



Avalanche Echoes

Alpine Club of Canada - Vancouver Section News

Introduction to Backcountry and Wilder- ness Travel Workshop

July 19-20, 2003

This introductory workshop in summer backcountry travel is geared towards people who want to extend their range of hiking into less accessible areas, but who are not necessarily interested in technical or difficult climbing. Two introductory evening meetings on July 8 and 16 will be followed by a weekend trip on July 19-20. Topics covered include:

- equipment
- low-impact camping practices/skills
- negotiating different kinds of terrain (incl. ice-axe use)

No technical subjects (such as crampons or rope handling) will be covered. Open to all ACC members.

Contact Hans at 604-228-9499.



Rich Haywood photo.

Washington Pass Area, North Cascades Camp

August 9-16, 2003

A great selection of objectives from trail hiking to full on multi-pitch rock-climbing routes on Liberty Bell and surrounding spires. Camping at Lone Fir Campground, just east of Washington Pass on Route 20, only 3.5 hours from Vancouver.

Cost: Shared transportation costs, plus campground fees.

Contact: Peter Woodsworth for information at 604-254-7076

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Next Meeting: Tuesday May 27, 2003 at 7:30 p.m.

Location: Floral Hall, Van Dusen Gardens

W. 37th & Oak Street, Vancouver

**Slide Show: Ski Mountaineering in the Selkirks,
Norway, and Chamonix, with Rich Haywood,
ACMG Assistant Ski Guide**

**Last chance to add a trip to
the summer schedule!
Please send any trips to
vanacctrips@hotmail.com or
to Pam at 604-946-9942
before June 1.**



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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
Family \$66.00
Junior \$22.00 (under 18)

For membership dues, renewals, and changes of address, and booking huts, contact the ACC national office directly: P.O. Box 8040 Canmore, AB, T1W 2T8, fax 403-678-3224, phone 403-678-3200, or e-mail: alclub@telusplanet.net
Website: www.alpineclubofcanada.ca/vancouver

For detailed membership form including upgrades, send SASE to:
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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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Guy Edwards and John Millar lost on Devil's Thumb

With tremendous sadness and some uncertainty, the mountain community is mourning the loss of Guy Edwards and John Millar who have not been seen since April 14. Guy and John were attempting a new route on the north face of the Devil's Thumb, a challenging and remote peak in the Alaska panhandle. When they failed to return to basecamp as scheduled, a third person in their party, Kai Hirvornen, skied out for help. Air searches were immediately carried out without success. No one knows for sure what happened, but avalanche and/or serac fall are both suspected. Guy and John, both graduates of UBC and the Varsity Outdoor Club, were very strong and accomplished mountaineers. Guy leapt into the public eye in 2001 when he and several friends accomplished the first complete ski traverse of the BC Coast Mountains from Vancouver to Skagway, Alaska. John's energy and skill are celebrated in the so-named 'Millar's High Life Traverse', a 22 km long technical high altitude ridge traverse between Mt. Wood and Mt. Steele in the St. Elias Mountains. John and several friends completed the first traverse of this ridge in 1998. The two men will be remembered by many friends and climbing companions. The Executive of the Vancouver Section sends sincere condolences to their family.

Hut Custodians Needed

Custodians are still needed at the Elizabeth Parker and Stanley Mitchell Huts on the following dates:

Elizabeth Parker: June 20-26; Sept 28-Oct 2

Stanley Mitchell: June 21-27; July 30-Aug 1; Aug 30-Sept 5; Sept 20-24

If you have been a custodian in the past, or would like to get involved now, please visit our website www.AlpineClubofCanada.ca for more information or contact the Facilities Administration Manager at lmclain@AlpineClubofCanada.ca or 403-678-3200 ext.104

Special Offer to ACC members from Seratus

New, lightweight expedition pack available to ACC members at wholesale price - for a limited time only. Contact Chris Bradley at 604-444-3348

Invitation To The ACC Vancouver Section - Calgary Section Summer Camp in the Freshfield Group

Vancouver Section members are invited to join the Calgary Section Summer Camp in the Freshfields. The camp is self-guided, self-catered, and self-managed so participants should have the requisite skills and be prepared to contribute in every way to ensure a successful and safe camp. In particular, all participants are expected to act as trip or rope leaders. Participants will walk in to basecamp, located at 7500' just north of the Campbell Icefield, west of Mt. Freshfield (10,945 ft.). Gear will be flown in by helicopter. This remote group is seldom visited and rarely approached from the west. Basecamp will provide close access to Mt. Freshfield while Mount Barnard (10,955'), the tallest of the group, is about 5 km south of the camp. Four more peaks on the Divide (Pilkington, Prior, Walker, Bulyea) will be accessible to the south and two (Dent, Pangman) to the north. There are variety of objectives from scrambles to some first ascent possibilities, eg, the SW. ridges of Mt. Barnard and Mt Freshfield.

Week 1: Jul 26 - Aug 02

Week 2: Aug 2-9

Week 3: Aug 9-16

Week 4: Aug 16-23

Cost: Approximately \$125

For more information or an application form contact Bill Marriott (wdm1td@shaw.ca)

Also see www.alpineclubofcanada.ca/calgary/summer/summercamp.html

Invitation to The ACC Vancouver Section - A Coastal Canoe Trip

This August, eight ACCers are invited to join ACC member Chris Cooper on his canoe expedition from Burnett Bay to Port McNeill, BC. Travel will be by Montreal canoe (the traditional Canadian eastern canoe), which accommodates 10 people comfortably. Itinerary: From Port Hardy on Vancouver Island, water taxi out to Burnett Bay on the mainland coast. Spend two to three days at Burnett Bay then travel by 37 foot Montreal canoe down the coast (Queen Charlotte Strait) to Port McNeill via Shelter Bay, Raynor Group, Fife Sound, Insect Island, Gilford Island, Village Island, Mound Island, Hanson Island, and Alert Bay. Arrive Port McNeill.

Dates: August 1 to 12/14, 2003 (10-12 days

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plus two extra days for poor weather)

Cost: \$500.00 plus GST; \$100 deposit will hold your spot.

Full payment required by July 1. Make cheques payable to "Chris Cooper".

The fee includes: Montreal canoe rental, water taxi services, group canoe equipment, emergency gear, charts, VHF, and cell phone. Participants will need to arrange for their own food and transport to and from Port Hardy. Chris will send out a detailed itinerary and list of gear to bring. Waiver of liability forms and medical forms must be signed prior to departure.

For more info and to join, contact Chris Cooper at T: 604-465-9320, F: 604-465-2123, email coopersadventures@shaw.ca Also check out [www.coopersadventurephotography.com/BC Coast](http://www.coopersadventurephotography.com/BC%20Coast) (Chris will be in the Arctic from May 20 to late June. During that time contact Liz Scremin at 604-921-2651 or liz@pensiarno.com)

ACC to run Kokanee Glacier Cabin

The Alpine Club of Canada has been awarded a contract by BC Parks to operate the new Kokanee Glacier Cabin, as well as the Woodbury and Silverspray Cabins and the Kaslo Lake campground in Kokanee Glacier Provincial Park, north of Nelson, B.C. Operation will begin in June, 2003. The stunning new Kokanee Glacier Cabin is located to best take advantage of the endless backcountry hiking and skiing terrain. Visitors will enjoy an experience they will not forget!

The Kokanee Glacier Cabin was built as a result of campaign efforts carried out in memory of Michel Trudeau and the many other Canadians who have lost their lives enjoying Canada's backcountry. The national Kokanee Glacier Alpine Campaign, spearheaded by BC Parks in 2000, with the support of the Friends of West Kootenay Parks and the family of former Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau raised over \$900,000. The funding was used to build the new alpine hut, to raise national awareness about backcountry safety, and to restore the historic Slocan Chief Cabin in Kokanee Glacier Provincial Park as a backcountry interpretive centre. In addition, \$40,000 was donated to the Canadian Avalanche Association to help maintain the Public Avalanche Bulletin and ensure it is regularly updated.

For more information on the Kokanee Glacier Park facilities visit the ACC's website at

www.AlpineClubofCanada.ca

To make a reservation at the Kokanee Glacier Cabin, Woodbury Cabin, Silverspray Cabin, or Kaslo Lake Campground, call the ACC at 403-678-3200, ext. 1 or email info@AlpineClubofCanada.ca

Personalities

Congratulations to **Liz Wright** and **Jon Chaney** on the birth of their first child, Nicola. May you have tons of fun taking her on her first hikes this summer!

A warm welcome to... **David Harrison, Audrey Pearson, Trudy Lancelyn, Tara Pierce, Russell March, Theodore Dodd, Monica Dodd, and Lisa Krueckl**... all new members since March 1, 2003.

Landscape and Nature Photography Workshops at Lake Lovelywater

1. July 28-31, \$350.00, \$325.00 for ACC members

2. September 19-21, \$275.00, \$250.00 for ACC members

Includes cabin fees, helicopter and instruction. Participants meet a week before to plan and discuss photography skills and equipment.

We also meet after to critique each others' work. Two instructors, Doug Williams and Barry Peterson; maximum 14 participants.

Lakes, meadows, waterfalls. Boats available. A great place to learn and practice photography.

Doug Williams 604-736-5799

www.dwphotography.com

Coast Range Climbing Camp - Upper Tellot Glacier, Waddington Range

July 26 to August 10, 2003

High quality rock and ice climbs in a superb setting. For details contact Don Serl at 604-872-4244; email: dserl@telus.net

4th Annual Rogers Pass Camps

Week 1: July 26 - Aug 2
Rogers Pass North

Week 2: Aug 16 - 23
Rogers Pass South

Still space available! For more info contact Rob Brusse at 604-224-0747 or robasseekbrusse@aol.com

letter from the chair

The Perfect Outhouse

by Liz Scremin

Come August, some of you may see a fully built outhouse whisk across the sunny Squamish sky. Whomp, whomp, womp. A helicopter will carry it to the Serratus-Dione Col, future home of the Jim Haberl Hut. With advice from the National Huts Committee and lots of hard work by our own hut committee, the outhouse plans along with plans for the hut itself are now being finalized. Points to consider:

- Just how do you pressurize the outhouse and de-pressurize the barrel room, so the fumes go down the hole and not up?

- Which way should the door face, so the helicopter can safely airlift the full barrels?

- What material should be used on the barrel room floor so someone can actually move the heavy barrels?

- What is the preferred material for the barrels?

- Can we really install a urinal to minimize waste that we fly out?

- Which way should the window face for the view?

- What magazines would people prefer to see in the rack?

Leadership Development Workshop

June 21-22, 2003

Don't miss this great opportunity!

Hosted by the Vancouver Section, a leadership development professional will work with us to focus on leading groups, teambuilding, decision making, and risk assessment. There will also be some technical skill development such as map and compass work, and navigation.

We'll be staying in Pemberton at the home of ACC member Mary Henderson; leaving on Friday after work so that we get a full two days in. There will be a BBQ on the Saturday night, and day hikes in the Tenquille Lake, Miller Creek, and Joffre Lakes areas.

If you have been leading trips for the club and would like a refresher on leadership skills, or if you would like to lead more ACC trips, this will be a great weekend for you!

To register, please email Deren Sentesy at Derens@yahoo.com, or contact Fern Hietkamp at 604-872-4290, or email: Fern_Hietkamp@hotmail.com. Cost: \$20. Space is limited so sign up early!

Date	Destination	Type/Grade	Organizer	Phone
MAY				
1-5	Spearhead Traverse (joint VOC)	ski C3	Tony Knight	604-873-2276
4	Mt Brunswick	hike B2	Richard Keltie	604-738-4583
11	Mt. Ellesmere	hike B2/C2	John Sapac	604-873-6740
10-11	Top Rope Review <i>plus one evening prior</i>	climb A5	Kit Griffin	604-736-8462
17	Homeopathic First Aid Workshop	eve.wkshp	Canteris Hartley	604-984-3266
24	Cloudburst	ski B2/3	Klaus Haring	604-984-4036
25	Elk-Thurston Ridge*	hike B2	Lisa Baile	604-732-5555
27	Monthly Meeting & Slideshow, 7:30pm at Van Dusen Gardens, W37th & Oak St.			
28	Evening Rockclimbing at Squamish	climb A5	Graham Rowbotham	604-876-9279
31	Silvertip Mtn.	climb C3	Todd Ponzini	604-215-2665
31	Mt. Baker <i>(leave Friday)</i>	ski C3	Jay MacArthur	604-987-1232
31 Or 1	Ben Lomond	bike/hikeC3/4	Ian McGillivray	604-988-3618
JUNE				
7-8	Mt. Roderick	hike B2	Gwendal Castellan	604-224-0299
8	North Shore Family Hike	hike A1	Karen Johnson	604-990-4338
8	Mt. Rohr	hike B2	Nikola Tokic/Zoran Vasic	604-438-9066
14	Williams Peak	hike C2	Wes Maedel	604-990-3526
28	North Twin Sister*	bike/climbD4	Margaret Hanson	604-341-5961
14	Squamish mountain bike	bike B2	Mike Kololen	604-576-9767
21	McDonald Pk./Mt. Webb	hike B2	Olga Turok	604-228-0628
21-22	Mystery Hike	hike B2	Gary Shorthouse	604-801-2632
21-22	Leadership Development Workshop	B3	Deren Sentesy	604-887-0475
24	Monthly Meeting & Slideshow, 7:30pm at Van Dusen Gardens, W37th & Oak St.			
28	Crown Mtn./The Camel	hike B3	Olga Turok	604-228-0628
28-July1	South Chilcotins	hike B2	Henny Coates	604-732-4613
JULY				
5	Wedge Mtn.	CLIMB D4	Margaret Hanson	604-341-5961
12	Squamish mountain bike	bike	Mike Koolen	604-576-9767
13	MacDonald Pk./Mt. Webb	hike B2	Nikola Tokic/Zoran Vasic	(604) 643-7670
19	Mt. Capilano	bike/hikeB2/3	Ian McGillivray	604-988-3618
19-20	Mt. Fissile	climb C4	Paul Baker	604-922-6111
19-20	Mt. Matier*	climb B4	Marco Iucolino	604-605-6003
26	Mt. Frosty	hike B2	Roger Bean	604-530-4983
26-27	Joffre enchainment	climb D4	Wes Maedel	604-990-3526
AUGUST				
9-10	Mt. Cayoosh*	climb B3	Marco Iucolino	604-605-6003
17	W. Lion & W. Lion Loop	hike B2/3	Nikola Tokic/Zoran Vasic	604 643-7670
16-17	Ossa Mtn.	climb C4	Todd Ponzini	604-215-2665
16-17	Mountain Lake Hut*	climb BC3/4	Meriza Bennington	604-984-8766
30- Sept 1	Winthrop WA mountain bike <i>(joint Vancouver Bike Club tour)</i>		Mike Koolen	604-576-9767
30-Sept. 1	Skihyst	climb C4	Ian McGillivray	604-988-3618
SEPTEMBER				
6-7	Sun God Mt.	climb C3	Marco Iucolino	604-605-6003
6-8	McGillivray Pass	hike b2	Pam Krannitz	604-946-9942
13	Mystery trip	hike B2	Ilze Rupners	604-222-3720
14	Mt. Rexford	climb C3	Nikola Tokic/Zoran Vasic	604-643-7670
20	Cloudburst Mtn.	hike B2	Jay MacArthur	604-987-1232
20	Crown/Camel climbing workshop	climb A5	Rob Brusse	604-224-0747
21	Crown/Camel climbing workshop	climb A5	Rob Brusse	604-224-0747
20-21	Van Horlick Area	climb B3	Ian McGillivray	604-988-3618
23	Monthly Meeting & Slideshow, 7:30pm at Van Dusen Gardens, W37th & Oak St.			
TBA	Black Peak (N. Cascades)	climb C5	Margaret Hanson	604-341-5961
OCTOBER				
4	Lady Peak or Needle Peak	climb B3	Chris Drotar	604-576-2757
5	Mt.MacFarlane	hike B2-3	Nikola Tokic/Zoran Vasic	604-643-7670
28	Monthly Meeting & Slideshow, 7:30pm at Van Dusen Gardens, W37th & Oak St.			
	* Joint ACC/BCMC			

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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