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Don McPherson heads off on the new Indian Arm Trail.

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Next Meeting: Tuesday January 27, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. Location: Floral Hall, Van Dusen Gardens
W. 37th & Oak Street , Vancouver

**Don McPherson, Murray Comley and Emanuele Porra will take us on "The Indian Arm Eco-Challenge:
The New Route around Indian Arm - Seymour to Buntzen Bay"**

...plus Ski Swap and Sale - See inside for more details.



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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 \$55.00
Family \$75.00
Junior \$28.00 (under 18)

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

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Announcements

For Sale: Arc'Teryx Bora 95 Back Pack
95 litres. Great pack for mountaineering, back country skiing, hiking and back packing! Regular price over \$400 with tax; pack is in great condition, distributes weight well and all your gear fits inside! Color blue and black with Cdn flag. \$280. Call Tania 604-738-0696.

VIMFF

The Fith Annual Vancouver International Mountain Film Festival runs from February 22 - 29, 2004. Check out www.vimff.org for full details.

Ski Swap and Sale at our January 27th Meeting

Do you have unused ski equipment sitting in your basement? Bring your old skis, boots, and poles, skins, shovels and probes to the club meeting on January 27. Put a price tag on them and make a few dollars. Looking for a deal? Peruse the tables and pick up something to get you started or find something that fits!

Members Are Invited to Vancouver Section Executive Meetings

Want to find out more about the club and what we're up to? Make a special request or give input? Meet the executive and see how we operate? The Vancouver Section Executive meetings take place on the first Tuesday of every month (except July, Aug and Dec) at 7:30pm. All club members are most welcome to attend the meetings. As the meetings rotate between homes, please contact Tony Knight, our Secretary, at 604-873-2276 or knighth@telus.net to confirm a specific meeting location.

VIMFF Needs Treasurer

The Vancouver International Mountain Film Festival Society (VIMFF) is looking for someone to join their Board of Directors as Treasurer, preferably someone with a financial background who loves the mountains and would enjoy working to make the festival a great success for the whole mountain community. For more information, please call Alan Formanek, the Festival Director, at 604-990-1505.

Applications for the Karl Nagy Memorial Scholarship – Jan 31, 2004

The Karl Nagy Memorial Scholarship was established by the ACC in 2001 to assist aspiring ACC amateur leaders and aspiring

ACMG guide candidates in the development of their leadership and people skills. Until his death in 2000, Karl set an outstanding example as a mentor in the mountains and was well known for his leadership, safety and success. Karl was admired and loved for his exuberant attitude in the mountain environment.

All scholarship applicants must be current members of The Alpine Club of Canada. The Selection Committee approves one applicant for attendance at a designated week of the General Mountaineering Camp (GMC), to observe and assist current guides and amateur leaders throughout the week. ACC amateur leaders and ACMG candidates are given priority in alternating years. 2004 is set for an aspiring ACC amateur leader. The deadline for applications is Jan. 31, 2004. Information and application packages are available on-line at www.alpineclubofcanada.ca/activities/leadership.html. Also contact the Mountain Adventures Coordinator at the ACC National Office: Tel 403-678-3200 ext. 112; Fax 403-678-3224; E-mail: jrollins@AlpineClubofCanada.ca.

Applications to the ACC-Vancouver Section Endowment Fund – March 1, 2004

Each year the ACC-Vancouver Section grants funds from the Section's Endowment Fund in support of worthy projects. The mandate of the Fund is twofold: to enhance the constitutional objectives of the ACC and the activities of the Vancouver Section. Suitable projects might include the promotion of mountain sport through special expeditions or camps, the promotion of mountain culture through art or publications, mountain safety and educational initiatives, the protection of mountain access, appropriate trail development, and/or wilderness preservation. Projects must be creative yet realistic, and have a positive impact on Canadian wilderness and/or mountaineering. This year's deadline for applications is March 1, 2004. To request an information package and application form, please contact the Treasurer, Rob Brusse, at 604-224-0747.



7th Vancouver International Mountain Film Festival

February 22-29, 2004

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"... Illuminating the cutting edge... 30 times a second..."

Venues:

Centennial Theatre, North Vancouver
MacMillan Space Centre, Vancouver
Mount Seymour
Local Hills and Crags

Since UN has declared 2004 the "International Year of Bouldering" with the scope of preserving the ever shrinking world heritage of our precious boulders, what year and event would be more appropriate to celebrate bouldering on the backdrop of all those huge blocks fallen off the Squamish Chief than the 7th Vancouver International Mountain Film Festival (VIMFF). Bouldering, the essence of climbing, ascending Everest condensed into 3 super hard moves, without Sherpas or fixed ropes, just you and frozen lava. Bouldering to climbing is in the same correlation as short story to literature, documentary to film, bread to life, short to neverending... Pater noster, boulderem nostrum quotidianum da nobis hodie.

Rumor has it **John Sherman** aka "Verm", an international rock star from south of the border, will come as one of the Festival guest speakers with his slide show *The Fab 50 - John "Verm" Sherman's preposterous quest to climb in all 50 states en route experiencing the best and worst climbing the US has to offer*. Very funny, especially when it comes down to bouldering in the state famous for oranges and presidential election scandals. Sherman is known as one of the most prolific climbers and writers. He has climbed every rolling stone, his fingers have touched every single hand hold, he has written profusely on everything from desert sandstone, to bagging carpet strips at the base of boulders, to the sexual dysfunction of climbing magazine editors. He has also written three books: *Stone Crusade*, 'the' text on the history and development of bouldering in America; *Sherman Exposed*, a collection of his best and funniest stories; and unfortunately prostituted himself with the self help book, *Better Bouldering*, for dorks who don't know better.

VIMFF has been traditionally known for supporting local talent by bringing BC and Canada's premium guest speakers and screening flicks filmed and produced on the lands between St. Johns, Newfoundland and Old Crow, Yukon. This year's guest speakers will include **Abby Watkins** of Golden, BC, an all-around accomplished climber with first ascents in the Karakoram, speed records in the Yosemite Valley and numerous climbing competition awards to her credit. **Chic Scott** from the West side of the mountains called Rocky, author of a Canadian magnum opus *Pushing the Limits, the story of Canadian Mountaineering* (with four awards including Alberta Trade Book of the Year, and the Wilfred Eggleston Award for Non Fiction), and a list of climbing credentials longer than Marcel Proust *oeuvres* all combined, will bring his highly acclaimed and never-before-seen-multi-media show *Powder Paradise: Back Country Skiing in Western Canada*. Scott,

known also for producing a climbers' party of the century and losing a house over it in the late 1980s, will share his insight into the black art of organizing film festivals, or rather, in what you should *not* do in order to have at least some success.

Colorado climber **Erik Weihenmayer** will kick the VIMFF off at the Vogue Theatre. "People have the inner resources to become anything they want to be. Challenge just becomes the vehicle for tapping into those inner resources," says Weihenmayer. "Life isn't meant to be easy. It is meant to be exciting and challenging. But you've got to understand that it's never going to be easy." Weihenmayer is a marathon runner, a long-distance biker, a sky diver, and a well known, highly experienced rock and mountain climber. He has climbed the highest peaks of the world's seven continents including Everest, scaled the Nose of El Capitan and many other routes. Weihenmayer leads several climbing expeditions a year, speaks to schools, civic, and business audiences across the country. *Farther than the Eye Can See* award winning film about Erik's ascent of Everest will be screened as part of this presentation. Oh, by the way, Eric Weihenmayer is also totally blind.

On the film side of the affairs, they are being selected while you are having fun reading these lines. There have been more than 150 films entered to this year's festival and the selection committee is faced with a difficult task of narrowing the list of finalists to a reasonable 40+ or so. *In the Shadow of the Chief* is certainly one of the hot candidates, a very interesting and long awaited documentary by **Ivan Hughes** exploring the story of a rain-soaked morning in May 1961 when, amidst the snow-capped mountains and forests of Squamish, British Columbia, two young climbers—**Jim Baldwin** and **Ed Cooper**—decided to try the impossible—a first ascent up



the 'unclimbable' Stawamus Chief. *Bikes on Ice* with the North Van locals of **Kevin Vallely** and **Frank Wolf** promises deep freezing adventures as these cyclists brave bone-numbing temperatures and harsh winds on a 49-day mountain bike expedition from Dawson City, Yukon to Nome, Alaska to retrace the 1,100-mile bicycle journey in 1900 of two remarkable men that forever shaped Klondike Gold Rush legend. Much more to be seen... stay tuned.

VIMFF has been historically known also for bringing in high caliber alpine climbers. In 2004 will see Poland's **Krzysztof Wielicki**, the first man to climb Mount Everest in the winter, with a few failed attempts to climb K2, aka The Killer Mountain, also in the winter, and with the obligatory fourteen 8-thousanders and 7 highest peaks of all continents in his pocket, many of them – you guessed it! – in the wintertime. Oh those Poles, the *Art of Suffering*... did you know that all the highest Himalayan peaks climbed in the winter were done so first by the Poles? Also Britain's **Simon Yates** in *The Good, the Bad and the Beautiful*... In a career spanning eighteen years Simon Yates' climbing and traveling has taken him from Alaska in the east to Australia in the west, from the Canadian Arctic in the north to the tip of South America. During this time he has been fortunate enough to climb with some of Britain's most influential contemporary mountaineers including among many Mick Fowler, Andy Parkin, Paul Pritchard, Doug Scott, Sean Smith and Steve Sustad.

Special 2004 VIMFF events will include an evening with the early explorers on the North Shore Mountains, *Over the Hills but Still Climbing*, filmmaking seminars on topics of filming in difficult conditions (Everest in the wintertime, -40 Celsius, with a demanding mother-in-law), modern equipment (HD, DVD, DV, cameras, editing), marketing mountain films, and intro courses for beginners (how to tell the difference between a vide camera and a rake).

Underlying all these events is VIMFF's goal to provide the vast outdoor communities of British Columbia and the US Pacific North West with films and slide presentations dealing with mountain culture and mountain activities such as skiing, mountaineering, climbing, and mountain biking in an environmentally respectful way. The Festival aims to create a platform for the exchange of ideas between film makers, outdoor enthusiasts, athletes and the public, while at the same time encourage the most artistic and effective forms of communicating mountain-related experiences.

Check more on www.vimff.org

letter from the chair: "Opportunities"

by Liz Scremin

Well? 2004 is now well underway, and the challenge every new year is figuring out how to squeeze in all the things we want to do. Are you planning a major adventure this year? (We're hoping to backpack on Ellesmere Island again this summer.) Are you travelling to a faraway land? (Not too exotic... I just need to get to England to visit my relatives.) Hoping to perfect your telemark technique? (I've got new fat skis to help me do that!) Dreaming of some new major peak? (Will I ever get to the top of Mount Sir Donald???) Planning to explore an entirely new sport? (Ocean kayaking for sure!) Setting yourself up for a challenge? (Always!)

Perhaps the Alpine Club of Canada can help you meet your 2004 goals. There are many opportunities for new learning experiences, and lots of fun. Don't just read the newsletter! Come on out to a meeting; come on a few trips or a camp! Join in! Here are just a few of the many special opportunities coming up:

The Karl Nagy Scholarship - In memory of Karl, a much-loved and well-respected ACMG guide, this program is a wonderful opportunity for a competent climber and active ACC trip organizer to get some first class training at the 2004 ACC General Mountaineering Camp at Icefall Brook. Application deadline: Jan 31. See www.alpineclubofcanada.ca/activities/leadership.html

Vancouver Section Avalanche Course (by CWMS) - Here's your chance to learn the latest techniques and get prepared for that spring ski traverse. Dates: Cost: Approx. \$140. Contact Sue Baldwin at 604-872-4562 or sbaldwin@interchange.ubc.ca to register.

Vancouver Section Endowment Fund - Got a great project that needs doing? Something that would benefit the mountain community? Tell us about it! Application deadline: Mar 1. Contact Rob Brusse at 604-224-0747 or robasseekbrusse@aol.com for more info.

The North Face/ACC Summer Leadership Course - Want to feel more confident as a trip organizer? Fine-tune both your soft and hard skills with other leaders from all across the country. The Vancouver Section hopes to nominate two or three folks. Application deadline: May 1. See www.alpineclubofcanada.ca/activities/leadership.html

Vancouver Section Teleclinics - Need some tips to make those turns happen? There's a whole slew of teleclinics on the trip schedule! Just give the organizers a call!

And there's so much more...

Here's wishing you all the very best for the New Year - at home and at play!

PERSONALITIES

Congratulations to **Rich Pawlowicz** and his wife **Karen** on the birth of their daughter, **Forest**. Oh, so much to explore together!

More congratulations to **Wes and Cindy Maedel** on the birth of their son, **Emmett**. What a joyous time!

Still more congratulations to **Susan Hollenberg and Mark Haden** on the arrival of their son, **Eric**. A wonderful brother for Kirsten!

On a different note...

Welcome home from New Zealand, **Helen Habgood**! We're jealous... a whole month of hiking, climbing and skiing on the south island!

Congratulations to **Doug Williams** on his recent article in *Photolife Magazine*. Visit the magical kingdom of Mustang through an ACC photographer's eyes! He's currently in Ethiopia, making more spectacular photos.



7th Annual Lake Lovely Water Summer Camp

July 17-25th, 2004

Eight days of mountaineering in the glorious Tantalus Range (Map ref. 92C/14). Accommodation is in the luxurious ACC cabin with swimming and boating at the door. We will also be running a mountaineering school for several beginner level participants. This is a self-guided camp for club members only, \$325.00 covers chopper and hut rental.

Call Peter Woodsworth at 604-254-7076.

5th Annual ACC-Vancouver Section Rogers Pass Camps

Week 1 July 10-18 Lake O'Hara - Mt Victoria- Mt Athabasca

Cost: \$450 with registration March 1st

The O'Hara area "Jewel of the Rockies" offers beautiful hiking and a variety of intermediate climbing objectives in a spectacular setting. To facilitate a wide variety of daytrips, this self-guided camp will feature 5 days (4 nights) based at the Elizabeth Parker Hut (1 night) at Abbott Pass and finally a day (2 nights) out of the Canadian Alpine Centre in Lake Louise.

Week 2 July 24-Aug. 1 Rogers Pass

Cost: \$375 with registration March 1st

Rogers Pass offers spectacular vistas and impressive opportunities for hiking scrambling and climbing. To facilitate a wide variety of daytrips, this self-guided camp will feature 3 days (2 nights) tenting at the Hermit meadows and another 3 days (2 nights) based out of the Asulkan Cabin there will be 4 nights spent at the Wheeler Hut.

Contact: Rob Brusse at 604-732-7730 or robasseekbrusse@aol.com.

Avalanche Transceivers for Rent

The club has three Focus F1 avalanche beacons for rent. Rates are \$7/weekend or \$15/week. Contact Chris Bradley at 604-873-9419 or Jane Weller / Ian McGillivray at 604-988-3618.

Satellite Phone for Rent

The Section's satellite phone is available for weekend or weekly rental to club members. For details contact Tony Knight at 604-873-2276 or knighthta@telus.net.

The Wilderness Education Program: A Legacy for John Clarke and the Young People of British Columbia

Lisa Baile, WEP Director



In mid November of 2002 John Clarke, BC's legendary explorer and mountaineer, watched with obvious delight and emotion as some 200 students flocked into the high school auditorium to hear him talk about the wonders of BC's wilderness. John loved talking to young people about our backcountry almost as much as he enjoyed going on his trips. Tragically, this was to be John's last presentation, and I think he must have known it. He passed away in January 2003 after battling for almost a year with brain cancer. John knew, however, that the school program that he and I had initiated in 1996 would continue. In the last weeks of his life he was an enthusiastic supporter of the revised Wilderness Education Program (WEP) and its plans for the future.

WEP is now a core program of BC Spaces for Nature (www.spacesfornature.org) - a wilderness conservation organization with decades of experience in protecting BC's wild lands. BC Spaces has played a leadership role in successful conservation campaigns spanning 30 years which have led to the protection of more than 6.5 million acres, in places such as: Tatshenshini, Nitinat Triangle of Pacific Rim National Park and the Spatsizi. BC Spaces is now turning its expertise to fostering a passion for wilderness in future generations. Together BC Spaces and WEP are creating and expanding the WEP team, providing support with program development, strategic planning, and training new WEP educators and volunteers.

Since the Fall of 2002 WEP's three professional educators, Becky Macoun, Tim



Becky Macoun and students

Turner and Mark Lebbell have been following in John's footsteps, providing in-school presentations and workshops for teachers' conferences and professional development days. Like John, they bring wilderness live to the classroom, showing spectacular images of BC's wild places, conjuring up a variety of fascinating wilderness artifacts (a beaver-gnawed tree trunk, a whale vertebra, the flattened, punctured tuna can a hungry grizzly bear had popped into its mouth). Often a tent is set up in the classroom or schoolyard and students delve into the backpack and learn about the essentials of a backcountry trip. Sounds of nature, music and games are also a popular part of the program.

The transition has been challenging and rewarding. WEP has recently been successful in obtaining significant funding from the Vancouver Foundation and Van City to support the expansion and development of the program.

We have also been focusing on program development and creating a model of wilderness education that will eventually spread throughout BC. A critical and exciting step in the expansion and development of WEP is the addition of Katy Holm to the WEP team. It became evident this past year that in order to develop the program effectively we would need to have someone working on a permanent basis for WEP. I have been volunteering my time as program coordinator, director, fundraiser etc, etc, since WEP's inception. It's high time to let someone else share some of this fun - and get paid for it! Katy starts her new position as program coordinator/educator in January 2004. Katy is a professional educator with an undergraduate degree in Biology. Her outdoor and wilderness experience is exemplary; she is skilled in river and ocean kayaking, rock climbing, ice climbing, and mountaineering.



John Clarke

On behalf of everyone connected with WEP, I would like to thank all of the members of the mountaineering community who have generously supported WEP over the years - without your incredible generosity WEP wouldn't be where it is today.

Often, when John and I would talk about the future of WEP, John would say "I'm in this for life!" We are delighted that you are a part of John's legacy.

For information and school bookings visit www.wepbc.ca, or call Lisa at 604 732 0509. To make a tax-deductible donation write a cheque to: BC Spaces for Nature: WEP and mail it to: WEP, 3116 West Third Ave, Vancouver, BC, V6K 1N3. Or make a donation on line by visiting the website and clicking on donations.

West Lion Trip Report November 9th, 2003

Zoran Vasic

Morning was cold. Sky was amazingly clear and blue in Vancouver. We met at the St. David and I jumped in Steve's car. Other car followed us to the Lions Bay. We parked lower down in the village. Last night Nikola told me that he had a lot of ice on the trail and route to Tricouni Peak. I told trip members that we could possibly finish our Lion's trip on the notch and after lunch go back. Nobody complained. Instead we had beautiful hike to the notch and pleasant scramble to the summit.

Steve stayed to enjoy sun on the notch.

With others I did variation to the left (class 4). Rock was warm and very clean. Dorothy was amazing! Big talent for rock-climbing. Dave and Marijan were very confident and after few minutes we all touched summit kearn together. We saw party roping from the summit. Smart guys! Even though there is fixed rope on the traverse I was not relaxed because some members of our party never scrambled that kind of exposure before. Everything went OK and on the way home we already planned next trip. Until Spring we have to do two important things: pick mountain for next trip and find boyfriend for Dorothy! So, pick up the phone guys!

Report: Orienteering Course - November 8th, 2003

Rod Fram, ACC Member, Delta BC

When we arrived at the Brandywine Falls parking lot, the thermometer on my car mirror indicated it was 2 degrees Celsius. As I stepped out of the car and caught the icy blast of wind, my hands and face confirmed that fact. In total there were 16 of us who showed up to attend the orienteering seminar sponsored by the Alpine Club. The instructor was Jackie Slavenova of Ultimate Outdoor Adventures.

After a brief review of the differences between an orienteering map and a topographic map (one of the most notable is that ALL orienteering maps have the declination taken into account i.e. you do not need to adjust your compass after taking a bearing) and also a brief review of various styles of compass, we headed off into the wood to get out of the wind. Jackie demonstrated the details that the 1:10,000 scale of the orienteering map had to offer as we were walking along. During this time we learned how to orient the map and the importance of keeping the map oriented at all times.

Once we had mastered the art of keeping the map oriented, we focused on identifying features on the map and how it related to the terrain we were in. We spent some time also discussing alternative methods of finding North, in the event that ones compass was broken. During our lunch break the group spent some time discussing worst case scenarios and what we would do in such an event.

After the lunch break it was decided to put our orienteering skills to the test. Several orienteering markers had been located in the woods. We split into 3-4

teams and it was our task to find as many as we could within 90 minutes. The markers were quite small and so our bearings had to be accurate to hit the mark.

As I drove back to Vancouver with my friends, we discussed the course and our group came up with the following points.

1. Overall the course was fun, however the emphasis was more on orienteering rather than mountain navigation.
2. We all enjoyed putting our skills to the test by running through the woods trying to find the markers and we all found the orienteering map was incredibly detailed, even to the point of identifying individual rocks.
3. We commented that it wouldn't take too long to significantly increase map and compass skills by participating in a few orienteering events.
4. More time could have been spent on declination, bearings and back bearings on a 1:50,000 topographic map which would have been more useful for mountain travel
5. More emphasis could have been spent the art of route finding in addition to the skill of navigation.
6. The cost was a little high for what was learned.

In summary, if you don't know how to use a map and compass, you should do a course like this, at least once.

The Vancouver Section is pleased to get feedback on all workshops and courses. We make every effort to learn from past experience to ensure that future workshops and courses are well presented, relevant and valuable to our members.

Avalanche Safety Course for ACC members

The Canada West Mountain School will offer a special Avalanche Safety Course for ACC members in the first week of March, 2004. The course includes 22 hours of instruction (two classroom and two field sessions), avalanche safety manual, course handouts, organization, and use of transceivers, shovels and probes. Participants will receive a CAA Recreational Avalanche Course certificate upon completion.

Cost: approximately \$140

Maximum participants: 8

Dates and actual cost will be finalized a couple of weeks prior to the course.

Contact Sue Baldwin at 604-872-4562 or sbaldwin@interchange.ubc.ca if you are interested.

Backcountry Ski Introduction Cerise Creek, Feb. 21-22, 2004

Have you gone on a few day trips and are ready to move to the next level? Do you want to experience the premier area for ski touring in BC? This Cerise Creek trip is for you.

As a weekend trip with a cabin nearby, this is a good place to try out winter camping. The area has excellent terrain for learning about avalanches and mountain route-finding. Hopefully, we'll find some good powder and weather too.

I would appreciate if a few experienced people would volunteer to come too.

Call Jay MacArthur at 604-987-1232.

West Coast Ice 2

West Coast Ice, published in 1993, sold out in the winter of 2002-3, so there is no ice climbing guidebook currently available covering SWBC. The second edition is now in preparation, to be ready for the 2004-5 season.

If you have any information about climbs that have been done in SWBC in the last decade (especially information that has not been previously published as Ice Updates in the Canadian Alpine Journals), or corrections/clarifications/modifications to information that appeared in the first edition, please pass the info along. Photos will also be needed, especially of specific climbs and/or action shots.

Thanks, and enjoy this fine season. The ice is better than it has been for half a dozen years, there have already been a few new routes done, and it seems certain lots more will get established before spring. Get out there!

Don Serl e-mail: dserl@telus.net phone: 604-872-4244

Right: The Tahumming Traverse... pure joy following the goat trail along the ridgetops.
Photo by Liz Scremin.



More About Dr. Fred Bell

Don Serl

In the October 2003 Echoes, I mentioned that there were some gaps in knowledge about Dr. Fred Bell and about the reasons for the lack of an obituary appearing in the Canadian Alpine Journal. Several people have now helped me fill in a few of those gaps.

Thanks first to Betty Walker, who passed along to me several tidbits to do with Dr. Bell. I must apologize for the embarrassing myself by saying she was "late of this Section"; she is very much alive and well, and a Life Member of the ACC, despite not being much involved in Section activities – dare I say – *of late*. Also thanks to Liz Scremin for suggesting I speak to Bert Brink, to Bert for his crisp memories, and to Howie Rode for digging thru back issues of the Echoes.

There was a very brief obituary in the September 1971 Echoes, noting the passing of Dr. Bell on June 27, 1971. A few biographical details were provided, including the statement that he joined the ACC in 1907, the year of its founding – and, sure enough, there we are on page 193 of the 1907 Canadian Alpine Journal with one "Bell, F." from Winnipeg as a graduating member.

Here are some other details of Bell's life beyond what was mentioned last month:

- He was born in Winnipeg and was awarded a BA from Queen's in 1905, then his medical degree in 1909 in Manitoba. This was one of the very earliest medical schools in the west.
- He served overseas in WWI as a medical officer, and found experiences at the front very traumatic. He responded by developing an attitude of great care for others thereafter.
- Post-war, he was head of the Shaughnessy military hospital in Vancouver, which cared for veterans.
- He also provided medical services to native populations in fulfillment of Canada's obligations under Treaty 8, and otherwise contributed to the affairs of the Canadian Medical Association.
- Section meetings in the inter-war era often took place at Doctor and Dorothy Bell's home. Because of Dorothy's artistic talents, there was not infrequently an artistic tinge to the meetings, and Lauren Harris was occasionally in attendance.
- He was chairman of the Garibaldi Park

Board (after J.W. Weart and T.E. Price), which administered the affairs of Garibaldi Park from 1927 until WAC Bennett pulled all management of the provincial parks system into government hands in the early '50s.

· Bell was involved in a gentlemanly but vigorous disagreement over logging in Garibaldi Park. Bell supported the practice (which took place in Rubble Creek and Corbold Creek) so as to generate money to support and develop the Park, there being no government funds available; opponents felt this was incompatible with the park status; also opposed was the Ministry of Forest, who wanted control over all forestry in the province, and who would not abide the Board making independent logging decisions. (Some things seem not to change too much over the years...)

So, in sum, a fine gentleman with a solid pedigree, which he lived up to through deep involvement in society, the CMA, and the ACC. I'll think of him with pleasure the next time I stare at Mount Bell; what a gift to have such a wonderful mountain named in one's honour.

CIRCUMSKISION OF WADDINGTON

May 1 - 16, 2004

Access: Fly-in, fly-out, from Tatla Lake.

Route & mode of travelling: From the Plummer hut on the North rim of the Tiedemann glacier counter-clockwise over the Tellot, Cataract, Radiant, Chaos, Scimitar, Fury, Franklin, Dais, and Corridor glaciers to the south side of the Tiedemann trough, with one supply drop. Moving days (approx. 5-6) will be short, camps high up with views. We'll move as a group, but with plenty of opportunities for taking it easy, yo-yoing, photography, or making crazy ascents.

Difficulty: Skiing is generally straightforward. There are four tricky spots, one involving downclimbing a short 45° snow gully, two others skiing down 40° slopes, and the fourth going up a long 40° - 45° (50°) slope to the Fury Gap. Grading is A-4, reflecting the leisurely pace and the difficulties mentioned.

Cost: Approx. \$700.

Participants: Maximum 12, minimum 6.

For more information and pictures call Hans at 604-228-9499.

Artists of the Rockies:

Inspiration of Lake O'Hara

A new book published by the ACC

For more than a century the Canadian Rocky Mountains have attracted tourists to admire and inspire artists to capture their sharp ridges, sheer cliffs and expansive glaciers. And for lovers of the Rockies, few places have captured as many with such a degree of devotion as Lake O'Hara in Yoho National Park.

Artists of the Rockies: Inspiration of Lake O'Hara by Jane Lytton Gooch (a professor at UBC) illustrates 100 years of landscape art inspired by the Lake O'Hara area. The introduction outlines the history of artistic activity, including the Group of Seven, and the 50 colour plates, documented and described, show a variety of media and styles from 27 artists up to 2002.

Artists of the Rockies is published by the Alpine Club of Canada in partnership with The Rockies Network. This softcover book has 152 pages, exceptional print quality of colour paintings, prints and sketches, and includes a bibliography and artists list. This latest ACC publication captures the romance and the uniqueness of the Lake O'Hara experience.

The Vancouver Section ordered a box of these before Christmas, and we still have some copies left at the discount price of \$19.23 per copy. Contact Fern Hietkamp to order: 604-872-4290 or fern_hietkamp@hotmail.com. Regular ACC price \$24.95 members; \$29.95 non-members.

I didn't know what to expect when I picked up this new book, but I was very pleased with it--it's very well researched, and the inclusion of artists' perspectives from the beginning to the end of the century on the Lake O'Hara area is intriguing. I recommend this as a very worthwhile art book, let alone an interesting book on the Rockies! Hopefully we will have something like this for the Coast Mountains in the near future!

Fern Hietkamp.

Alpine Club Trip Schedule

THE ALPINE CLUB OF CANADA

VANCOUVER SECTION TRIP SCHEDULE SPRING/SUMMER 2002

Date	Destination	Type/Grade	Organizer	Phone
JANUARY				
11	Mt Sproatt	ski B2/3	Henny Coates	604-732-4613
14	Tele Clinic	ski A1	Isabel Budke ibudke@sfu.ca	604-224-5737
17-18	Mystery Ski	ski C3	Wes Maedel	604-990-3526
17-18	Ice Climbing	climb A5	Paul Baker	604-922-6111
18	Table Mountain	ski B2	Colin Boyd	604-879-3473
24	Red Heather	ski B2	Mike Koolen	604-576-9767
24	Tzil Mountain	ski C2/3	Guy Trotter	604-986-4027
24-25	Mt Outram*	ski B3	Isabel Budke	604-224-5737
25	Zoa Mountain	ski B2	Carol MacMillan	604-879-2947
27	Monthly Meeting & Slideshow, 7:30pm at Van Dusen Gardens, W37th & Oak St.			
28	Tele Clinic	ski A1	Chris Bradley	604-873-9419
31-1	Whistler Backcountry	ski B2	Gary Shorthouse	604-789-9913
FEBRUARY				
4	Tele Clinic	ski A1	Isabel Budke	604-224-5737
7	Mt Mulligan*	ski B2	Rhys Gibb	604-321-9955
7-8	Tricouni Peak*	ski B2(4)	David Hughes	604-980-6484
7-8	Tetrahedron	ski B2	Sue Baldwin	604-872-4562
8	Diamond Head	ski B2	Richard Keltie	604-738-4583
14	Needle Peak*	ski B3	Margaret Hanson	604-341-5961
15	Mt Seymour	ski B3	Blair Mitten	604-922-0470
18	Tele Clinic	ski A1	Isabel Budke	604-224-5737
21	Avalanche Rescue	ski B2	Margaret Hanson	604-341-5961
21	Mt Price	ski C2	Ian McGillivray	604-988-3618
21-22	Cerise Creek	ski B2	Jay MacArthur	604-987-1232
22	Diamond Head (Family)	ski A2	Chris Underwood	604-873-4552
27-29	Snowspider*	ski C3	Linda Bily	604-222-1577
28-29	Rainbow Mountain	ski B2	Tony Knight	604-873-2276
22-29	Vancouver International Mountain Film Festival			
24	Monthly Meeting & Slideshow, 7:30pm at Van Dusen Gardens, W37th & Oak St.			
MARCH				
6-7	Marriot Basin	ski B2/3	Jane Weller	604-988-3618
6-7	North Joffre Creek area*	ski C3	David Hughes	604-980-6484
14	Mt Laughington*	ski B2	Tania	604-738-0696
14	Whistler Backcountry	ski B3	Chris Underwood	604-873-4552
21	Table Mountain traverse	ski B2	Chris Bradley	604-873-9419
23	Monthly Meeting & Slideshow, 7:30pm at Van Dusen Gardens, W37th & Oak St.			
27-28	Place Glacier area*	ski B3	Isabel Budke	604-224-5737
27-28	Marriot Basin*	ski B2/3	Margaret Hanson	604-341-5961
29	Eaton Peak	climb C3	Leslie Cowan	604-321-9955
APRIL				
3	Mt Decker via Blackcomb lifts*	ski B2/3	Tony Knight	604-873-2276
3-4	Mt Garibaldi	ski C3	Todd Ponzini	604-340-9653
3-4	Marriot Basin	ski B2/3	Grant McCormack	604-535-7501
10-12	Snowspider	ski B4	Peter Norris	604-240-6087
17	Cypress/ Strachan/Hollyburn	ski B2/3	Rich Pawlowicz	604-222-3343
25	Mt Brunswick	hike B2	Richard Keltie	604-738-4583

* Joint ACC/BCMC

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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