moment to moment, living with nature. Exploring dead-ends. Testing alternatives. Flagging down boats with smokey fires. Studying the maps. Trying again. And in the end, the joy of success.

You have my unending respect, John and John! The Tahumming Traverse is a real gift. Thanks, thanks so much from us all!

[See 'Mountains Near The Tahumming River' by John Baldwin, CAJ 1987, pages 36-37]

Announcements

Upcoming Events:

Oct 2-5, 2002. UIAA Annual Congress meeting; Flagstaff, Arizona. www.uiaa.ch

October 26, 27. ACC National Board Meeting; Lake Louise, Alberta

October 26. Annual Mountain Guides' Ball; Lake Louise, Alberta (Contact the ACC National Club to reserve your ticket now.)

October 27 – 29, 2002. Banff Mountain Summit: Extreme Landscapes: Challenge and Celebration; Banff Centre for Mountain Culture (celebrating the International Year of the Mountains). www.banffcentre.ab.ca

October 30 – Nov. 3. Banff Mountain Book and Film Festival; Banff, Alberta

John Clarke Awarded the Order of Canada

by Manrico Scremin

On August 31, 2002 John Clarke received the Order of Canada, our country's highest honour for lifetime achievement. Those of you who know of John and his accomplishments won't be surprised at this; he is a remarkable person as are his accomplishments. John is an honorary member of the ACC and a

member of the Vancouver Section. Our group has often been treated to slide shows of his trips in the Coast Range, usually to places where no else has been before.

On a personal level John was married last year (something he vowed never to do) and had a child early this year. John is currently undergoing treatment for brain cancer.

Below is an extract of the letter, sent two years ago, nominating him for the award. It was written by a couple of people and strongly supported by 25 others representing a diverse range of organizations from the ACC to the Squamish First Nation to the Vancouver City Council.

Please join me in congratulating John on his wonderful achievement!

There are three excellent reasons why John should be awarded the Order of Canada: his mountaineering and exploration accomplishments, his conservation advocacy work, and his wilderness education work.

Mountaineering and Exploration Accomplishments

John is truly a "living legend" when it comes to mountaineering and exploration in the Coast Ranges of British Columbia. Besides being the first person to visit much of the vast alpine areas of coastal British Columbia, John very likely has made more first ascents of mountains than anyone in the world, ever. (By his own reluctant admission he has made more than 600 first ascents of mountains and explored over ten thousand square kilometers!) This is a world-class accomplishment which is unlikely to ever be surpassed.

What makes this achievement all the more remarkable is the style in which it was done. In an era of large, expensive expeditions supported by corporate sponsorship and media fanfare, John's approach was the exact opposite. His low key, multi-week expeditions are accomplished on miniscule budgets with no corporate sponsorship or media exposure. These ground-breaking trips are modestly recorded in a series of articles in the Canadian Alpine Journal, an annual publication of the Alpine Club of Canada. In John's early days much of his exploration was done on multi-week solo expeditions on foot or skis. His trips are still multi-week in duration but they now include up to three other people.

Conservation Advocacy Work

John played and continues to play a leading role in advocating the preservation of the area now known as the Randy Stoltmann Wilderness and the establishment of a national or provincial park in the area. Together with Chief Bill Williams, hereditary chief of the Squamish First Nation, and photographer Nancy Bleck, John initiated the *Witness Project*, a remarkable and highly successful partnership between artists, First Nations, conservationists and the general public. The *Witness Project* is a major factor in raising public awareness for this important wilderness area; one of the few remaining ancient forests on the British Columbia coast. In recognition of John's efforts he was inducted into the Squamish Nation in a traditional *Naming Ceremony*. His Squamish name, Xwexwsélken, means Mountain Goat.

John has also given numerous public presentations on the topic of wilderness conservation to thousands of people. In a relatively short time he has become known as one of the leading spokespersons for wilderness conservation in British Columbia. In the crowded arena of environmental voices, John is known for his balanced views, unique sense of humour, spectacular images, and well-researched presentations.

Wilderness Education Work

In the last six years, John has increasingly dedicated himself to spreading the message of wilderness conservation and responsible wilderness adventure. He is at the hub of the Wilderness Education Program (WEP) which was founded in 1996 by a small group of diverse individuals who recognized the growing need to educate youth about the vital importance of wilderness in British Columbia and its central role in the history and heritage of Canadians. During the school year John devotes all of his time to educating and inspiring students of all ages. Kids love John! He has an unending enthusiasm and capacity to share his unparalleled knowledge with them, distilling his decades of wilderness exploration and thousands of beautiful photographs into a captivating, inspiring, and often-hilarious presentation. He brings wilderness to youth, many of whom have never been outside an urban setting, stimulating their curiosity and sense of wonder about our wild places.

In just four years John has reached some 25,000 youth with his unique presentations on the natural history and heritage of British Columbia. Many of these students have also participated in field trips to experience the

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FMCBC News: July, 2002

by Manrico Scremin

This is the first of what will be an ongoing series of articles about the Federation of Mountain Clubs of BC. Articles will be written every couple of months except for when the FMCBC newsletter, Cloudburst is produced. Because the 25 FMCBC member clubs have different schedules for their newsletters, there may be a delay between when the article is written and when you actually see it in your club's newsletter. This article is extra long since it's the first.

First off I want to thank Lesley Bohm for the excellent and hard work she has done as President for the past three years. She took on a tough job when no one else wanted it and she deserves our gratitude.

The 2002 Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on June 22 in Courtnay. Thank you to the Comox District Mountaineering Club for hosting the meeting and organizing two evening social events and day activities. Some items from the meeting were:

1. Discussion of the new business strategy for Canada West Mountain School (CWMS). The key aspect is that CWMS will act as a business with the objective of providing significant funds to support the other activities of the FMCBC. CWMS is wholly owned by the FMCBC.

2. The FMCBC broke even last year and is budgeted to break even this year.

3. Some clubs asked for more frequent communication from the FMCBC. Hence these "FMCBC News" articles.

4. A lot of work is being done by the Recreation and Conservation Committee, Trails Committee, and others working in similar areas, to be covered in future articles.

5. Next year's AGM will be held on or close to July 5 in Dunster (east of McBride on the Yellowhead Highway). The AGM will be timed to coincide with annual Dunster ice cream festival which I'm told is worth the trip by itself. The AGM will be hosted by the Fraser Headwaters Alliance.

As the new FMCBC President I have a set of personal objectives:

- Help ensure the FMCBC is as an effective an organization as it can be. This means being effective in how we interact with the government and effective in how we work with each other through our various committees and activities.

- Obtain increased and stable long term funding. Funding is extremely tight; we have no "cushion" at all and we should be paying for more staff time. Membership dues obviously help but, by itself, will not solve the funding issue. In

the intermediate/long term CWMS will provide significant funding for the FMCBC. Other potential sources of funds also need to be explored.

- Recruit enthusiastic and capable people to fill specific roles as Directors and other volunteers.

- Recruit new member clubs into the FMCBC. The Kootenays in particular is an area where the FMCBC is under represented.

- Recruit a very effective Executive Director since Pat Harrison has decided to step down. This is a very key role for the FMCBC. We were lucky to have Pat and finding a good replacement for him will be a challenge.

- Last but not least help ensure the FMCBC is providing real value to its member clubs.

In summary let me say that I am very enthusiastic about the FMCBC. I think it's a great organization and has the potential to be even better. If anyone has any questions or suggestions please call me at 604-921-2684 (o) or 604-921-2651 (h), e-mail at manrico@pensiamo.com, or mail through the FMCBC office at 47 W. Broadway, Vancouver, V5Y 1P1.

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wilderness first hand. John has also conducted many workshops for teachers at their conferences and professional development days.

Other Factors to Consider

John has foregone a conventional career and has completely dedicated his life to mountaineering/exploration, conservation advocacy, and wilderness education. Everything that John does is accomplished on a very modest income. He receives a small stipend for his wilderness education work and modest honoraria from speaking engagements. He is not an employee of any environmental group although, as can be seen from the testimonial letters in this nomination package, he has their deep respect.

One of the keys to John's success in conservation advocacy and wilderness education is his personality. His honest and boundless enthusiasm, passion, and charm make him an instant friend of everyone he meets. This is true of people of all ages, political persuasions, and opinions about the need for wilderness conservation.



The Order of Canada is our country's highest honour for lifetime achievement. Over the years, only a few mountaineers have been recognized. These are Hans Gmoser, Pat Morrow, and Phyllis Munday. In 1995, John was the subject of the film, "Child of the Wind", which won an award at the Banff Mountain Film Festival. If you have the chance to see it, don't miss it, as it will give you a wonderful insight into the man and the places he loves!

National Board Meeting May 10-12, 2002 Summary

The Spring National Board Meeting was a fun and special time for all involved. Held outside of Canmore for the first time in almost 20 years, the Board meeting provided an opportunity for Board members from across the country, and ACC Vancouver Section members to meet, reminisce about the past, and plan for the future.

The weekend began early, with a number of delegates flying out the week prior in order to participate in various trips—the Spearhead Traverse (led by Whistler Section member Eric Vezeau); a ski trip up to Diamond Head; a hike up the Chief; a kayak trip in the Paysley Group. All returned refreshed, if exhausted, to Vancouver for a reception at Dianne Miller's house (thank you Dianne for hosting us!) on Friday evening. On Saturday afternoon, about 80 people came out to the AGM; the crowd grew to about 150 for the evening BBQ and entertainment. The evening show consisted of a wonderfully narrated slide show and video (Do You Like Clam Chowder: A Mt. Waddington Adventure) by guide and Coast mountain adventurer Dave Sarkany. And, oh yes, there was the business in between all the fun. Below are highlights from the ACC Board meeting:

High-speed Internet Access: The Clubhouse has high-speed Internet access thanks to Rod Plasman (Secretary) and the Town of Canmore. This will facilitate functions such as on-line facilities reservations.

National ACC Membership: Slow, steady growth to 6000, with new section inquiries.

Access/Environment: The National Access and Environment Committee meets about 4 times a year. Some current access issues include privatization in BC, climbing restrictions on the Niagara Escarpment in Ontario, and potential restrictions in Gatineau Park in Quebec. Mary Henderson, A&E Chair for the Vancouver Section, follows issues that affect our section.

Services: The Leadership Development Committee has 9 members from 8 sections across the country. A new "soft skills" element has been added to the ACC's North Face program, which continues to run summer and winter. Dave Dornian (Competition Climbing Committee

chair) has also agreed to chair the ISMC (International Ski Mountaineering Competition) Committee.

The "Alpine Accidents in Canada" publication is continuing to be developed. This is an electronic database, linked to a safety page on the Edmonton website. It covers the past 35 years of alpine accidents and is broken down by location, accident type and province.

Nancy Hansen (ACC Canmore office) is editor of "Accidents in North American Mountaineering"; any accident information should be passed along to her.

ACC National Activities Program: Winter camps and International camps went well over the past 6 months. The Clemenceau to Columbia traverse was so popular that a second one was added. The General Mountaineering Camp was full.

Dan Doll (Calgary Section) was selected for the Karl Nagy Memorial Scholarship 2002

New ideas for National winter and summer camps and trips are welcome; please pass on to the section executive.

ACC Facilities

To boost occupancy at the Clubhouse (currently only 55%) Associate Hostel status is being investigated. An update on Peyto Hut renovations was given; reservations are on the rise. A new Huts Brochure was distributed.

Mountain Culture

The Publications Committee is returning to its original approach of having a volunteer editor for "The Gazette" (Bonnie Hamilton from Canmore). In order to reflect the ACC's activities in a wide range of areas, the portfolio of Publications was renamed "Mountain Culture".

The 2002 CAJ ("Canadian Alpine Journal") is one of the best issues the ACC has ever had. The CAJ is the journal of record for Canadian Mountaineering and it is crucial that it reach young climbers. "Gripped" magazine reviewed the 2001 CAJ very favorably. It was suggested that the ACC should go back to having CAJ as

a non-optional part of membership. The VP Publications (Bob Sandford) indicated that most alpine clubs do this and there is a greater economy in larger numbers when printing. Membership cost would not go up that much; it would also allow the ACC to sell the CAJ at retail outlets for a lot less.

Bob Sandford reported that the American Alpine Club has given the ACC \$15,000 for a joint publication of the Ernest Ostheimer 1927 expedition to the Columbia Icefields. The book will be in print by June 15, 2002.

The Publications Committee is starting to prepare for next year's initiative, the UN's "International Year for Fresh Water."

External Relations

The ACC has been working on developing programs for mountaineering clubs in other countries. There have been some challenges, including the finding that not all Europeans are used to the style of trips that people are used to in Canada.

Mike Mortimer, VP of External Relations, mentioned that the UIAA has 3.5 million members; the ACC is trying to attract some of these members to experience the mountains in Canada, and, in particular, to make use of the huts in the Rockies. This assists in revenue generation for the Club.

National Office

Renovations have been completed, resulting in more workspace, and better facilities.

Corporate Partnerships

Corporate financial support has seen a decline since September 11. This includes the loss of the C.P. charitable funding for the CAJ and Patagonia's funding for the Youth/ Student Outdoor Club program. Bruce Keith, Executive Director of the ACC, requested that he be advised of any national opportunities Sections may be aware of.

New ACC Section

Pierre Gravel made a presentation on behalf of Club Vertige to the ACC Board regarding his Club's application for membership as a new ACC Section.

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Established 25 years ago as a climbing club, Club Vertige offers a variety of activities including hiking, climbing, mountaineering, skiing and some nautical activities. The ACC will give them opportunity to grow & gain expertise in skills, safety, leadership management, and access and environment issues. The Board voted unanimously to accept the new section, which will be called Section Outaouais.

ACC Awards

To Vancouver Section members in 2002:

- Silver Rope for Leadership Award: Howard Rode
- Distinguished Service Award: Helen Habgood
- Service Award: Tami Knight

ACC Grants

Following is a summary of ACC Grants allocated this year (for details see ACC National Website):

- Helly Hansen Adventure Award: to promote adventure and passion for the mountains. Twelve applications were submitted requesting funding totaling \$34,000.
- Jen Higgins Fund: for young women undertaking mountaineering adventures; two applicants were provided funding.
- Environment Fund: only \$2800 available this year and 5 applications. Vancouver Section applications received some of the funding—for the “Defrost in the Alpine Awareness Program”; and the Tantalus Range Hut

Waste Management System.

- Endowment Fund: \$14,000 was available this year

Student Outdoor Clubs

Sections Reps reported that there is a large diversity on the progress and activity with the sections that are involved with Student Outdoor Clubs. Those Sections involved with Student Outdoor Clubs include: Montreal, Calgary, Ottawa, Vancouver, Vancouver Island, Edmonton and Prince George.

Centennial Committee Report

Potential projects are now being considered for ACC's 100 year celebration in 2006. Please email any ideas to the chair of the Centennial Committee, Mike Mortimer,

International Year of Mountains

This was a “last minute” initiative in Canada but is now progressing very well. Posters, banners, and event calendars are available and 163 partners are hosting events across the country. A commemorative ascent attempt on SE face of Mt. Logan (one of highest unclimbed ascents in world) was planned by 3 young climbers May 26-June 26. The ACC is also a partner in a planned Mt Columbia ascent in July and for a Rogers Pass mountaineering event in August.

Mountaineering Museums

Canmore: A committee for the “National Museum of Canadian Mountaineering” is being formed to carry out pre-feasibility study tasks; a possible site is the old Town of Canmore office building.

Whistler: The mandate of the new Whistler Museum and Archives is “Mountain Life”. The Vancouver Section made a presentation to the Whistler Museum and Archives group proposing that mountaineering be part of their visual mandate, from the Canadian border to Alaska.

Executive Committee Strategy Session

The Executive Committee held a strategic planning retreat April 13, 2002, to develop a vision and direction for the Club over the next 3-5 years. The following items were identified as priority areas for the Club:

- Develop a system of recruitment, training and reward that results in a set of long-term, enthusiastic and qualified volunteers.
- Generate new funding sources.
- Implement an integrated communications strategy, including an effective means of information exchange and communications infrastructure.
- Celebrate a dynamic and vibrant ACC Centennial in 2006.
- Increase the longevity/retention of ACC memberships.
- Attract/retain competent staff.
- Expand the geographical base of ACC Facilities.
- Implement a multi-year financial plan that provides predictable funding for Facilities, Publications, Activities, Services, Access/Environment and the National Office.
- Enhance the ACC's public profile.

Personalities

Congratulations a million times over to **John Clarke** upon receiving the Order of Canada.

Bravo to **Bob Sitter** for using his connections and getting the gate on the Indian River Forest Road open for the summer.

Way to go, **Henny Coates**, for completing the ACC's 2002 Marmot Women's Mountaineering Course.

Congratulations to **Zoran Vasic** and his wife, Mikki, on the birth of their second daughter, Anya.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to **Shirley Rempel**. We hope that the rock lies in a million pieces and your leg is now one!



**UNION INTERNATIONALE DES ASSOCIATIONS
D'ALPINISME
THE INTERNATIONAL MOUNTAINEERING AND
CLIMBING FEDERATION**

THE UIAA

-Is the international organisation that represents mountaineers, climbers, and trekkers or hill walkers, worldwide.

-Was formed in 1932 and has some 90 member organisations, most of which are the national federations of over 60 countries.

-Has expertise in:

- the practise of mountain activities, including youth activities;

mountain access linked with the conservation and protection of the mountain environment;

competition climbing and ski-mountaineering;

the development and publication of standards and codes of practise;

mountaineering and climbing equipment and safety; and mountain medicine.

-Is recognised by the International Olympic Committee as the International Sports Federation representing mountaineering, climbing and related mountain activities. And

-Supports the International Year of Mountains 2002 with an extensive programme of activities. It is a member of the UN Inter-Agency Group; and has links with other international organisations.

Internet: <http://www.uiaa.ch>

The UIAA and the International Year of the Mountains 2002

www.mountains2002.org

The "Union Internationale des Associations d'Alpinisme" - UIAA - welcomes the International Year of Mountains 2002 as confirmation that:

· National Governments and Agencies, UN and other international Agencies and voluntary bodies, recognise the importance of mountains, and of mountain communities, throughout the world. And that

· They will direct their policies to enhance and sustain them.

With its 90 member federations, representing over 2.5 million mountaineers, climbers and trekkers, the UIAA declares its commitment to the International Year of Mountains 2002.

In accordance with the UIAA Summit Charter 2002, mountaineers, climbers and trekkers:

· Welcome the International Year of Mountains 2002 (IYM) as signalling the importance of mountains and of mountain peoples; and of policies to enhance and sustain them.

· Believe that everyone should be free to enjoy the natural environment, including mountains and cliffs, with responsible access.

· Support the need for safeguards for wild and natural mountain terrain and cliffs, given their environmental value and fragility.

· Understand that mountaineering, climbing and trekking, practised responsibly, are compatible with the natural environment.

· Know from experience that their activities contribute to the human spirit and to human endeavour, as freedom sports with human and social values.

· Accept the personal responsibility of the individual, supported by environmental awareness, codes of good practice, and training.

· Contribute to the growth in sustainable mountain tourism, with any charges for services and facilities to be reasonable and fair, bringing an economic benefit to local communities.

· Respect and uphold local culture, heritage and traditions.

· Should not claim liability on landholders for accidents or damages arising from natural hazards on their land. And

Propose adjustments to public policies, in line with these concepts, where equitable and beneficial.

WATERCOLOUR PAINTING EN PLEIN AIR NEAR MOUNT BAKER

with Velvet Bajles

*a special 4-day workshop for the ACC
Thursday to Sunday in late Sept or early
Oct, 2002*

Come capture the fall colours!

\$225 course fee for members / \$250 for non-members includes instruction, meals and accommodation at the Mountaineers' Baker Lodge.

Contact Susan Hollenberg for more info and to register at 604-736-3653.

LANDSCAPE PHOTOGRAPHY AT LAKE LOVELY WATER

with Doug Williams

*a special 4-day workshop for the ACC
September 19-22, 2002 (Thurs-Sun)*

\$295 course fee for members / \$320 for non-members (based on 8 students) includes instruction, helicopter in and out, and accommodation at the Section's Tantalus Hut

Topics will include composition, managing light and depth of field, film, filters and lenses, best use of your tripod and light meter, colour versus black and white, and more.

Contact Doug for more info and to register at 604-736-5799 or dwphoto@shaw.ca

www.dwphotography.com

Vancouver Section Trip Schedule

Date	Destination	Type/Grade	Organizer	Phone
SEPTEMBER				
7	Needle Peak (N ridge)	climb B4	Rich Pawlowicz	604-222-3343
7-8	Snass Mtn. Snazzy PK-(joint BCMC)	hike B3	Carol McMillan	604-879-2947
14	Petgill lake	hike B2	Mothe Tilden	604-732-8765
15	Excelsior Pass (family trip)	hike A2	Chris Bradley	604-873-9419
14-15	Duffy Lake Rd	hike B2	Susan Higginbottom	604-925-3742
19-22	Landscape Photography Workshop	instr A1/B2	Doug Williams	604-736-5799
21-22	Hurley River Rd mountaineering	climb C4	Isabel Budke	604-224-5737
22	Skyline Divide	hike B2	Liz Scremin	604-921-2651
24	Monthly Meeting & Slideshow, 7:30pm at Van Dusen Gardens, W37th & Oak St.			
29	Hanes Valley Loop	hike B2	Russ Fretenburg	604-618-5732
OCTOBER				
5	Black Tusk	hike/scr C2/3	Mirella Lioce	604-736-5079
6	Mt. Capilano	hike/bike B2	Helen Habgood	604-984-6842
6	Leader's Choice	hike B2	Maria Gunkel	604-985-3041
11-14	Watercolour Painting En Plein Air Workshop	A1	Susan	604-736-3653
20	Mt. Brew	hike B2	Irene Goldstone	604-689-8737
22	Monthly Meeting & Slideshow, 7:30pm at Scottish Cultural Centre, 8886 Hudson St.			

It's time to put together the fall and winter trip schedule! I am looking for volunteers to call the membership for trips from mid October through February (please call me at 604-946-9942). You can circumvent the process by volunteering a trip directly - call me or send an e-mail to vanacctrips@hotmail.com. Thanks in advance for your help and interest!
 Pam K, trip coordinator



*Fabulous camping on a heather-strewn terrace 5000 feet above the Tahumming River.
 Photo by Manrico Scremin*

THE ALPINE CLUB OF CANADA

VANCOUVER SECTION TRIP SCHEDULE SPRING/SUMMER 2002

GRADING GUIDELINES

- A - Less than 6 hrs travel/day (not strenuous)
- B - 6 to 8 hrs travel/day (moderately strenuous)
- C - 8 to 12 hrs travel/day (strenuous)
- D - More than 12 hrs travel/day (extremely strenuous)
- S- Slower-paced trip, (suitable for seniors)

- 1 - Gentle slopes. Travel on trails over fairly level terrain.
- 2 - Moderate slopes. Travel may be off trail. Intermediate skiing ability recommended. Easy climbing.
- 3 - Travel in mountainous terrain. Steep forest and glaciers probable. Backcountry equipment and intermediate skiing experience required. Moderate climbing.
- 4 - Travel over difficult mountain terrain. Advanced backcountry and mountaineering experience, ability and equipment required. Advanced ski mountaineering or moderate to difficult ice or mixed climbing. Ropes and belays required.
- 5 - Technical ice or mixed climbing. Advanced climbing experience required.

Please contact trip organizers by the Wednesday prior to the trip or earlier to express your interest. Non-members are welcome to participate once or twice before joining, and are accepted on a space available basis.. Everyone is welcome to attend our meetings at 7:30pm in the Floral Hall of Van Dusen Botanical Gardens, W. 37th Ave. & Oak St in Vancouver on the fourth Tuesday of every month (except July, Aug, Dec).

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