



Avalanche Echoes

Alpine Club of Canada - Vancouver Section News



A storm brewing over Mount Waddington makes a great photo opportunity from camp at Bifrost Pass, Waddington Range, August, 2002. Photo by Don Serl.

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Next meeting: Tuesday, January 28th, 2003 at 7:30pm

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This newsletter is the official publication of the Alpine Club of Canada, Vancouver Section. It keeps members informed on topics of interest to mountaineers including activities within the club, equipment, techniques, access, and environmental issues.

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

Vancouver Section:
Single \$49.00
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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.

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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.

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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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Gertrude Lillian Smith

1909 – 2002

by *Elizabeth (Betty) Walker*

Born in London, England, Gertrude Smith immigrated to Vancouver in 1947, where she became an elementary school teacher. The 1950 Avalanche Echoes reports her first section trip – one to Golden Ears via a chartered boat from the Wild Duck Inn up Pitt Lake to the base of the mountain, soon to be followed by another trip to Mount Harvey via water taxi from Horseshoe bay to Lions Bay.

She soon became involved with the executive of the section, serving as Secretary from 1950 – 1954, in addition to leading trips. Later she served as Chairperson from 1967 – 1971, the second woman in that position.

Gertrude took advantage of the Easter breaks and long summer holidays that teachers have to attend not only many ski and general mountaineering camps – Glacier, Assiniboine, the Goodsirs and others – but also to go on private expeditions. In 1961 and 1962, as reported in the Canadian Alpine Journal, she climbed in the Premier Group of the Cariboo Mountains, where the parties made several first and second ascents in a difficult to reach area.

She reached the climax of her climbing career in 1967 as leader of an all-woman team formed to climb 11,384 foot high Mount Saskatchewan as part of the Yukon Alpine Club Centennial Expedition. Dangerous conditions and heavy snowfall thwarted the attempt, with the party turning back at 10,400 feet.

Her many contributions to the Club were recognized with the award of the Silver Rope for Leadership in 1971, and the Distinguished Service Award in 1982.

An intrepid traveller, Gertrude continued to visit many mountain regions – Switzerland, New Zealand, and Borneo among others – and trekked several times in Nepal. To the end of her long life she valued the many friendships she had made in the Alpine Club of Canada.



Letter From The Chair: *Happy New Year Gear*

By Liz Scremin

Ah, Christmas. A frenzied time of shopping and parties; a bountiful time of turkey and stuffing and sweet treats. It's also a time to set work aside and get away from it all for a few days to glide along on our touring skis beneath the cedars by day and put our feet up by the fire at night. Wherever you were, I hope you all had a lovely time this Christmas with your family and friends!

Ah, Christmas. A time of giving gifts to others and (for the outdoor enthusiast) a time to upgrade gear! After penny pinching all year, we do tend to splurge a little at Christmas time. I wonder how many folks received the latest gadget - a new LED headlamp - or something ever so practical - a

brand new pair of polypro socks? For me, it seems that everything wears out at once. (Although my pocket book's not deep enough to replace it all at once!) I've got adjustable ski poles that constantly adjust whether I want them to or not, and skis that look like toothpicks compared to the latest models. They were the very best thing when I got them of course, but things just keep on changing! So - okay - I splurged just a little. Right after Christmas, I rented a pair of K2 World Piste and took them for a test run. They were so fat that I couldn't even get my hands around them. Well, I was surfing, just gliding through it all. The shorter length was great for bopping around the moguls, and the stability was amazing. Nev-

ertheless, it was my first day out on the slopes this season and my legs were burning. As is often the case, I had high hopes that the latest gear would somehow magically improve my style. It may have helped a little, but the reality is I just have to get out there and ski, ski, ski.

So that's my plan... to scan the ACC trip schedule and get out as much as I can. I hope that you enjoy many ACC adventures this year! On behalf of the entire Executive, I wish you all great success and happiness at home, at work and at play this New Year.

Jim Haberl Hut Raffle

By the ACC Jim Haberl Hut Committee

Grand Prize: A fully-guided fully-catered weekend for two at the new Jim Haberl Hut. Enjoy the helicopter flight to the col, a gourmet dinner Saturday night and the assistance of an ACMG guide to the top of Tantalus, Dione or Serratus on Sunday! (Value \$1600)

Second Prize: Weekend accommodation for two at Cathedral Lakes Lodge (Value \$800)

Additional Prizes:

- Arc'teryx Alpha Mountain Parka (Value \$600)
- Serratus Alpine 85 Backpack (Value \$300)
- 3-month Pass at the Cliffhanger Climbing Gym (Value \$195)
- 2 Avalanche Safety Workshops by Pinnacle Pursuits (Value \$125 each)
- MEC Jetstream Wind Jacket (Value \$100)

Tickets are \$20 each (maximum 500).

Available at the next ACC-Vancouver Section meeting or call Liz at 604-921-2651.

The draw will take place at the Vancouver International Mountain Film Festival on Sat, Feb 22, 2003. Many thanks to our sponsors!

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The 6th Annual Vancouver International Mountain Film Festival

February 14 - 22, 2003

Join the outdoor community in celebrating two things: Vancouver's unique mountain culture and the 50th anniversary of the first ascent of Everest. This year, don't miss VIMFF!

With 2 nights at the Ridge, 1 at Science World, 3 at the Planetarium and 5 at the Centennial Theatre, this year's program promises to be more diverse and rich than ever. Films and guest speakers will be pouring in from all over the world. In 'Everest Uncorked - The Legacy and The Arena', Peter Hillary, Conrad Anker, Jim Whittaker, Peter Habeler, Sharon Wood, Ed Douglas, Leszek Cichy and Zelda Skylark (aka Tami Knight) will present their experiences and views on the past and future of Everest.

Intrepid arctic explorer Jerry Kobalenko, world-renowned alpinist Barry Blanchard, and celebrated rock climber Timmy O'Neill will all regale us with their amazing exploits at home and abroad. VIMFF will also feature the tales of a number of young talented locals: Jim Milina (on Kilimanjaro), Guy Edwards (ascents in India) and Jeremy Frimer (a new route on Logan). Famed local veterans - Paddy Sherman and Fips Broda - will share their innumerable adventures and expertise. Kathryn Bridge will speak on the life of legendary mountaineer Phyllis Munday.

In addition, the Norco Trials Team will bring their mountain biking skills to the stage. The winners of the VIMFF Mountain Photo Competition presented by MEC will grace the Centennial Theatre lobby walls. The Frankenstein Climbing Contest will take place at the Edge. The Polish and Czech & Slovakian Mountain Film Shows will attest to the accomplishments of those communities. The VIMFF Community Program will bring shows on mountain environment to local students.

Tickets will be on sale at MEC and other select outdoor stores, The Cliffhanger, The Edge Climbing Centre, plus the Centennial Theatre Box Office (VISA & M/C, 604-984-4484) and Ticketmaster.

Watch for our posters!

Also see www.vimff.org



2003 VIMFF Mountain Photo Competition

presented by Mountain Equipment Co-op

Once again photographers have the chance to win prizes and glory in the VIMFF Mountain Photo Competition. The competition is an opportunity for all photographers, amateur and professional, to present their mountain photography to the public. Winning images will be displayed in the Centennial Theatre lobby in North Vancouver throughout the Vancouver International Mountain Film Festival, beginning in mid-February until mid-March 2003. Winning images will also travel with the VIMFF 2003 "Best of the Fest" Tour and be displayed on MEC's website at www.mec.ca/photocontest.

Grand Prize: Nikon Digital Camera (\$1,500 value) and a \$500 MEC gift certificate

Category Winners: MEC 8x32 Waterproof Binoculars (\$320 value) and MEC \$100 gift certificates.

Free entry. Deadline: January 23, 2003. Maximum 5 images per category:

- Mountain Sport (hiking, climbing, skiing, mountain biking)
- Mountain Culture (indigenous people)
- Mountain Landscape (scenery, flora & fauna).

Format: 35mm slides; colour and b&w prints (min 8x10). For entry forms and competition regulations, check www.vimff.org

SATELLITE PHONE FOR RENT

Members can rent the Section's satellite phone for \$60 per week, plus an air-time charge of \$2.00 per minute. A \$300 deposit is required and will be refunded when the phone is returned in good condition.

Contact Tony Knight at 604-873-2276 or tak@mda.ca.

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ACC Ice Climbing Workshop A Success

November 2 dawned sunny and clear as eight participants and three instructors trekked up Mt. Baker's Heliotrope Ridge trail to the Coleman Glacier. With their crampons on and their ice axes out, the participants were given an introduction into the basics of French technique and headed up the glacier towards the icefall.

The real fun began as top ropes were set up on a serac that offered vertical ice from 70 - 95 degrees. After a discussion on the equipment and techniques used for getting up steep ice, the ropes were put into action and everyone did laps until forearms and calves screamed for relief. New skills were learned, no one got punctured, and everyone had a great time in a fantastic setting.

Thanks to Don Serl and Mountain Equipment Co-op for providing a selection of the latest ice tools for everyone to play with.

Participants: Ryan Adderman, Mandana Amiri, Dave Henwood, Mirella Lioce, Andrew Rennie, Gary Shorthouse, Michele Sinclair and Jamie Stirling

Instructors: Paul Baker, Wes Maedel and Don Serl

6th Annual Lake Lovelywater

July 12 - 20, 2003

Eight days of mountaineering in the glorious Tantalus Range (Map ref. 92G/14). Accommodation is in the luxurious ACC cabin with swimming and boating at the door. We will also be running a full mountaineering school for a few beginner level participants.

This is a self guided camp for club members only. Camp fee of \$320 covers chopper in and out and hut rental.

Call Peter Woodsworth at (604) 254-7076

ACC Coast Climbing Camp: Bell, Geddes, and Bifrost Pass

July 21- August 2, 2002

by Don Serl

The camp this year had as objectives a week each on Remote Glacier near Mount Bell and around Mount Geddes, both big 3200m-plus peaks in the northwest corner of the Waddington Range. The group consisted of 9 people: locals Doug Berner, Bruce Fairley, Helen Habgood, Robert Nugent,



Luca Bellin stand on the summit of Mount Geddes, with Mount Bell in the background. Photo by Don Serl.

Harold Redekop, Jackie Snodgrass, and Don Serl, with American Will Silva and special guest Luca Bellin from Italy.

We flew to a fine camp on the north side of Remote Glacier with Whitesaddle Air Services on Sunday morning, July 21st, in perfect weather. The site gave easy access to the rocks for lounging and cooking, plus there was running water on an adjacent outcrop. The only criticism that could be made was that the bugs were rather numerous and voracious; in the interest of genuine cultural exchange, we soon had Luca's English improved with phrases such as "Too many fxxxing bugs!" and "Let's get out of here, eh?"

We were active from the first afternoon: Bruce, Helen, Harold, Jackie, Will, and Luca scrambled to Point 2750 ("Teva Peak") east of camp, making a possible first ascent. Doug and Robert set off up the east ridge of Angina, southwest across the glacier, but abandoned the looseness at half height. I contented myself with enjoying the views from Point 2175, north of camp.

Monday saw Doug and Robert climb Broad Peak via the south face (variation); Bruce and Harold turn back from high on Dorothy; and Luca and I, with Helen, Jackie, and Will turn back from the east side of "Toto" (the 2880m peak east of Dorothy) because of avalanche-prone snow.

On Tuesday, Luca, Doug, Robert, and I climbed Dorothy, and the other five repeated the route on Broad. Wednesday remained perfect and hot, but rest seemed desirable. I scrambled "Teva", and Doug and Robert sussed out the ridge between "Teva" and Bell, but otherwise everyone was slack.

Luca and I had designs on the north ridge on Bell, and we got up at 12:15 a.m. to leave at 1:30 Thursday morning. Unfortunately, the continuously hot weather meant the snow was not freezing overnight, and we were soon back in camp. Jackie was unwell, so Helen and Will went without her to "Toto" (west face; new route) and Dorothy, a nice, logical combination. Doug and Robert checked objectives at the head of the glacier in the morning, then scrambled "Teva" in the afternoon. Bruce and Harold left early for Trylon and returned 10 hours later, having reached the ridge west of the peak from the south, but having missed out on the summit.

Luca and I repeated our ridiculously

early rising on Friday, but the warmth persisted. Later, we joined everyone except Doug and Robert in wandering up Angina to enjoy the views. Meanwhile, the other two had "disappeared" early in the morning; they eventually reappeared 15 hours after leaving camp, having done a very nice new route on Trylon, the east ridge (4p, 5th class). The look on Doug's face when he learned that because of a possible breakdown in the weather we were moving camp at 7:30 the following morning was priceless.

Mike came in even earlier than expected on Saturday. We had changed the locale for our second week to Bifrost Pass, to better suit the mellow nature of the group. Harold, who had only planned for one week, and Bruce, nursing a bum knee, flew out. Jackie, still unwell, guarded the gear in the pass. The rest of us did our approach in reverse, getting dropped off on the glacier south of Geddes with light climbing gear and camping necessities for a couple days. We set straight off up the 650m Dogleg Couloir on the south face in very nice conditions, and were back to our overnight gear by mid-afternoon. The weather fell apart that night, and the start of our walk to Bifrost



Doug Berner and Robert Nugent on the summit of Mount Dorothy, with Mount Bell looming behind. Photo by Don Serl.

Pass was a bit miserable (one rappel required from Geddes Col to Parallel Glacier), but the walk down Parallel and Oval Glaciers to Oval Lake was superb, with excellent terrain and scen-

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ACC Coast Climbing Camp

ery all the way and a sandy beach to camp on at the end of the day.

Monday saw us making the 2 ½ hour trek up to join Jackie at camp on beautiful benches just west of Bifrost Pass, but the weather fell apart again that night and stayed poor. Helen, Jackie, and Will nearly climbed the summit south of Delusion on Tuesday, and Luca and I checked out the base of the east face of Cornelia, but the highlight of the day was the evening view across the Scimitar trench of the Waddington Range in full storm garb – mighty impressive! Helen, Jackie, and Will – ever hopeful – put in a long day on Thursday in an abortive attempt to get up the east ridge of Cornelia, while Luca and I stretched our legs and lungs with a walk to Granite Pass, but the weather and forecast remained lousy. We waited till mid-morning Friday, then got on the radio to Mike and got ourselves pulled out.

All locations have a lot to recommend them. Remote Glacier requires fairly long days' walks to get most objectives, and would be better in mid-August when the snow settles enough to make Bell (a superb, challenging peak) reasonable; Remote Peak could be accessed with a high camp or on a very long day. The area around Geddes is pretty harsh, but climbers looking for tougher routes could spend 2 weeks just doing routes on this peak and not run out of possibilities. Bifrost Pass is superb, with extremely comfortable camping allied with quick access to several 2800m-plus peaks: Delusion, Cornelia, and Frontier. A return visit in better weather seems mandatory.



Above: Dining room at Bifrost Pass. From left to right: Robert Nugent, Doug Berner, Will Silva, Jackie Snodgrass, Helen Habgood.

Right: Bivvy camp on the shore of Oval Lake.

Below: Mounts Trilon and Slean as seen from the Remote Glacier.

All photos by Don Serl.



ACC Winter Skills Courses and Workshops

ACC Introduction To Winter Camping

January 18-19, 2003 (plus evening January 6th).

Call Peter Woodsworth at 604-254-7076.

ACC Winter Navigation Workshop

Blackcomb Mountain, January 18, 2003

Find the easiest and safest way up a mountain. Learn to identify avalanche hazards and avoid terrain traps. For more info and to register, call Jay MacArthur at 604-987-1232.

ACC Avalanche Safety Course

January, 2003

especially for the ACC by Canada West Mountain School

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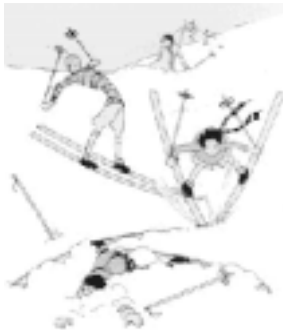
Two evening theory sessions and two full field days for 22 hours of instruction.

The course takes place on the evening of January 22, January 25 & 26 all day, with follow-up session on evening of January 27.

Price? Between \$110 and \$130 + GST depending on number of registrants. The course is regularly \$200 so let's get a big group together!

Includes avalanche safety manual, course handouts, and use of transceivers, shovels, and probes. Lift access (if required) is extra.

For more information contact Zoran: at (604) 643-7670 or zoran_vasic@canaccord.com.



ACC Telemark Clinics

Cypress Bowl, Weekday Evenings

Join one or more of these sessions to get tips from the masters!

Jan 22, 2003 - Chris Bradley 604-873-9419.

Feb 5, 2003 - Linda Bily 604-222-1577.

Feb 15, 2003 - Wayne Yee 604-879-1058.

Feb 19, 2003 - Isabel Budke 604-224-5737.

Map, Compass & GPS Workshop

Thursday, February 6, 2003 - call Tony Knight at 604-873-2276.

Weather Workshop

Tuesday, February 18, 2003

Sick of getting these generic weather forecasts on TV or on the radio when you are planning a trip? Would you like to make your 'own' forecast, but you are too overwhelmed by all the weather information available on the Internet and you don't know where to start?

At this seminar you'll gain understanding of weather systems and how they work. You will learn where to search the internet for relevant weather info, and how to interpret charts and satellite images. You'll also learn what clues to look for in the sky during your trip. Call Pascal Haegeli at 604-738-8088.

ACC Leadership Workshop

February 27, 2003

Interested in leading trips, wanting to improve your leadership skills? The ACC Vancouver Section is hosting a Leadership Workshop for you on Thursday, February 27th.

If you are a new leader looking for support and ideas for leading club trips, or if you have led lots of club trips, and are looking for tips and techniques, this will be a great workshop for you. Topics to be covered include trip planning, screening participants, group management, leadership methods, decision-making, safety, what-to-do if

you're caught out overnight, or if someone has forgotten something vital on the trip, and more!

This will be a fun and lively session, with lots of participation and role playing, led by professional experiential education instructors as well as volunteers. It's free, and it's a great opportunity.

Leaders: Rick Davies (Rick Davies and Associates (leadership training); Bridget Milsom (North Shore Search and Rescue).

Contact Henny Coates at hennyc@telus.net, or

Fern Hietkamp at 604-872-4290 or fern_hietkamp@hotmail.com.

ACC Snow Cave Workshop

March 29-30, 2003

Find shelter in a snowbank and gain warmth from a candle. For more info and to register, call Chris Bradley at 604-873-9419.

Landscape Photography in Winter

April 2,3,4, 2003

Mount Baker, Washington

Special ACC weekend workshop!

\$250.00 for ACC members, \$275.00 for non-members. 6-12 participants.

Includes 2 nights at Baker Lodge, some meals and over 20 hours of instruction. We will meet one evening before and one evening after this workshop to discuss technique and equipment and to critique slides and prints. Topics include: composition, exposure, managing light and depth of field, films, filters, and shooting black and white. Participants should be able to back-country or cross-country ski or use snow shoes.

Contact Doug Williams for registration: 604-736-5799 or dwphoto@shaw.ca.

Doug has taught landscape photography and other courses at Focal Point since 1998 and taught workshops for the ACC at Black Tusk and Lake Lovely Water.

www.dwphotography.com

ACC Vancouver Section Annual General Meeting Minutes

November 26, 2002 - Floral Hall - Van Dusen Gardens

Chaired by: Liz Scremin; Election of New Executive Chaired by: Irene Goldstone

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

(a) Liz opened the meeting with some general announcements. Members are invited to attend the "Best of the Banff Film Festival" in Vancouver this week, and the "Best of VIMFF" with a special showing of the film, "Child of the Wind", next Dec. 5 at the Planetarium Auditorium, being organized by the Vancouver Section.

(b) Liz announced the Section's condolences at the recent passing of four senior Section members: Jack Bussell, Dudley Godfrey, Eddy Morrissey and Gertrude Smith.

(c) Liz outlined the remainder of the meeting agenda, starting with Position Reports.

II. REPORTS

1. Treasurer (Rob Brusse): Rob presented unaudited financial statements for the 12 months ended 31 Oct 2002. The Section finances are quite healthy at this time with total revenues for the year of \$61,775, up from \$51,770 the previous year, largely due to increased hut, camps and workshop revenue. Gross revenue included a special grant from MEC's Environment Fund for \$5,000 that flowed through the Section accounts to the "Defrost in the Alpine" project. Expenses for the year totaled \$54,625. The net change in accounts overall for the year is a positive \$7,150. The Section balance sheet shows the Endowment Fund balance standing at about \$131,000 and cash in bank at \$6,834.

2. Echoes Editor (Helen Habgood): Helen reported that the increasing number of members now receiving the newsletter electronically in PDF format is helping to keep mailing costs in check. The other advantage is that the electronic form is available about 2 weeks sooner.

3. Membership (Susan D'Aloisio): Section membership is up for the year, and just slightly short of a total of 500 memberships (both individual and family).

4. National Club Rep (Fern

Hietkamp): Highlights for the year included the Vancouver Section successfully hosting the National Club AGM in May. Fern also reported on the recent National Board meeting, including several topics:

(a) Union International Association d'Alpinisme (UIAA) - The ACC is a member of the UIAA. The ACC representative, Mike Mortimer, attends a number of international meetings each year. UIAA member clubs from all over the world face similar issues in the areas of safety and training, access and environment, land use policy, mountain tourism policy, and the effects of global climate change. The opportunity exists to work together and learn from each other to further our common goals.

(b) Liability Insurance - Coverage is increasingly difficult to get due to recent world events. The national ACC office was only able to renew the policy by highlighting our safety training programs and our system of waiver forms. Therefore it is very important for all trip organizers to fill out and return the waiver forms;

(c) Endowment Fund - Proceeds from the National Endowment Fund from 2003 until 2006 will be set aside to fund special projects and events that will celebrate the Club's centennial in 2006. Members are welcome to submit ideas for the Centennial to the National Club or to the Section Executive.

5. Program (Isabel Budke): Isabel reported on a successful year of guests and slide shows at the monthly meetings. Coming up in January is Ian Bruce with a presentation on his "Defrost in the Alpine" project. For the February meeting, another 'Skillsfest' evening is being organized. Anyone interested in presenting a skill specialty is invited to contact Isabel.

6. Climbing/Trip Schedule (Pam Krannitz): Pam reported that over the past year, there were 7 camps, 7 workshops and 99 trips organized; however, the number of trips that actually went wasn't certain because not all trip organizers returned trip waivers. Pam reminded everyone that it is very important for liability insurance purposes

to complete and return a trip waiver form for all scheduled ACC events. To thank all the members who organized trips, a draw was held with 10 MEC gift certificates going to trip organizers that had volunteered two or more trips over the course of the year.

7. Camps (Richard Keltie): Richard reported on both ACC National Camps and locally organized Section camps. The National camps are very popular and Richard reminded anyone interested in going to book early. The locally organized Section camps this year were successful and well attended. There are plans to hold camps in 2003 including Tantalus Range and Roger's Pass.

8. Skills Development (Zoran Vasic): Zoran reported on the workshops held this past year. They included member organized workshops and several professionally led workshops including St. John Ambulance Wilderness First Aid. There are plans for a number of workshops in 2003, including an Avalanche Safety Course in January.

9. Socials (Chris Bradley): Chris looks after the refreshments for the monthly members socials. He thanked all who brought food for this evening's potluck and helped with preparations for the AGM and social.

10. Access & Environment (Mary Henderson): Mary gave a brief update on some current Access and Environment issues:

(a) Parks Stewardship Panel - A report by this government-appointed panel of experts in the field of conservation and recreation will be made public shortly. It is expected to have a major impact on park policy in BC and on our access to wilderness areas.

(b) Interfor Harvesting - Agreements have been reached on the selection of specific harvest areas to avoid areas of interest to the outdoor community, in particular in the Sims Creek area;

(c) Sea to Sky Winter Backcountry Recreation Forum - Monthly meetings have been held this past year between the winter recreation user groups to resolve conflicts in use; a draft plan has been prepared and will be made pub-

lic in January 2003.

11. Secretary (Tony Knight): Tony looks after writing the minutes for Executive meetings and the AGM, and is also quartermaster for the Section's satellite phone, available for rent to members on a weekly and weekend basis. Thus far as hoped, the rental revenues and monthly fees for the satellite phone service have essentially broke even.

12. Promotion (Liz Scremin): Liz reported that the Section is still looking for someone to help with promotions of the ACC Vancouver Section at public events. The position mainly involves setting up a table or booth and distributing information on Section activities and membership information. Anyone interested is invited to contact a member of the Executive.

13. Federation Rep (Liz Scremin): Liz noted that several Vancouver Section members have participated in the FMCBC organization this past year, including current President Manrico Scremin, and Directors - Richard Keltie, Leslie Bohm, Peter Woodsworth and Karen Asp. In addition, Mary Henderson is the Chair of the FMCBC's Recreation and Conservation Committee. The FMCBC is working hard to increase the programming, marketing and profitability of its educational arm, Canada West Mountain School. The FMCBC continues to strive to improve its effectiveness, its public profile and impact on recreation and park policy.

14. Chairperson's Report (Liz Scremin): Liz reported on the highlights of this past year of Section activities as follows:

(a) National AGM. The Section successfully hosted the National ACC Annual General Meeting in May in Vancouver. Feedback from the National Executive was very positive. Liz thanked Fern Hietkamp in particular for coordinating the preparations.

(b) John Clarke was honored this Year of the Mountains with the Order of Canada for his mountaineering, conservation and education achievements. Liz noted that John is only the 4th person in the mountaineering community to have received this distinction.

(c) Camps and Workshops. Liz thanked again all the Section members who have helped lead or contribute to Section camps and workshops

held over the past year.

(d) Jim Haberl Memorial Hut. Plans are now being finalized for the hut design to be located in the Tantalus range. Prefabrication is now planned for early 2003, with erection on-site in late summer 2003. Volunteers and a site are being sought for the prefabrication phase - anyone interested is invited to contact an Executive member.

(e) Coast ACC Archives Committee. The committee is completing its negotiations with the Whistler Museum and Archives Society to establish a partnership agreement for the archiving and preservation of items from early Coast climbing in an Alpine Club of Canada Coast Collection.

(f) Goals for 2003. Some goals for the Section for 2003 include:

(i) growing the Section to over 500 total memberships (equivalent to over 600 members);

(ii) Organizing more trips, workshops and camps, including joint camps with the BCMC and Varsity Outdoor Club;

(iii) organizing some trail maintenance trips to Lizzie Lake and Lake Lovelywater;

(iv) construction of the Jim Haberl Hut;

(v) establishment of the partnership with the Whistler Museum and Archives Society;

(vi) a possible new Section Annual.

III. ELECTION OF NEW EXECUTIVE:

15. New/Ongoing Executive Members (Liz): Irene Goldstone chaired this portion of the meeting for the election of the new Executive. Irene reported that all of the Section Executive has agreed to stand for re-election, which is a testament to their success working together. The positions and nominees are as follows:

Chair - Liz Scremin

Secretary - Tony Knight

Treasurer - Rob Brusse

Membership - Susan D'Aloisio

Socials - Chris Bradley

Echoes Editors - Helen Habgood / Steve Wickham

National Club Rep - Fern Hietkamp

FMCBC Rep - Richard Keltie

Program Coordinator - Isabel Budke

Climbing Coordinator - Pam Krannitz

Camps Coordinator - Richard Keltie

Skills Development - Zoran Vasic

Access and Environment - Mary Henderson

Irene called for further nominations from the floor. There being no further nominations, it was moved and seconded that the above members be elected as the Vancouver Section Executive for the year 2003.

The annual meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM. A slide show on the past summer camps organized by Rob Brusse, Don Serl and Peter Woodsworth followed.

The 2002 Financial Statement (un-audited) is on page 11. The following reports are available on the internet:

Climbing - go to www.chartwell-consultants.com/echoes/VanACC2002_Climbing.htm

Tantalus Hut - go to www.chartwell-consultants.com/echoes/VanACC2002_TantalusHut.htm

Financial - download PDF at: www.chartwell-consultants.com/echoes/VanACC2002_Financial.pdf.

Avalanche Transceivers

The club has three Focus F1 avalanche beacons for rent: \$7/week-end or \$15/week. Contact Chris Bradley 873-9419 or Jane Weller/Ian McGillivray 988-3618.

Lead a Trip!!

Trip organizers of all levels are always welcome and needed. If you can organize a trip, please call the Climbing Coordinator, Pam Krannitz, at 604-946-9942 or send an email to vanacctrips@hotmail.com.

Personalities

Congratulations to **Tony Knight** on being accepted into the 2003 North Face Winter Leadership Course. Enjoy the powder skiing and the learning!

Many thanks to **Doug Williams**, **Lesley Bohm** and **Tami Knight** for donating their beautiful art work to the Mountaineers' Soiree silent auction. Thanks too to **Mary O'Donovan** for her donation of fabulous Granville Island Cookbooks.

Congratulations to **Isabel Budke** and her team of volunteers for pulling off the highly successful 'Best of the Fest' Film Night.

Many thanks to **Chris Bradley** and **Ross Wyborn** of Serratus Mountain Products for their donation of bike panniers to the 'Best of the Fest' raffle.

Bravo to **Jay Straith** on joining the Vancouver International Mountain Film Festival Society Board of Directors.

Best wishes to **Kit Griffin** as he assumes the presidency of the BC Mountaineering Club. Best wishes also to past-president **David Hughes**. May you enjoy a well-earned retirement!

Congratulations to **Peter Pare** on receiving the *Queen's Golden Jubilee* medal for his pulmonary research and work with the BC Lung Association. Wonderful!

Many thanks to **Paul Baker**, **Wes Maedel** and **Don Serl** for instructing a very successful Ice Climbing Workshop at the Coleman Glacier this past fall. Many thanks too to **Susan Hollenberg** for organizing the wonderful Water Colour Painting 'En Plein Air' Workshop at Thanksgiving.

A very warm welcome to all new members since September 1st... **Ken King**, **Patrick Haberl**, **Mandana Amiri**, **Shahriar Mirabbasi**, **Craig Schultz**, **Brenda Schultz**, **Peter Chancey**, **Pamela Sacanli**, **Debora DeNapoli**, **Jessica Sundberg**, **Steve Hamilton**, **Elisa Kreller**, **Wendy Mills**, **Karen McEachern**, **Jamie Purves**, **Sigurd Lefsrud**, **Mark Aussem**, **Mathieu Dorion**, **Jim Hinton**, **John Lawless**, **Candy Rustad**, **Noelle Petre Met den Ancxt**, **Don Cann**, **Norbert Dommel**, **Amber Parranto**, **Lynn Horvat**, **Philippe Fajeau**, **David Hladky**, **Allison Baillie**, **Russell Ritchie**, **Thomas Lee**, **Cam Bennett**, **Hans Burkhardt**, **Daniel Gysel**, **Gethin Rhys Owen**, **Nathaniel Payne**, and **Shannon Ramage**. Get your skis out and join us for some fun!

Literary Tid-Bits for Tent-Bound Days

In the dusk we glided on down Ice Valley cautiously on screeching crust, keeping to our faint upward track for guidance past the lips of sardonic crevasses. Even on the flattish expanse of Corridor Glacier the hoodlum gusts of wind jostled us forward so fast that the effect was almost that of crevasses snapping silently open in front of our ski tips in the lane of light thrown by our lamp. About 10:30 p.m. we took off our skis.

Ragged-lipped crevasses increased in number and size, and warned that we had swung too near the tortured meeting of Corridor and Franklin Glaciers in trying to avoid a similar zone to our left, where the ice crowded round the end of Glacier Island. In such places skis well lashed to the pack-board on one's back reduce risks, as I proved before dawn.

Night but not sleep enclosed our world. The rough-shapen peaks watched alertly, and even in the dark the glacier declared its potency. Its surface whispering was stilled by frost, but the wind shripped some untranslated slogan down the frosty plain. The Milky Way and questing stars were almost disturbingly brilliant, as though swung low this night to light an unfinished work of creation. Fortunate indeed is one privileged to be abroad on such a night with a companion sensitive to the wonder of it all.

Excerpt from The Unknown Mountain, by Don Munday. Page 156

Published by Hodder and Stoughton, 1948

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COAST RANGE CLIMBING CAMP SUMMER 2003

Upper Tellot Glacier, Waddington Range

July 26 to August 10, 2003

Join us for two weeks in the finest alpine playground in the Coast Mountains. Camp will be on the Upper Tellot Glacier at about 3100m, with about 30 summits and 100 routes within an hour's walk. Climbing is mostly mid-to upper-5th class rock, varying between 3 and 8 pitches in length. Half a dozen exceptional quality alpine ice routes between 100m and 225m are also available. Bigger objectives can be accessed within a half day's travel.

Camp participants must be experienced climbers and must come with a partner; the organizer does not act as "social convener". All participants must be members of the Alpine Club of Canada and must sign a liability waiver. Each pair or small group is responsible for their own camping gear, food and cooking, and climbing equipment – objectives are as per taste. Camp limit will be 16 people. Preference will be given to two-week participants, although one-weekers will be considered.

Access/egress will be via helicopter, with Mike King of Whitesaddle Helicopters, flying out of Bluff Lake, 225km west of Williams Lake. A one- to two-hour glacier-walk may be required from the landing site to the camp location, dependant upon weather.

For further information, contact Don Serl:

e-mail: dserl@mec.ca

phone: 604-872-4244

address: 876 West 22nd Ave, Vancouver, BC V5Z 1Z9

Cost per person will be about \$600. Reserve your spot early. Send \$100 deposit (refundable until 30 days before the camp) to the address above. Make cheques out to Alpine Club of Canada, Vancouver Section.

ALPINE CLUB OF CANADA VANCOUVER SECTION
STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENSE AND CHANGE IN BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES

FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2002

(UNAUDITED)

	GENERAL	SPECIAL	SPRING	SUMMER	CABIN	ENDOW- MENT	2002	2001	2000	1999
	ACCOUNT	CAMPS	CAMP	CAMP	ACCOUNT	ACCOUNT				
REVENUE										
MEMBERSHIP	12,049						12,049	11,194	9,865	9,036
RENTALS/SALES	40						40	30	270	75
SAT PHONE RENTAL	710						710	0	0	0
DEFROST IN THE ALPINE	5,000						5,000	510	0	310
WORKSHOP FEES		5,450					5,450	0	0	0
NATIONAL AGM RECEIPTS	483						483	966	0	0
STEIN GUIDE	0						0	490	0	831
CAMP FEES			6,760	16,011			22,771	27,477	15,572	6,986
CABIN FEES					10,034		10,034	5,335	5,160	4,596
INTEREST						5,238	5,238	5,768	5,776	5,123
BEQUEST	0						0	0	2,000	0
TOTAL REVENUES	18,282	5,450	6,760	16,011	10,034	5,238	61,775	51,770	38,643	26,957
EXPENSE										
ECHOES	5,442						5,442	5,712	5,505	4,150
FMCBC	4,956						4,956	3,900	2,711	2,500
HALL RENTAL	1,916						1,916	1,938	1,990	1,870
CONTRIBUTIONS	500						500	50	550	550
MAIN CLUB ITEMS	150						150	250	250	0
NATIONAL AGM COSTS	1,400						1,400	900	0	0
PROMOTION						400	400	400	1,263	500
TELEPHONE	194						194	212	190	107
OFFICE SUPPLIES	191						191	271	43	0
WORKSHOP COSTS		4,805					4,805	0	0	0
ENDOWMENT DSRMNTS						2,952	2,952	3,000	3,000	1,500
CAMP COSTS			6,503	15,013			21,516	25,288	15,035	6,313
CABIN OUTLAYS					3,203		3,203	2,269	1,980	1,302
SAT PHONE PURCHASE	1,059						1,059	0	0	2,135
SAT PHONE OP COSTS	772						772	0	0	0
DEFROST & MISC ITEMS	5,169						5,169	584	1,128	0
TOTAL EXPENSES	21,749	4,805	6,503	15,013	3,203	3,352	54,625	44,774	33,645	20,927
CHANGE BEFORE	-3,467	645	257	998	6,831	1,886	7,150	6,996	4,998	6,030
ADJUSTMENTS	1,900	-645	-257	-998						
NET CHANGE IN ACCOUNT BA	-1,567	0	0	0	6,831	1,886	7,150	6,996	4,998	6,030
CASH IN BANK -BEGINNING OF TRANSFERS	9,416	0	0	0	480	121,307	131,203	124,207	119,209	113,179
FROM LOVELYWATER ACCOUI	7,000				-7,000					
TO ENDOWMENT ACCOUNT	-8,015					8,015				
CASH IN BANK -END OF YEAR	6,834	0	0	0	311	131,208	138,353	131,203	124,207	119,209

ENDOWMENT ACCOUNT DISTRIBUTIONS

	2002		2001		2000		1999
VIMFF	400	VIMFF	400	PRO-MAT	763		
JCWEF	750	JCWEF	1500	JCWEF	1500	JCWEF	1500
H.HUT	2000	H.HUT	1000	MLVN CK	1500		
SEA TO SK'	202	SEA TO SK'	500	PIEPS	851		
TOTAL	3352		3400		4614		1500

Vancouver Section Trip Schedule

Date	Destination	Type/Grade	Organizer	Phone
JANUARY 2003				
12	Diamond Head	ski B2	Richard Keltie	604-738-4583
18	Winter Navigation Workshop	ski B2	Jay McArthur	604-987-1232
18-19	Intro to Winter Camping <i>plus Jan. 6 eve.</i>	ski/shoe B2	Peter Woodsworth	604-254-7076
18-19	Marriott/Rohr*	ski B2-3	Isabel Budke	604-224-5737
22	Telemark Clinic (Cypress)	ski	Chris Bradley	604-873-9419
25	Rainbow Lake	ski B2	Tony Knight	604-873-2276
26	Hollyburn Mtn.	ski A2	Melinda Straight	604-980-9921
25-26	Mt. Steele	ski B2	Rob Brusse	604-224-0747
25-26	Avalanche Safety Course <i>plus Jan.22 eve.</i>	ski B2	Zoran Vasic	604-841-8601
28	Monthly Meeting & Slideshow, 7:30pm at Van Dusen Gardens, W37th & Oak St.			
29	Telemark Clinic (Cypress)*	ski	Isabel Budke	604-224-5737
FEBRUARY				
2	Musical Bumps (via Whistler lifts)	ski B2	David Gunhold	604-968-2238
5	Telemark Clinic (Cypress)	ski	Linda Bily	604-222-1577
6	Map, Compass & GPS Workshop (eve.)class		Tony Knight	604-873-2276
8	Diamond Head	ski B2	Susan Higginbottom	604-925-3742
8-9	Ice climbing, Lilloet area	climb A5	Paul Baker	604-922-6111
8-9	Exploring Manning Park	ski B2	Fern Heitkamp	604-872-4290
15	Telemark Clinic (intermed.)	ski A2	Wayne Yee	604-879-1058
15-16	Mt. Decker/Trorey (via Blackcomb)	ski B2	Tony Knight	604-873-2276
15-16	Mount Cayoosh*	ski B3	Peter Norris	604-240-6087
16	Mt. Sproat	ski B2	Colin Boyd	604-879-3473
16	Hollyburn Big Ski Tour	ski A3	Russ Fretenburg	604-618-5732
18	Weather Workshop	class	Pascal Haegeli	604-738-8088
19	Telemark Clinic (Cypress)*	ski	Isabel Budke	604-224-5737
23	Cerise Creek	ski B2-3	Rob Brusse	604-224-0747
22-23	Mt. Duke	ski B3	Todd Ponzini	604-215-2665
25	Monthly Meeting & Slideshow, 7:30pm at Van Dusen Gardens, W37th & Oak St.			
27	Leadership Workshop	class	Fern Heitkamp	604-872-4290
MARCH				
1	Cayoosh	ski C3	Jane Weller	604-988-3618
1-2	Fat Dog Creek	ski/shoe B2	Liz Scremin	604-921-2651
8-9	Mt. Rohr	ski B2	Tony Knight	604-873-2276
8-9	Sky Pilot (hike, ski, ropes)*	climb C4	Rich Pawlowicz	604-222-3343
9	Singing Pass to Musical Bumps	ski C2	Irene Goldstone	604-689-8737
13-16	Rogers Pass area (Wheeler Hut)	ski B3	Oliver Clemens	604-722-2061
15	Leader's choice	ski B2/3	Tom Hamilton	604-736-1562
22	Diez Vistas	hike B2	Ken Laing	604-708-8526
22-23	Cloudburst Yo-yo	ski B2	Liz Scremin	604 921-2651
25	Monthly Meeting & Slideshow, 7:30pm at Van Dusen Gardens, W37th & Oak St.			
29-30	Snowcave Workshop	ski/shoe B2	Chris Bradley	604-873-9419
APRIL				
2-4	Landscape Photography in Winter	wkshp A1	Doug Williams	604-736-5799
5-6	Mount Baker	ski C3	Pascal Haegeli	604-738-8088
18-22	Mt. Currie to Mt. Wedge Traverse	ski C3	Russ Fretenburg	604-618-5732
18-21	Lizzie Lake	ski B3	Melinda Straight	604-980-9921
19-21	Snowspider Mtn.*	ski C3	Peter Norris	604-240-6087
19	Knight Peak	ski C3	Todd Ponzini	604-215-2665
22	Monthly Meeting & Slideshow, 7:30pm at Van Dusen Gardens, W37th & Oak St.			

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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).

Trip organizers are required to have participants sign the ACC waiver which can be obtained from the climbing schedule organizer, or from: www.alpineclubofcanada.ca/vancouver.

Completed waivers can be mailed to:
 Alpine Club of Canada, Vancouver Section,
 c/o The Federation of Mountain Clubs of B.C.
 47 West Broadway, Vancouver, B.C. V5Y 1P1,
 or given to any member of the executive.

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