



Avalanche Echoes

Alpine Club of Canada - Vancouver Section News



Mountain River, NWT, Trudy in the bow. Photo by Karen Tippett

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Next Meeting: Tuesday October 28th, 2003 at 7:30 p.m.

Location: Floral Hall, Van Dusen Gardens

W. 37th & Oak Street, Vancouver

Slide show: Whitewater canoeing in the Northwest Territories

Mountain River, the Natla River and the Keele River, by Trudy Rey



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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
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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

GOOD PEOPLE WANTED

The fourth Tuesday in November is our Annual General Meeting, and once again the Club will be looking for new volunteers to join the Section executive. There are so many different positions on the executive, each with its own unique role and tasks. Some roles are simple and others are more involved. All are highly rewarding! Taking part in the executive is an opportunity to meet great people, learn new skills, make a real difference in the world and gain a sense of belonging. Traditionally people take on a position for a year or two, then pass it on to another keen member. The following positions will be vacated this November:

Chair - be a cheerleader for the Club and provide support to all the exec; chair the monthly executive and Van Dusen meetings

Email Administrator - distribute the newsletter electronically to all members on the email list

Newsletter Editor - collect articles and photos; do the newsletter layout nine times per year

Programs Coordinator - book slideshow presenters for the Van Dusen meetings)

Promotions Coordinator - represent the Club at public events; assemble and staff the display

Socials Coordinator - purchase and set out the coffee, tea and cookies for the Van Dusen meetings

Climbing Coordinator - canvas members to create the schedule of week-end trips for publication

Access & Environment Chair - head a committee of volunteers working on A&E issues to protect the areas we love and our access to them

Other positions may also come available; so stay tuned. For more information about any and all positions on the newsletter masthead, please contact Liz Scremin (604-921-2651; liz@pensiamo.com). She'll be happy to tell you all about them!

Volunteers Needed for Lions Bay Search & Rescue

Lions Bay Search and Rescue is seeking experienced hikers and climbers from Lions Bay, the North Shore or Vancouver. Pre-requisites: extensive hiking experience, flexible work schedule or employer and a general familiarity with ropes and knots. Commitment: 2 hours of training every Monday night, 1 year as a Member-in-Training, then on call 24-7, minimum 3 year commitment. Benefits: helping people in need, free training (mountain travel skills, rope rescue, navigation, first aid and more), local mountains expertise. Challenges: long-term commitment, 2am callouts during terrible weather, missing work and/or going in exhausted after being out all night. If interested please contact Craig Oliver 604-990-0885 for an application form.

Volunteers Needed for Coquitlam Search & Rescue

Coquitlam Search and Rescue is eagerly looking for new members to join their SAR team. Check the following link for a Press Release (PDF format) on their website that outlines what they're looking for in members, how to go about applying, who to contact and how to find out more about Search and Rescue in BC. http://www.coquitlam-sar.bc.ca/IMMEDIATE_RELEASE_Recruit.pdf

FOR SALE: Arc'Teryx Bora 95 Backpack

Standard 92L (MEC \$418 inc. tax) Great condition; Good for putting all your gear inside! Comfortable and durable for backpacking, mountaineering, or ski-touring. 2 years old: \$299.00 Call Tania @ 604-738-0696

letter from the chair

“The Tradition”

by Liz Scremin

Canada’s mountains and vast wilderness continue to attract people from all over the world and many of those people join the ACC to meet locals and access trips. In the last year, I’ve met so many climbers and skiers from various parts of Britain and it never fails to amaze me. Inevitably, they ALL ask the same thing... “So, does your Club have a pub night?”

“Well, uh, no. We used to.” I always answer, feeling terribly staid. Canadians! We’re so clean cut and healthy. But it’s true. We used to. How many of you remember? Through the 1970s and into the early 80s, climbers regularly gathered every Wednesday evening at the Ivanhoe Pub, next to the VIA railway station on Main Street. Not the best part of town, mind you. Definitely a come-as-you-are place. Still there was a regular crowd. Not surprisingly talk centered around who’d done what route and just what grade it REALLY was. An official book was kept at the pub to register first ascents at Squamish. A lot of new routes were being done back then. So what happened? Well... Expo 86 happened and the area was overrun with tourists and the tradition just died out.

So the question now is... is it time to revitalize the tradition? Climbers are still a social lot. Plus they need something to fill those long dark wet Fall days. So how about a pub night every third Tuesday of the month? Say Culpepper’s on Broadway or Pemberton Station in North Vancouver??? Both are a bit more upscale but still pretty relaxed. The Club is open to suggestions. If there’s a groundswell of support for the idea and someone to get the ball rolling, we will of course publicize it widely. (It’s okay by me as long as I can stick with gingerale. Such a wimp! I know you prefer scotch, Tami, but will Guinness do?) Well? Just an idea!

Literary Tid-bits for Tentbound Days

Still, the last sad memory hovers round, and sometimes drifts across like floating mist, cutting off sunshine and chilling the remembrance of happier times. There have been joys too great to be described in words, there have been griefs upon which I have not dared to dwell; and with these in mind I say:

Climb if you will, but remember that courage and strength are naught without prudence, and that a momentary negligence may destroy the happiness of a lifetime. Do nothing in haste; look well to each step; and from the beginning think what may be the end.

*Excerpt from: Scrambles Amongst the Alps - In the Years 1860-69, by Edward Whymper
Published by John Murray Publishers Ltd., 1871. pp 285-287*

Learn Orienteering In The Wilderness

A One-day Intensive Training Session at Brandywine Falls

Date: November 8th

Where: Meet at the parking lot at Brandywine Provincial Park, south of Whistler

Cost: Take just one of the sessions below or the total package for \$80.00 (free T-shirt included). A group of 10+ ACC participants will get 25% off plus the free T-shirt.

Session 1 \$25 - 9:00-10:00am

Maps, compass use, components, differences, declination and how to deal with it, how to orient a map and keep it oriented at all times, Follow the Leader Game

Session 2 \$45 - 10:00-1:00pm

Navigational techniques, what if? worst case scenarios in the wilderness and how to deal with them, getting lost, re-location techniques and strategies for prevention

Lunch 1:00-2:00pm

Session 3 \$25 - 2:00-4:00pm

Option 1: Game... you are taken away and dropped in the wilderness to find your way back, applying all you have learned OR Option 2: Game... you are given a map and a compass to find 5 check points in any order as fast as you can.

For more info and to register, contact Zoran Vasic at 604-841-8601 or zoran_vasic@canaccord.com

North Face Leadership Course

The next winter North Face Leadership course is January 10th to 17th. We are encouraging keen ACC leaders and members to apply for the spots that are still open. October 25th is the deadline for applications.

The TNF course will take place in the Esplanade Range on the Eastern edge of the Selkirk mountains based at Golden Alpine Holiday’s Vista Lodge. The objective of this training week is to develop personal skills and abilities in order to lead or assist in leading groups of ACC members on ski mountaineering trips. The course will deal with leadership skills including, rope handling skills, glacier travel, route planning and selection, navigation, crevasse rescue systems, group dynamics, interaction and management, and emergency-situation management. Applications forms are available on our website at <http://www.alpineclubofcanada.ca/activities/leadership.html#winter>

Contact Liz Scremin (604-921-2651) if you are interested in applying for this opportunity.

Trip Report

Elk and Thurston Mountains: May 25, 2003

by Alan James - Perth Australia

Commercial fast-food outlet parking lots provide a good meeting place early on a Sunday morning. The Vancouverites met our fearless leaders (Lisa and Peter) at Wendy's on the corner of Boundary and Grandview. Being keen newcomers, Anna and I arrived first. The names of the next two fellow walkers were intimidating - Tibor and Zoran suggested a cultural heritage of hiking, mountaineering and toughness. In fact Zoran, who travelled with us to the start point, confirmed this view by alluding to his hiking CV during our drive to the next rendezvous - Russia, the Alps, the Rockies, the Dolomites. We had been up the back of Stawamus Chief two days previously but decided not to mention it. It was interesting to hear of his travels and struggles from war-torn Yugoslavia to Vancouver. Climbing and hiking were obviously an important part of his life, rather than an occasional (necessarily, due to the isolation and topography of Perth) diversion for us. He spoke with the zeal I recognised in Australians when talking about favourite surfing locations.

We met the out-of-towners on the side of the road in dairy country. We were surrounded by lush cow pastures on an overcast, drizzly day - invigorating and refreshingly typical of BC. After making use of the amenities (the nearby tree and nearby ditch), the convoy moved on to the starting point, which unfortunately had been used as a rubbish tip from time to time. The wet and heavily overcast conditions and a dim prospect of sunshine later suggested that a slow pace might bring the reward of late views. This suited us, since we were afraid of holding the group up. We all changed into our gear, some putting more on and some (the more experienced) taking extras off. Anna had no boots and only tennis shoes and it was decided that she should wear socks, plastic bags, socks and shoes since snow was expected upstairs. She only had one tennis racket so left it behind - snowshoe humour.

The start was steep and everyone soon heated up and stripped to the bare essentials. Although visibility was limited, the downward view through the trees was beautiful from our up-sloping ridge, and the quiet of the woods was very peaceful.

Grouse, in the mood for love, could occasionally be heard through the trees. Fortunately, rain was minimal. At the first "viewpoint", Lisa described the scene beyond the mist including the mountains to the North and the Chilwack River and surrounding district to the south - the only southern view (in clear skies) from the trail. Lisa's toffees were welcome and we pressed onwards and upward. Too early for any but a few very early flowers (Indian paintbrush and wild strawberries). Steep drops away to the South of the trail put us to imagining furious downhill skiing. Snow was rare, being present only on the upper reaches of the trail, just around the edge of the treeline. Anna's plastic bags held up well.

At the summit we stopped by the large cairn and decided to have lunch and admire the clouds. Very rapid drops in temperature had everyone diving for all their warm gear. Anna thanked Alan for insisting on her bringing her heavy top - hard to imagine that it would be so cold at the top from the start point at 3000 ft. Peter and Lisa once again described the magnificent views of Mt. Baker and other peaks to be seen across the border (on a clear day). I was disappointed at not getting a closer look at Baker whose peak I had enjoyed from the distance of downtown Vancouver on the steps of St. Paul's Hospital when I was working there.

Since we had apparently crossed a peak earlier, a debate arose regarding which peak we were actually on. Maps and altimeters were consulted. Hard to tell from the map and although the altimeter reading was closer to Elk Mt. than Mt. Thurston, it had not been calibrated so could be interpreted either way. Lunch was much enjoyed and a vote was taken - go on or return. With little hope of views improving, the majority decision was to return. Three went on. The return trip was a pleasant stroll down through the open meadows and the quiet trees. We came upon a grouse (a big one apparently) standing stock-still among the underbrush and almost dissolving from view, even under the gaze of the onlookers, but given away immediately with movement. It was enjoyable to chat with our old friends Peter and Lisa and some new friends from the BCMC and ACC. Back at the start point, we were soon joined by the extra 3 trekkers who had initially decided to go on. They soon turned back to follow us since the trail had petered out in the snow soon after the cairn. This renewed speculation that we had reached the peak of

Mt. Thurston after all, having walked beyond Elk Mt.

Candidates for apres-hike refreshments included the local legendary pies at a local airfield, however coffee and cake at Tim Horton's won the day. We followed Zif in his green early model Mini Cooper S to the nearest outlet. Having got up to a mountain top (still not sure which one) and back in the fog without losing the trail, we managed to get temporarily separated in the suburbs. We pressed on hoping to catch up with the others. Fortunately the road eventually ran out or we may still be on our way to Mexico. We doubled back and eventually enjoyed a strange-tasting coffee concoction at TH's

Although the views on the walk were limited (to 200 metres) it was agreed by all that as an early season hike, the climb was a good work-out for the muscles and tendons and cobwebs. We had met a number of interesting fellow-climbers and learnt a few more things about putting a good hiking kit together (including being prepared for very cold weather and wearing boots!). Also learnt that it is very difficult to tell exactly where you are in limited visibility, even with very experienced mountaineers! An altimeter is useless if not calibrated. We look forward to another chance to see those views. As we drove back to Vancouver the skies gradually cleared, although it was doubtful if it was going to clear completely. Perhaps it would have been a good day to go late, but like most walkers I like to start early.

Although I was in Vancouver for only a week, and although Zif lived out of town, we ran into Zif by chance the very next day in the Mountain Equipment Co-op on Broadway. We greeted each other like old friends. We were new friends at least, having shared a pleasant hike the previous day.

Back in the flatlands of Western Australia, enjoying the blustery winter rains and preparing for a scorching summer, I miss the overcast and misty quiet of the woods in the steep mountain trails around Vancouver in beautiful BC. I look forward to another chance to get a closer look at Mount Baker.

Participants: Elizabeth and John Stewart, Tibor Galler, Michael Fuhrmann, Arnie Wilson and Monica Durgon, Andre Dobos, Zif, Pascal Roussel, Zoran Vasic, Dee Costa, Alan (reporter) and Anna James, Peter Paré and Lisa Baile (organizers).

A Query About F.C.Bell

Dr. (also Col.) "Fred" Bell was the name-source for Mount Bell in the Waddington Range, named by the Mundays in 1926. At the time, he was President of the Alpine Club of Canada (1926-1928), during the late '50s and early '60s he was Honorary Librarian, and later, for an unusually long period (1964-1971), he was Honorary President of the Club. He was the son of Charles Napier Bell, a member of the 1870 Wolsley expedition which explored parts of the prairies in what later became Saskatchewan, who later became a stalwart of Winnipeg business and one of the founders of the Manitoba Historical Society.

Bell's first wife, Dorothy, is the name-source for the prominent rock peak southwest of Bell. She was the first "lady" to serve as "Chairman" (the word used, despite the gender, and apparently without embarrassment, in less politically-correct earlier times) of the Vancouver section, in 1938-39. She also seems to have been a very talented artist.

Three years after Dorothy's untimely death in 1954 [obit: CAJ'55, pp53-55], Bell remarried. His second wife, Marcella, and he worked hard on re-establishing and re-organizing the Club library, and on integrating a large bequest collection into it. Elizabeth Walker, also late of this section, contributed mightily. The library eventually found a permanent home in the Archives of the Whyte Museum in Banff. Marcella died in 1996 [obit: CAJ'97 pp124-5].

My question: so far as I can find, no obituary for this highly important personage in the ACC ever appeared in the *Canadian Alpine Journal*. I suspect he died in 1971 or 1972; this was during the editorships of Andrew Gruft and then Moira Irvine, when obituaries seem to have excluded from the *Journal*.

Does anyone know the tale behind this seemingly rather exceptional oversight? Was there an obit in the local *Avalanche Echoes*? And if anyone has more information about Dr. Bell and his contributions to Canadian mountaineering and to the ACC, I'd love to hear more:

Don Serl: 604-872-4244; dserl@telus.net



Photo by Karen Tippett

ACC National Safety Committee Needs a BC Rep.

The ACC National Safety Committee is looking for representation from BC. If you are interested in safety in the mountains in any aspect--from gear to training to access to search and rescue operations--and would like to contribute a BC perspective to the national Alpine Club committee, please contact Fern Hietkamp at 604-872-4290 or Fern_Hietkamp@hotmail.com (Vancouver Section Executive), or contact the Safety Committee Chair, Dave McCormick (Saskatchewan Section), directly, at davemcc@shaw.ca.

Introduction to Winter Camping Workshop

Sat and Sun, Jan. 10-11, 2003

(evening lesson Jan. 5)

Mount Seymour area

Contact Peter Woodsworth for more information at 604-254-7067.

Trip Report
ACC Vancouver Section Summer 2003 Camp:
Upper Tellot Glacier

by Don Serl

Ten people enjoyed mostly hot and sunny weather on the Upper Tellot Glacier in late July and early August, weather which allowed many pleasant ascents of the fine rock and ice routes which abound in the area, all within short walks of our campsite on the snow just southeast of Dragonback. Established routes which were climbed include:

Dragon's Tail Ridge, Diagonal Route, and the Traverse on Dragonback; the Down-Markey on Eaglehead; Argewicz South Buttress; the Northwest Arete of Tellot Spire Number One; Hidden Couloir and Northwest Ridge on Serra Two; East Ridge of Serra One; West Face of Stiletto Needle; East Buttress of the Blade; the Ice Funnel on Dentiform; and West Ridge of Claw Peak. As well, the 1500m TD South Ridge of Serra Two got both a complete ascent from Sunny Knob (Miller and Nugent – the biggest undertaking of the camp) and a variation climb of its 500m upper portion, reached by a traverse across the southeast faces of Serras One and Two (Ales and Rowbotham).

There were several new routes and variations completed:

- Stiletto Needle, variation direct start to Abrons-Milliken (2p, 5.10): Ales, Rowbotham.
- The Blade, variation start to the East Buttress (2p, 5.9): Miller, Nugent.
- Tellot Spire #1, Southeast Face (D+ 4p 5.11- A1): Ales, Bellin, Rowbotham.
- Dragonback, South Spur (AD+ 3p, 5.8): Froschauer, Hunt, Mason.
- Serra Two, East Ridge (D+ 7p 5.10+): Bellin, Serl.
- Serra One, North Face (D+ WI3+ M5/6): Bellin, Serl.

The only disappointments were that Ales and Rowbotham put in three attempts to reach and climb the Grand Cappuccino, none of them successful; that conditions (first too warm, then stormy) forbade ascents of the Ice Chimneys on Stiletto Peak, the only major "target" summit to escape being climbed; and that the weather went kinda crappy for the final 4 days of the camp (bad enough to force us to drag horrendous loads down to the flats of the Tellot to get flown out, although not so bad as to impede descent to the Plummer Hut and mass ascents of the West Ridge).

The good times were enjoyed by: Silvia Alessi and Luca Bellin from Italy; Toby Froschauer, Jeff Hunt, and Jesse Mason; Robert Nugent and Ade Miller; Janez Ales and Graham Rowbotham; and your intrepid organizer and reporter, Don Serl.

Volunteer at the
Banff Mountain Book and Film Festival

If you would like to go to the Banff Mountain Book and/or Film Festival that's coming up (Nov. 1 - Nov. 9), you can get some free tickets for events by volunteering. There are two ways to volunteer.

1) To volunteer with the food concessions run by the Alpine Club, contact Paul Zettel at the National office.
403-678-3299 or pzettel@AlpineClubofCanada.ca

2) You can also volunteer with the Festival itself, which is a lot of fun (e.g. meeting other volunteers, attending volunteer events). You can see the schedule at

<http://www.banffmountainfestivals.ca/festivals/book>

<http://www.banffmountainfestivals.ca/festivals/film>

From Wed Oct 29 - Sunday Nov. 9, there are shifts for Kit Stuffing, Information Booth and Programs staffing.

To volunteer with this part of the Festival, please contact Carla Sharp, Festivals Coordinator.

charla_sharp@banffcentre.ca

Phone: 403-762-6437

Fax: 403-762-6277

What's New at the ACC National Club

Fern Hietkamp, ACC Vancouver Section; National Club Representative

Volunteering

The National website now has a bulletin board for volunteer recruitment. Both the National Club and the Sections can post volunteer needs. Tip: volunteering at the National Club is a great way to get to know other people from across the country who you may eventually visit and climb with!

Huts

The Facilities Committee is asking all ACC members to help better manage the issue of trespassers in ACC huts. A booking system is in place (phone the National Office), but there are a significant number of hut users who do not make reservations with the Club, and so don't pay hut fees. This creates a number of problems for legitimate users, such as diminished experience due to crowding, higher operating costs and fees to cover unpaid-for maintenance and service expenses, potential unpleasantness and tension when trespassers are identified by a custodian or other hut users, and potential difficulties with the Club's relationship with Parks Canada when hut capacities are exceeded (for huts located in Parks). In an effort to deal with this problem, the Club is asking legitimate users of the huts to help by offering to act as hut custodian at the time of reservation; by always carrying your reservation document with you when you visit a hut and showing it to a custodian on request; and by providing moral support to any custodian or other hut user who is caught in the unfortunate position of having to enforce Club policy.

Alpine Accidents in Canada Database

The Alpine Accidents in Canada database has been updated to include information on 914 Canadian mountaineering accidents. The site has been visited 13,000 times and averages about 1000 visits per month.

Climate Change

At the spring 2003 National Board meeting, the Board endorsed the ACC developing a role in looking at how climate change is affecting the alpine environment. Ian Bruce's (Vancouver Section member!) brochure will be sent out in the fall with the Gazette, and the ACC will be involved in activities on this issue (e.g. discussion forums, educational sessions) in the future.

ACC Centennial Committee

Events continue to be developed. Examples of events to celebrate the Club's 100th anniversary planned to date include: the Summer 2005 GMC which will celebrate the 100th year of organizing and running mountain camps and tourism in Alberta; a camp at Stanley Mitchell Hut in July 2006 to mark the first ACC camp which was held in the Yoho Pass area; a camp in the Yukon in 2006; a 100th edition of the CAJ, which will be a two-volume set of essays and articles on the contribution the Club has made to Canadian mountaineering and culture over the last century; a project to scan all CAJs; and ACC National plans to host the UIAA General Assembly's International World Mountaineering Annual Meeting in Banff in 2006 (watch for the volunteer opportunities!) Anyone interested in more information on these opportunities can contact Mike Mortimer, chair of the ACC Centennial Committee, at mmortimer@telus.net, or Fern Hietkamp (Vancouver Section), who is the Section representative on the Centennial Committee, at fern_hietkamp@hotmail.com.

The Sections have also been asked to put forward ideas for events to mark the ACC Centennial. So far, the Vancouver Section has put forward the following for 2006:

Mt. Waddington camp; Mt. Fairweather climb; Tantalus Range camp; Tahumming traverse. We would make these camps open to ACC Sections from across the country—so look for climbers from across Canada in 2006!

Membership Fees

The ACC National Club has asked the Sections to consider an increase in membership fees. The need for this relates to the cost of membership services, as well as the need to ensure that the hut revenues pay for hut maintenance and are not used to subsidize membership services. The Vancouver Section executive has written a letter to the National Club indicating that raising fees will make it increasingly difficult for the Vancouver Section to attract and retain members. The matter will be discussed further at the November 2003 board meeting.

A New Trail Around Indian Arm

Don McPherson, power engineer for the City of Vancouver, climber, and trail-builder extraordinaire, has just completed what he says is his finest work ever – an ambitious trail circumnavigating Indian Arm. The trail connects with existing trails on both ends: on the western side, it connects with the trail that links Elsay Peak with Mount Seymour Park. On the eastern edge, it links up with Dilly-Dally Trail at Buntzen Lake. It is marked with flag-

ging tape and orange aluminum markers nailed to trees. More of a route than a manicured trail, hikers need to be fit and have some mountaineering skills. Don expects it will take about four days of steady walking to complete the trek.

Don grew up in Nevada and California, where his father was a logger and prospector who frequently took him into the wilderness. At the University of Washington mountaineering club he discovered

climbing, and moved to Vancouver in the late '60's, where he has become well known as a climber and trail builder. In the 1980's he and Phil Severy built the trail up Grouse Mountain. Little did they know it would see over 100,000 ascents a year! Of his new trail around Indian Arm, he says, "It will never rival the Grouse Grind in popularity. But it will be there for the hard core."

Alpine Club Trip Schedule

THE ALPINE CLUB OF CANADA

VANCOUVERSECTION
TRIP SCHEDULE
SPRING/SUMMER 2002

| Date | Destination | Type | Grade | Organizer | Phone |
|--|--|-----------|-------|--------------------------|--------------|
| OCTOBER | | | | | |
| 19 | Coliseum Mtn | bike-hike | B/C2 | Helen Habgood | 604-984-6842 |
| 26 | Campbell Lake | hike | A2 | Tania | 604-738-0696 |
| 28 | Monthly Meeting & Slideshow, 7:30pm at Van Dusen Gardens, W37th & Oak St. | | | | |
| NOVEMBER | | | | | |
| 9 | West Lion Loop * Joint ACC/BCMC | hike/ski | B2-3 | Nikola Tokic/Zoran Vasic | 604-643-7670 |
| 8-9 | Frenchmans Coulee | climb | A5 | Margaret Hanson | 604-341-5961 |
| 25 | Monthly Meeting & Slideshow, 7:30pm at Van Dusen Gardens, W37th & Oak St. | | | | |
| Indoor Climbing at the Edge - Tuesday eve's Nov. & Dec. (excluding ACC and BCMC meeting nights) Isabel Budke 604-224-5737 | | | | | |
| DECEMBER | | | | | |
| 7 | Mystery Ski | ski | B3 | Ian McGillivray | 604-988-3618 |
| 14 | Needle Peak (dog friendly) | ski | B2/3 | Cheryl Leskiw | 604-534-8863 |
| 26-28 | Elfin Lakes | ski | B2 | Melinda Straight | 604-980-9921 |
| JANUARY | | | | | |
| 10-11 | Intro to Winter Camping (plus Jan 5th evening lesson) | ski | | Peter Woodsworth | 604-254-7067 |
| 27 | Monthly Meeting & Slideshow, 7:30pm at Van Dusen Gardens, W37th & Oak St. | | | | |

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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Please Help Us With The Winter Trip Schedule!

We are working on the Fall/Winter/Spring trip schedule. Please e-mail trips you would like to organize to:

vanacctrips@hotmail.com, or phone Pam K at 604-946-9942.

Pam would be happy to help you figure out what trip to post.

Deadlines:

Nov. 1 for December and onwards, Dec. 1 for January and onwards, etc.



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