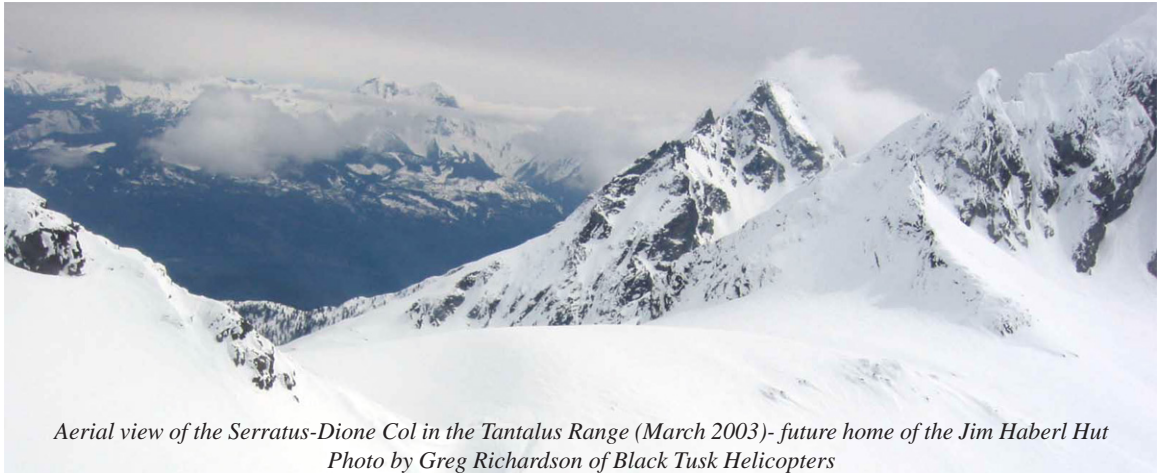




Avalanche Echoes

Alpine Club of Canada - Vancouver Section News



*Aerial view of the Serratus-Dione Col in the Tantalus Range (March 2003)- future home of the Jim Haberl Hut
Photo by Greg Richardson of Black Tusk Helicopters*

St. John's Wilderness First Aid Course

especially for the ACC Vancouver Section

Here's what member Vicki Choy said about last year's St. John's Course...

The course is excellent. Love the fact that it's in the wilderness. The content covered is a lot for 3 days, however, good enough for busy people like myself. Price is reasonable I think, especially with the 2 textbooks included. It's an excellent course. Instructor is also very experienced, patient and willing to teach.

Date: Thurs, Oct 23 5:30 - 10:30pm; Sat & Sun, Oct 25-26 8am - 5:30pm

Where: To be confirmed.

Cost: \$170 for up to (10% discount from reg. price)
\$160 for 11+ students (15% discount)

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

Call early! This is a popular course and some pre-reading is required.

ACC Intro to Ice Climbing Workshop

Coleman Glacier, Mt. Baker

Dates: October 18th and/or 19th (weather/conditions permitting)

Cost: Free

Basic intro, covering techniques for general mountaineering & more technical aspects of vertical ice and placing protection. No previous experience required. Participants must bring their own harness, boots and crampons (step-in style preferred), and at least one general mountaineering ice-axe. Max 8 participants.

For more info and to register, call Paul Baker at 604-922-6111

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*Next Meeting: Tuesday September 23, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. Location: Floral Hall, Van Dusen Gardens
W. 37th & Oak Street, Vancouver*

Peter Norris will take us on some of his cave explorations throughout North America



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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: alpclub@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

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. (*Lions Bay Search and Rescue is a registered charity that relies on the generous contributions of businesses and citizens. To make a tax deductible donation, please contact Craig Oliver @ 604-990-0885.*)

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

Canmore Woman Makes Canadian Mountaineering History

Nancy Hansen of Canmore, Alberta, achieved an historic milestone in Canadian mountaineering on September 1, 2003 by becoming the first woman to climb all 54 peaks over 11,000 feet in the Canadian Rockies. Five Calgary men have previously accomplished this feat. Don Forest was the first, finishing in 1979.

Some of the peaks include well-known Rockies landmarks such as Mounts Robson, Victoria and Assiniboine. Others are very remote and rarely visited, such as Mounts Clemenceau and Alberta.

"There are many challenges to overcome when undertaking a project like this," Hansen said. "The success of each trip depends on good weather and climbing conditions, the right partners, time off work, and a very understanding family." Almost all of the peaks were multi-day trips, with some taking as long as a week to climb. Hansen climbed all 54 peaks in just over seven years.

"It's been an amazing journey," said Hansen, as she returned from summiting her final peak, Mount Forbes in Banff National Park. "What started many years ago as a dream is now a reality, and it feels great!" she said. "I wouldn't have been able to do this without a lot of support and encouragement from my husband, my boss and my fantastic climbing partners."

Hansen, 34, is the Director of Facilities and Mountaineering for The Alpine Club of Canada. She began climbing in 1994. When asked what her next goal in the mountains would be, Hansen answered, "My goal is to spend more time climbing and less time working but don't tell my boss or my mom I said that!"

PERSONALITIES

Wonderful to hear of **Jane Weller** and **Ian McGillivray's** recent marriage – another one for the ACC match-making service! Now Ian has to keep Jane off her broken leg – get back on your feet soon Jane!

Best wishes to newly weds **Steve Wickham** and **Jodie Preto**. It was meant to be!

Wedding bells also ring for **Gordon Rose** and **Katherine Wolters**. How terrific to have found one another!

Congratulations all!

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cended the Aiguille Verte, you say. We say we don't believe it. We say, do it again! Take three of us with you, and we will bet you two thousand francs to a thousand, that you won't make the ascent!"

This proposition was formally notified to me, but I declined it, with thanks...

Excerpt from: Scrambles Amongst the Alps - In the Years 1860-69, by Edward Whymper

Published by John Murray Publishers Ltd., 1871. pp 285-287

Jim Haberl Hut Update

The ACC and the friends and family of Jim Haberl continue to work together towards the creation of the Jim Haberl Hut. Our vision is to create a practical and welcoming hut with comfortable amenities in the Serratus-Dione Col that will serve the mountain community well and stand as a fitting memorial to mountaineer and guide Jim Haberl. Summer was a quiet time as hut committee members enjoyed holidays with their family, but now that September is here, we're back at it.

Good news! The ACC-Vancouver Section has been granted \$10,000 from Mountain Equipment Co-op's Community Fund towards the construction of the hut. Many thanks to MEC for their support, and further thanks to Blair Mitten for writing the grant application and to Tom Bell of BC Parks and Greg Miller of North Shore Rescue for writing letters of reference. This season, MEC granted funds to only 8 out of 64 applicants, so the ACC is really fortunate. We now have approximately \$84,000 raised. A considerable sum and yet these funds must cover the costs of all construction materials (for both the hut and the outhouse), plus trucking and helicopter lifts, and interior fittings. Labour for the hut must be volunteer and many people have contributed thus far. Their enthusiasm and energy is amazing.

Financial contributions towards the project would still be very appreciated, and would help to make the hut even more functional. If you enjoy the area and believe you would benefit from the new hut, please consider making a donation. Cheques should be clearly marked for the 'Jim Haberl Hut' and made out to The Alpine Club of Canada - Vancouver Section. They should be sent to the project's treasurer Bill Haberl at: 3991 Springtree Drive, Vancouver, BC

V6L 3E2. (Tax receipts will be issued by the National ACC Office.) Thanks in advance!

The hut committee also wishes to thank several recent donors in-kind. These are:

- The ACC National Facilities Committee and Bruce Hardhart for 4 customized outhouse barrels
- BC Parks and Vicki Haberl for one fiberglass outhouse toilet throne
- Peter Taylor for multiple lengths of 2x4 lumber
- Ian MacGillivray for the use of his backyard

Construction Schedule:

Sept 6-7: Construction of the outhouse in Ian & Jane's backyard - complete!

Late Sept/Early Oct: Installation of the outhouse on site

Late Fall/Winter: Prefabrication of the hut in Vancouver

July 2004: Installation of the hut on site

A potential site for constructing the hut has recently come available, and we are in the process of negotiating a use agreement. But

just in case this falls through... If you know of any vacant warehouse or lot that we could use (about 30 x 50 feet, 20 feet high), please let us know.

At critical stages throughout the project, we will need people with specific skills. Right now we could really use the following:

- Someone knowledgeable in installing steel siding and roofing
- An electrician to help run power out to the hut work yard
- Someone with a large truck to deliver the outhouse to the Squamish airport

If you have information or are interested in helping out, please contact Liz Scremin at 604-921-2651 or liz@pensiamo.com

letter from the chair

"Your Stories - Your Ideas"

by Liz Scremin

What a year it's been. Here on the coast, last winter was warm... too warm to result in much snow in the mountains. Skiing was so-so. And this summer, the sunshine was unbelievably endless. Now the reservoirs are low, the fire hazard is high and the backcountry is closed. I wonder what's in store for us this winter?

By the time this goes to print, I expect the September rains will have finally hit. Ah, September... the kick-off for another season of ACC trips, workshops, and camps, plus slideshows at Van Dusen Gardens. I know that many of you have explored wonderful places this summer and we are eager to hear your stories. I've heard rumours of Nootka Island, the Broughton Archipelago, the Freshfield Group, Mt. Wedge, Mt. Uto, Old Settler, Mt. Logan, the North Cascades, the Southern Chilcotins, Snowy Pass. The list goes on and on. So why not share your slides and stories with us at a meeting this fall? Isabel Budke, our Program Coordinator (604-224-5737; ibudke@sfu.ca), is always on the look out for a good show. No need to be shy!

While it's fun to look back at the summer, many folks on our executive are also looking forward, dreaming up new camps and courses for the season ahead. Check out the ads in this issue and by all means give Zoran Vasic, our Skills Coordinator (604-438-9066; zoran_vasic@canaccord.com) and Richard Keltie, our Camps Coordinator (604-738-4583; richardkeltie@shaw.ca) a call. They would be pleased to have your ideas and input! It's their goal to create programming to serve your needs.

Meanwhile, as we all wait for the November snows, come on out to a Van Dusen meeting, the 4th Tuesday of the month as always. Tea, coffee, cookies and great camaraderie are waiting for you! Cheers!

Literary Tid-bits for Tentbound Days

...a change came over the weather; cumulus clouds gathered in all directions, and we started off in hot haste. Snow began to fall heavily before we were off the summit-rocks, our track was obscured and frequently lost, and everything became so sloppy and slippery that the descent took as long as the ascent. The schrund was recrossed at 3:15 p.m., and thence we raced down to the Couvercle, intending to have a carouse there; but as we rounded our rock a howl broke simultaneously from all three of us, for the porter had taken down the tent, and was in the act of moving off with it. "Stop, there! What are you doing?" He observed that he had thought we were killed, or at least lost, and was going to Chamonix to communicate his ideas to the guide chef. "Unfasten the tent, and get out the food." Instead of doing so the porter fumbled in his pockets. "Get out the food," we roared, losing all patience. "Here it is," said our worthy friend, producing a dirty piece of bread about as big as a halfpenny roll. We three looked solemnly at the fluff-covered morsel. It was past a joke, - he had devoured everything. Mutton, loaves, cheese, wine, eggs, sausages - all was gone - past recovery. It was idle to grumble, and useless to wait. We were light, and could move quickly - the porter was laden inside and out. We went our hardest, - he had to shuffle and trot. He streamed with perspiration; the mutton and cheese oozed out in big drops, - he larded the glacier. We had our revenge, and dried our clothes at the same time, but when we arrived at the Monteners the porter was as wet as we had been upon our arrival at the Couvercle. We halted at the inn to get a little food, and at a quarter past eight re-entered Chamonix, amidst firing of cannon, and other demonstrations of satisfaction on the part of the hotel-keepers.

One would have thought that the ascent of this mountain, which had been frequently assailed before without success, would have afforded some gratification to a population whose chief support is derived from tourists; and that the prospect of the perennial flow of francs which might be expected to result from it would have stifled any jealousy consequent on the success of foreigners.

It was not so. Chamonix stood on its right. A stranger had ignored their regulations, had imported two foreign guides, and, furthermore, he had added injury to that insult - he had not taken a single Chamonix guide. Chamonix would be revenged! It would bully the foreign guides; it would tell them they had lied, - that they had not made the ascent! Where were their proofs? Where was the flag upon the summit?

...they conceived an idea which combined revenge with profit. "You have as-

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Alpine Club Trip Schedule

Date	Destination	Type/Grade	Organizer	Phone
SEPTEMBER				
14	Mt. Rohr	hike B2	Ilze Rupners	604-222-3720
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
21	Rainbow Lake	hike B2	Matthew Cook	604-733-5452
20-21	Van Horlick Area	climb B3	Ian McGillivray	604-988-3618
20-21	Black Peak (N. Cascades)	climb C5	Margaret Hanson	604-341-5961
23	Monthly Meeting & Slideshow, 7:30pm at Van Dusen Gardens, W37th & Oak St.			
27	Leader's Choice	hike B2	Susan Higginbottom	604-925-3742
27-28	Pinecone Lake	hike B3	Fern Hietkamp	604-872-4290
27-29	Ossa Mtn.	climb C4	Todd Ponzini	604-215-2665
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
11-13	McGillivray Pass	hike B2/3	Pam Krannitz	604-946-9942
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	hike/ski B2-3	Nikola Tokic/Zoran Vasic	604-643-7670
	* Joint ACC/BCMC			

ACC Workshop: Watercolour Painting En Plein Air with Velvet Bailes

Dates: Thurs-Sun, Sept 25-28
 Location: Mt. Baker Lodge
 Cost: \$225 for members and \$250 for non-members
 Participants: max 12
 Last year's workshop was a complete success! So once again, this workshop will include instruction by Velvet, a professional artist and teacher, plus accommodation and meals at the Mountaineers' Mt. Baker Lodge. Enjoy the alpine trails and the fabulous fall colour. Sketch and paint wonderful scenery right out the door! All skill levels are welcome. For more info and to register, contact Liz Scremin at (604)921-2651 or liz@pensiamo.com

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

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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