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Caribou Glacier, Auyuittuq National Park, Baffin Island.

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Next Meeting

Tuesday June 22nd, 2004 at 7:30 p.m.

Location: Floral Hall, Van Dusen Gardens W. 37th & Oak Street, Vancouver

Slide show: Hiking and Scrambling in Auyuittuq National Park, Baffin Island.

Presented by Carol MacMillan and Evelyn Feller.

This is the last meeting before the summer! Come and join us for our June Social.



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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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Section Website: www.aebc.com/acc

For detailed membership form including upgrades, send SASE to:

ACC-Vancouver, c/o FMCBC, P.O. Box 19673, Vancouver, BC V5T 4E3; ph: 604-873-6096.

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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LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Service With A Smile

by Liz Scremin

I'm pleased to announce that two members of the Vancouver Section have been awarded the Alpine Club of Canada's Distinguished Service Award. These two are Chris Bradley and Mary Rode. Both Chris and Mary have contributed to the section for many years and in so many ways. Both are generous kind-hearted people who have given freely of their time, energy and ideas... all for the benefit of the Club.

If you attended the celebration for Mills Winram that we held a couple of years ago, you may remember Mary. She was the one leading the sing-along in her green and grey (official ACC colours) outfit. Mary joined the Vancouver Section in 1946... 58 years ago! In the late 40s and early 50s, Mary served on the Mount Seymour cabin committee and contributed heartily to the social life of the club. In the early 60s, she contributed tireless hours on the construction of the Tantalus Hut, alongside Jean Molson, Ian Kay and Dick Gore, to name a few. From 1975 to 1979, Mary served as Editor of the Avalanche Echoes, and worked hard to keep the Vancouver Section alive and well during a period of reduced membership. Finally from 1980 to 1982, Mary served as Socials Coordinator. Today Mary continues to attend ACC meetings at Van Dusen along with her husband, Howard (Distinguished Service Award 2001). Her presence is a wonderful reminder of the rich history of the section, the value of friendship and the reward of being part of ACC society. For all these reasons, the executive was very pleased to nominate Mary this year.

Everyone who has grabbed a cup of coffee or bought a beer at the back table in the Floral Hall knows Chris Bradley. Chris has been our ever-dependable Socials Coordinator for years. Chris joined the Vancouver Section in 1984 and has served on the section executive continuously since 1985, first as Editor, then Conservation Chair, Socials Coordinator, Climbing Coordinator and finally back to Socials. In addition, Chris has regularly contributed trips and workshops to our schedule, including introductory workshops on winter camping, snow-caving, and teleclinics. In this way, Chris has shared his tremendous skills and made the mountains more accessible for new and novice members. Last year, Chris stepped down from the Socials position in order to spend more time with his wife Agnes and new daughter Charlotte. That seemed a fitting time for us to nominate Chris for the award.

On behalf of the Vancouver Section executive, I want to thank both Mary and Chris for all they have done... for their quiet dedication over the years. We wish you both a wonderful summer filled with family fun and adventures!

In fact... here's wishing all ACC members a terrific summer. Be sure to join in on many ACC trips and camps. Your feet may come home tired, but there will be many a good story to tell and your heart will be glad. See you at the June Social, and then again in September! All the best...

PERSONALITIES

Congratulations to **Connie Yee** and **Colin Evans** on the birth of their second child, Lucy, a sister for Scott. Oh boy. What fun you'll have now!

Congratulations to both **Mary Rode** and **Chris Bradley** on receiving the Club's Distinguished Service Award. Well deserved! Many thanks for all the help you have given the Club over the years and years.

Announcements

You're Invited to the JUNE SOCIAL – 7:30pm Tues, June 22

All members are encouraged to attend our last meeting before the summer at Van Dusen Gardens. It is traditionally called the June Social. The Club will have some wine and cheese to offer (in addition to the usual tea, coffee and beer). Members are asked to please bring along some nibbles, perhaps some grapes or sweets. It should be a fun evening, with a great slideshow by Carol MacMillan on hiking in a very remote corner of Canada – Auyuittuq National Park on Baffin Island. See you there!

North Shore Rescue Accepting New Members

The North Shore Rescue Team is taking applications for new members in training. Accepted applicants will undergo a 2 year apprenticeship program before becoming full members. If you are fit, know the local mountains, have some first aid and are ready to commit serious time on this well known team, we want to hear from you. Please go to our website at www.northshorerescue.com and read the section on membership. If you are still interested, download, complete and fax in the form right away.

Would You Consider Being Quartermaster?

The Vancouver Section is looking for a volunteer to act as quartermaster. The role involves (1) storing an assortment of gear (tents, first aid kit, ice axes, etc.), (2) keeping track of gear condition, (3) cleaning and repairing gear as required (with costs covered by the Club of course), and (4) administering the lending program to ACC members. With a dedicated quartermaster in place, the Club could consider purchasing one or two new gear items that would be very useful on trips, workshops and camps. Having a quartermaster would greatly assist the Club in expanding its skills development programs. To find out more, please call Liz Scremin at 604-921-2651.

ACC National Membership Fee Increase

At the recent meeting on May 15-16, 2004, the ACC's National Board of Directors reluctantly increased the Club's National membership fees by \$6 per year, effective July 1, 2004. This decision was a direct result of the financial impacts of the unexpected doubling in the Club's liability insurance premium for 2004. The insurance is needed to protect the Club as well as its leaders, volunteers and members involved in official Club section and national trips, camps and activities. While ACC National's budgeted expenses for this year were cut back to deal with the situation, that alone was deemed insufficient to deal with the increase and the Board was left with little choice but to approve the hike in membership fees. Starting in July, all new and renewed memberships will have the increase included in the fee.

ACC Liability Insurance Woes

Last year on the advice of the ACC's insurance broker, ACC National budgeted \$38K for liability insurance for 2004. (This was an increase from \$29K in 2003, and the national membership fees had been raised in part due to this increase.) Coupled with cost cutting measures it was felt that the insurance premium increase was covered. Instead, the 2004 insurance bill came in at \$97K. The decision was made to decrease the coverage from \$2M to \$1M, thus reducing the premium to \$72K. However the difference, \$34K was still too big to be simply absorbed within the budget, thus requiring a National membership fee increase effective July 1, 2004. Members should know that significant ACC National efforts are continuing to find reasonable alternative liability insurance coverage for subsequent years.

ACC Annual Report 2003

In order to communicate the Club's accomplishments during the past year, to report on its financial condition, and to properly acknowledge the many donations that were received, the ACC's Executive Committee has compiled an Annual Report for the fiscal year 2003. Gord Currie, ACC Treasurer, undertook the task of compiling the Annual Report, which includes a message from the President, summaries by each Vice President of the year's activities within their portfolios, financial statements, an overview of the National Office's role, a list of the awards presented and the names of donors who have generously contributed to the Alpine Club of Canada. The ACC's Annual Report for 2003 is now available on-line at: <http://www.AlpineClubofCanada.ca/board>

Canadian Avalanche Association Requests Your help!

The website of the Canadian Avalanche Association is getting a makeover. Although www.avalanche.ca has worked well - becoming increasingly popular over the years as the best source for avalanche-related information in Canada – the CAA feels that they can make it significantly better. The development process would benefit from public input, and with that in mind, the CAA is giving away some great prizes to encourage public participation and feedback. Do you have ideas or opinions? If so, the CAA is asking people to spend a few minutes completing a survey. Feel free to give them ideas on how to make their website better. To open the CAA survey (and see what prizes are available), go to the following website address: <http://Surveys.npdor.com/wi/p27501249/i.asp>

More announcements on page 5.

Article

Construction of the Jim Haberl Hut, Tantalus Range, BC

Construction of the Vancouver Section's new Jim Haberl Hut is well underway. The hut is being prefabricated by the 192 Airfield Engineers (Dept. of National Defence) on their base in Abbotsford, BC. Members of the hut committee have been very busy completing the engineering, applying for the building permit, doing take-offs for the ordering of materials, fine-tuning construction details and talking to suppliers. This is all in addition to updating the website, coordinating a raffle and handling all the finances. Many committee members have also visited Abbotsford and assisted with the raising of the wall panels. See the photos taken on May 26, 2004. The roof panels will be completed in June, followed by the installation of the windows and doors, building paper and metal cladding in early July. The hut foundations will be installed in late July on the rock rib in the col between Mounts Serratus and Dione in the Tantalus Range. The hut components will be trucked from Abbotsford and flown to the site for assembly in early August. The helicopter logging company, Helifor, has generously offered to do the major heavy lifts as a community service. Black Tusk Helicopters will be used to lift people and crane panels into place. The interior finishing work and installation of millwork will be completed by club volunteers in late August/early September. If all goes well, the hut will be ready for occupancy in early fall.

Throughout July, volunteers are most welcome to work alongside the military personnel in Abbotsford for just a few hours or a few days. Anyone interested should contact Alastair Foreman at 604-904-0509 or info@jimhaberlfund.org

For those people planning a climbing trip to the Tantalus area this summer, please be aware that a large team will be camped in the col from late July to mid August, and that construction of the hut will generate more than usual helicopter traffic. This traffic will go from the Squamish Airport to the col around the north side of Alpha, not through the Lake Lovely Water basin, in accordance with BC Parks' Tantalus Aviation Plan.

In anticipation of high helicopter costs, the hut committee is run-



Lifting wall panel W5 into place.

- a 5-day hut-to-hut guided hiking trip by Wells Gray Chalets - a \$500 gift certificate from Arc'teryx
- an Outdoor Rock Skills (I) course with Canada West Mountain School
- a glider flight with Pemberton Soaring Centre
- a 3-month pass at the Edge Climbing Centre
- a \$250 gift certificate from MEC
- a snow shovel and probe from G3
- a gold pendant from Cat Balue Jewellers
- a ski bag from Sigge's Sport Villa

Please consider purchasing a raffle ticket. Alternatively, if people prefer to make a donation, cheques (payable to the Alpine Club of Canada) should be sent to the Hut Project Treasurer at 3991 Springtree Drive, Vancouver, BC

V6L 3E2. Tax receipts are provided by the ACC National Office for donations over \$10.

Many companies and organizations have made generous donations of their time, products and services to make the hut possible. The Jim Haberl Hut Committee would like to mention the following folks: the 192 Airfield Engineers (for their enormous skill and volunteer labour on the hut), MEC (for a \$10,000 grant), Dick's Lumber (for discounted materials), Vicwest Steel (for discounted metal cladding & roofing), Peter Taylor P.Eng. (for donated engineering services), Euan McLean of Butterfield Consultants (for donated quantity survey work), Neil Bennett and John McDonald of Bennett Surveys (for donated land survey work), BHL Holdings Ltd. (for a donated glulam beam), Weyerhaeuser (for discounted materials), McGregor and Thompson Hardware (for donated doors)... the list goes on.

The ACC-Vancouver Section and the friends and family of Jim Haberl are extremely grateful for everyone's help and enthusiasm. The hut will be a wonderful memorial to Canadian climber and mountain guide Jim Haberl. ACCers are encouraged to check www.jimhaberlfund.org for more information and photos, plus watch for a progress report in the September Echoes.



Careful alignment of the panels at the ridge, ready for bracing.

ning one last fund-raising raffle. The draw will take place at the club's Van Dusen meeting, the 'June Social', on June 22. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased through Liz Scremin at 604-921-2651 ahead of time or at Van Dusen on the night of the draw. The prizes are numerous and varied:

Announcements (continued)

New Federation of Mountain Clubs of BC (FMCBC) Contact Info

Mailing address:

Federation of Mountain Clubs of BC
PO Box 19673, Vancouver, BC, V5T 4E7

Physical address:

The back closet at the MEC Store, 130 West Broadway,
Vancouver, BC

(For MEC security reasons, visitors should make an appointment and need to sign in at customer service)

New Executive Director: Evan Loveless

Ph: 604-873-6096; Fax: 604-872-4088 (c/o MEC)

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Web: www.mountainclubs.bc.ca

2004 Grants from the ACC-Vancouver Section Endowment Fund

The Vancouver Section executive recently approved three grants from the section's Endowment Fund. The grants are:

- \$500 to the Climber's Access Society of BC towards a socio-economic study of the benefits of rock climbing in the Sea to Sky Corridor

- \$500 towards an ACC leadership development course to be held by the section in July 2004

- \$3000 to the Jim Haberl Hut Project for the outfitting of the hut with fittings and furnishings

The purpose of the Endowment Fund is to support projects and activities that further the objectives and aims of the Club, as outlined in the Club constitution. Projects should benefit club members and the mountain community at large. The next deadline for grant applications is Feb 1, 2005.

Socioeconomic Study of Climbing - Squamish Area

The Climber's Access Society of BC (CASBC), in conjunction with Simon Fraser University's School of Resource and Environmental Management, has begun a study of the socioeconomic contribution climbing makes to the Squamish area. They are planning to conduct fieldwork at locations from Comic Rocks to Cal-Chek from June through October, as well as surveys. A recent estimate was that climbing contributes \$20 million annually to the economy of Squamish.

CASBC hopes to confirm and expand on this figure, and learn a lot about climbers and climbing at Squamish, and climbers and climbing-related business in Squamish. They acknowledge that climbing is about much more than economics, but know that this information is needed to inform government and encourage good land management decisions.

CASBC is asking people to take a few minutes to answer a few questions, if they are approached by a volunteer in a parking area or on a trail to a climb. (Even if it is 7:00am and everyone's in a rush to be the first on Diedre.) They want the study to be as complete and thorough as possible. Results should be gathered by late 2004, and will be widely publicized.

The study is being supported by the Access Society, Valhalla Pure Outfitters (Squamish) - Climbers' Fund, the District of Squamish - Economic Diversification Office, Mountain Equipment Co-op, the federal government, Squamish Hostel, and the Alpine Club of Canada (Vancouver Section) - Endowment Fund. Some additional funding is still needed, as are draw prizes for volunteers and for survey participants. CASBC is asking people to help. For more info, call Anders Ourom at 604-228-1798

CASBC Website

The Climber's Access Society's new website should be up and running by mid June. It will contain a lot of useful access information, and be more attractively organized than their previous website. Check out www.access-society.ca



With most of the wall panels in place, the hut takes shape.

Courses/Workshops

Leadership Development Weekend

July 17 - 18, 2004

Marriot Basin (Duffy Lake Road)

The ACC is hosting a Leadership Development Weekend in July--if you're interested in leading trips for the ACC, and want to develop more skills and confidence, this is a great workshop for you. It's also a good opportunity for those of you who have been leading a lot of trips but would like to work on some specific skills. This workshop offers skill development in group leadership, decision-making, handling difficult people and situations, and risk management. It's an experience based course, with lots of role playing and situation management opportunities. We will have professional leadership development resource people on hand to help guide us through specific leadership skills. Participant contribution is \$30; for Varsity Outdoor Club members it's \$20. If you're interested in joining us, please contact Fern Hietkamp by email at fern_hietkamp@hotmail.com

Third Annual Lake Lovely Water Photo Workshop

September 17-19, 2004

Passionate about outdoor photography? Want to get away to a picture perfect lake high in the mountains for a weekend? Need some tips on using your photo equipment?

Learn to see composition and light. Enjoy the company of other keen photographers. Join us for a three day workshop to immerse yourself in outdoor photography.

Topics include: light control, composition, shooting infra-red film, abstracts, equipment, night shooting, macro, and portraits.

Cost: \$450 for ACC members, \$495.00 for non-members. Includes hut fees and helicopter in and out. Does not include food or transportation to Squamish. There are about 24 hours of instruction, practice and critique. Last year this workshop was full, so sign up early for this year.

Call Doug Williams at 604-736-5799

email: dwphoto@shaw.ca

www.dwphotography.com

Gallery



*Simon Austen leading the crux of Yak Crack
Photo: Helen Habgood*



*Mt Monmouth, summer 2001
Photo: Helen Habgood*

Gallery



*Spearheads traverse.
Photo: Helen Habgood.*



*Lunch on the Parade Glacier below Mt. Freya, Baffin Island.
Photo: Carol MacMillan*

Alpine Club Trip Schedule

Date	Destination	Type	Grade	Organizer	Phone
June					
20-21	Mt. Strachan (Summer Solstice)	hike	A2	Gary Shorthouse	604-789-9913
27	Mt. Fromme	hike	B2	Dominique Baudouin	604-263-9631
July					
3-4	Sun God Mtn.	climb	C3	Tony Knight	604-873-2276
10	Mt. Bishop	bike & hike	C2	Klaus Haring	604-984-4036
10-11	Black Tusk	climb	C3	Richard Keltie	604-738-4583
10-16	Cascades Classic Climbing	climb	A-C5	Jane Weller	604-988-3618
17-18	North Nesakwatch Spire & Mt. Rexford	climb	C4	Paul Baker	604-922-6111
17-18	Leadership Development Workshop		B2	Fern Hietkamp	604-872-4290
25	Goat Ridge	hike	B2	Tom Hamilton	604-736-1562
25	Diez Vistas	hike	A1	Dominique Baudouin	604-263-9631
25	Elfin Lakes (leisurely pace hike)	hike	B2	Daniela & Sandy	604-802-0532
24-25	Alpine Flowers Appreciation & Photography (Vantage Pass)	hike	A2	Hans	604-228-1855
August					
8	Garibaldi Lake	hike	B2	Sharon Folkes	604-731-7441
14-15	Black Peak	climb	C3	Tania & Trish	604-738-0696
14-15	Mt. Joffre North Ridge	climb	C4/5	Helen Habgood	604-984-6842
28	Sky Pilot	climb	C3	Tony Knight	604-873-2276
September					
3-6	Slim Lake Area (South Chilcotins)	hike	B2	Jay MacArthur	604-987-1232
4-6	Mt. Dickson North Ridge	climb	C5	Margaret Hanson	604-341-5961
11	Ruth Mtn.	climb	C3	Chris Drotar	604-317-9247
18	Brunswick, Harvey, Lions loop	hike	C2/3	Ilze Rupners	604-222-3720
19	TBA	hike	B2	Richard Keltie	604-738-4583
18-19	Snass & Snazzy Mtns.	climb	C3	Todd Ponzini	604-340-9653
25	Lindsay Lake	hike	B2	Tania & Trish	604-738-0696
25-26	Mt. Ashlu	climb	C3	Helen Habgood	604-984-6842
25-26	Rainbow Lake	hike	B2	Martin Cook	604-733-5452
October					
9-11	Skaha	rock climbing	A5	Margaret Hanson	604-341-5961
16	Mt. Cheam	bike/hike	B/C3	David Gunhold	604-881-2294

Check the website for more additions to the summer trip schedule.
www.aebc.com/acc

The Alpine Club Of Canada

Vancouver Section Trip Schedule Summer/Fall 2004

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. Back country equipment and intermediate skiing experience required. Moderate climbing.

4 - Travel over difficult mountain terrain. Advanced back country 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 7:30 p.m. 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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