



Avalanche Echoes

Alpine Club of Canada - Vancouver Section News



*Setting up camp 4 deep in the McBride Range.
Photo credit: Nikolai Hungr.*

Next Meeting

Tuesday February 27th. at 7:30 p.m.

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

Slide Show: "Fear and Loathing in Garibaldi Park," by Nikolai and Pierre Hungr.

The ups and downs of skiing the Spearhead and McBride. Nikolai and Pierre will describe their attempt at skiing from Whistler to Pitt Lake and then canoeing on to Vancouver, ending up in an unplanned exploration of the upper reaches of the Cheakamus River.



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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 \$61.00
Family \$81.00
Junior \$34.00 (under 18)

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c/o Federation of Mountain Clubs of BC
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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.

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

Avalanche Awareness Course with the Canada West Mountain School

Evening Sessions: Wed. Feb. 15 (pre-trip), Feb. 21 (post-trip)

Weekend Session: Sat/Sun. Feb. 18/19, 2006

Contact: Sue Baldwin 604-732-4562 sbaldwin@interchange.ubc.ca

The Canada West Mountain School will run a special session of their very popular Avalanche Safety Weekend for a group of eight ACC Vancouver section Alpine Club members. Complete course details can be found on their web site: http://www.themountainschool.com/avalanche_weekend.html

Cost will be \$153.81 (GST included) for each person. The school will provide all the necessary equipment except for your skis and skins. One of the weekend days likely will be at Whistler/Blackcomb Ski Resort where participants will be responsible for their own backcountry lift tickets (\$36 per person). To reserve a spot on this very popular course send a cheque made out to The Alpine Club of Canada: Vancouver Section and mail to Susan Baldwin, #222 - 2680 West 4th Ave., Vancouver, B.C. V6K 4S3.

Section Endowment Fund

Applications for Section Endowment Fund for 2006 is March 1. Contact Richard Keltie or Tony Knight for further details.

Avalanche Echoes Editor Needed

Anyone interested should have a familiarity with a Desktop Publishing software such as InDesign, Pagemaker or Quark Express. Contact Tony Knight or Gerard Cheong for more information.

In Memoriam

Mills Winram – More than 75 Years with the ACC

By Elizabeth Walker

Mills Winram, long-time member of the Alpine Club of Canada, passed away in Vancouver on January 10, 2006, at the age of 98. Mills was born in Manitou, Manitoba and moved to Vancouver with his family. He graduated from the University of British Columbia with an M.A. in Agricultural Economics. While there he was a member of the Varsity Outdoor Club.

Mills joined the Alpine Club of Canada in 1926 and was also active with the B.C. Mountaineering Club. In August 1927, accompanied by Stan Henderson and Fred Parkes, he made the first ascent of Mt. Slesse via the SW buttress – at that time a difficult-to-reach area.

In 1932, Mills along with Neal Carter, Alec Dalglish and Tom Fyles, explored the headwaters of the Lillooet River where first ascents were made of Mt. Meager, Pylon Peak and Capricorn Mountain. An account of this expedition with its mention of “delightful beaver swamps and devil’s club thickets” appears in Canadian Alpine Journal, Vol. 21. The following year, Mills, along with the same three companions, explored the Coast mountains at the headwaters of

the Toba River, making the first ascent of a remote peak that they named Mount Julien. This peak was later re-named Mount Dalglish in memory of Alec.

Mills and his wife Lois were active members of the Vancouver Section and their home on Marguerite Street was often the site for Section meetings in the 1940’s. He served as Chairman of the Climbing and Entertainment committees in 1946.

In June of 2001, the Vancouver Section honoured Mills in his 75th year of continuous membership with the Alpine Club of Canada.

The mountains still called him when at age 95, accompanied by his grandson, he skied on Mount Seymour.

[Editor’s Note: Mills Winram was recorded in an aural history series done by the BC Archives in 1980. His adventures and accomplishments are featured in the booklet “In The Western Mountains”, published by the BC Archives, and in “Pushing The Limits” by Chic Scott.]



Mills enjoying a bluebird day on Mt. Seymour in 2001.
Photo courtesy of Partica Winram



Mills (left), accompanied by Neal Carter, and Alec Dalglish, circa 1932.
Photo courtesy of Partica Winram

2005 AGM Minutes

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting – Alpine Club of Canada Vancouver Section

Tuesday, November 22, 2005 at 7:00 pm
Van Dusen Gardens West 37th and Oak Street Vancouver

The meeting was brought to order at 7:30 pm by Tony Knight, Vancouver Section Chair

Minutes of the November 2004 annual general meeting were approved.

Secretary – Tony Knight gave the report. Secretary duties were shared by Jay MacArthur, Richard Keltie and Rob Brusse during the year.

Treasurer – Rob Brusse

The report was distributed and summarized by Rob and will be published in the January 2006 Echoes. The 2005 year ended in the black and on budget. The Endowment Fund distributed \$3,600 to three applicants. Over \$100,000 has been raised to build and maintain the new Haberl Hut in the Tantalus range.

National Club Representative - Rob Brusse presented the report as Andrea Morgan was not available. The minutes of the National club meetings will be made available at future section monthly meetings. A new rule of 90 was introduced for qualification as life members. National approved the formalization of each sections by-laws. The Hostel at Lake Louise continues to provide revenue for the National Club.

Climbing – Ian McGillivray and Mike Thompson
The climbing schedule is in need of volunteers.

Programs – Susan Higginbottom

Exciting and challenging presentations were well received by the membership in 2005 and expectations are for an equally interesting group of presentations at the monthly meeting are planned for 2006.

Skills Development – Susan Baldwin

Leadership, first aid and navigation skills workshops are planned for 2006.

Membership – Richard Keltie

Membership continues to decrease gradually, both for the section and nationally. The executive is monitoring this trend and continues to discuss options to promote new membership.

Camps – Richard Keltie

Camps held in 2005 included:

Fairy Meadows winter ski camp - Jay Straith

Lake Lovely Water – Tantalus summer camp – Peter Woodworth

Joint Rocky Mountain / Vancouver section at the Lake Lovely

Water hut – Melinda Straight

Roger Pass summer camp – Rob Brusse 14 attended

Lake O'Hara summer climbing and hiking camp - Rob Brusse 16 attended

FMCBC – Richard Keltie

The Federation of Mountain Clubs of BC is a advocacy organization for access and environmental protection of the back country in BC. As an ACC Vancouver section member you pay \$12 annually as part of your ACC membership fee to the FMCBC. With those funds the FMCBC pays for an executive director to coordinate activities and committees towards access and environmental issues in BC. There are 26 member clubs across BC with 3000 members.

In the last year the FMCBC has worked on many issues. Here are a few highlights:

Strathcona Park Mt Washington and Comox Glacier areas access on Vancouver Island. Mt Arrowsmith hiking trails brochure paid for by FMCBC as a advertising strategy to turn this area into a

regional park. On Vancouver island. Lions Bay parking area and trail head rerouting for access to the Lions and Brunswick. Sea to Sky highway trail heads retention at several points along the Squamish highway. Smoke Bluffs climbing crag integration into a regional park supported by the town of Squamish. Cypress Bowl trail access rerouting around Olympic development. Prepare policy statement for government on roofed accommodation in parks – when and where appropriate. Kootenay Mountaineering Club joined and broadened the FMCBC mandate across the province.

Editor – Helen Habgood

After many years involved with the Echoes publishing, Helen is retiring and the news letter needs additional volunteers to assist Gerard Cheong.

Promotions and Events – Jay MacArthur

Centennial celebrations for the Vancouver section were discussed and the membership approved of a Grouse Grind hike followed by a banquet on Grouse Mountain to occur in the fall of 2006.

Jim Haberl Hut update – Liz Scremin

Liz provided an overview of the hut status. Hut was constructed in Abbotsford and air lifted in modules to the location. By late fall the hut was winterized and closed up for the season. Opening and reservation use is scheduled for spring 2006.

Section Chair - Tony Knight

Tony thanked all the executive members and volunteers for 2005 for their time and dedication to ensuring that club activities and administration was successful.

Election of Officers for 2006 – Liz Scremin proposed the names of the executive for 2006 which were approved unanimously by the membership:

Section Chair – Tony Knight

Secretary – Richard Keltie

Treasurer – Rob Brusse

Membership – Marilyn Hunter

Editor – Gerard Cheong

Climbing Coordinators – Ian McGillivray and Mike Thompson

Camps Coordinator – position merged into Climbing Coordinators duties.

Skills Development – Susan Baldwin

Socials - Bahareh Sinaki

Programs – Susan Higginbottom

Access and Environment – Antje Wahl

National Rep – Andrea Morgan

Promotions – Jay MacArthur

FMCBC Rep – Richard Keltie

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm for pot luck meal and slide presentation.

Announcements (continued)

Please Return Waivers for Trips!

Once again a reminder to everyone who is organizing Section trips, camps and outdoor events (e.g. climbing workshops, transceiver safety practice, trail work, etc.). It is really important to complete and return the ACC Waiver of Liability form to the Section Executive for each trip organized.

This form is used on all Club outings (trips, camps, trail work and courses) to protect the Club, trip organizers and member participants. It must be read and signed by each trip participant at the start of a trip, and then returned to the Climbing Coordinators, Mike Thompson or Ian McGillivray, or any other Section Exec member, either at a monthly meeting/social or by mail to: ACC Vancouver Section, c/o FMCBC, 130 West Broadway, Vancouver, BC V5Y 1P3

The Waiver of Liability form can be printed off the Vancouver Section website at: <http://www.aebc.com/acc/forms/Waiver.pdf>. The return address is given there and is also on the back of every issue of the Avalanche Echoes. The ACC National Board requires the Section to retain the waivers for six years. Unlike some other outdoor clubs, the ACC requires a waiver to be completed for every trip and event.

And as if the legal requirement were not enough, as further incentive, the Vancouver Section will hold prize draws throughout the year for all trip organizers who return completed waivers. Each event counts as one entry in the draw. So the more trips you organize and the more waivers you return, the greater chances to win!

Upcoming Slidehows

March 28: "Where the Heck is Bishkek? – Mountaineering in the Western Kokshaal-Too Range in Kyrgyzstan", by Graham Rowbotham.

April 25: To be announced

May 23: Stu Coleman: "Four volcanoes, some bad weather and 450 granola bars". Stu will recount his experiences, with four other Australians, of climbing and telemark skiing a group of 4 volcanoes in Kamchatka, in far eastern Siberia.



The poster features a central image of a mountaineer in a blue jacket and black pants, carrying a large backpack and using ice axes to ascend a snowy mountain slope. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds. The text is overlaid on the image and includes the festival title, dates, activities, guest speakers, and sponsors.

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Canadian Avalanche Foundation Benefit Dinner & Silent Auction

Friday, February 24th, 2006

With special presentation "The Nature of Risk" by Laurie Skreslet, The First Canadian to Summit Mt. Everest.

Co-hosted by Justin Trudeau & Chris Stethem

You are invited to join us at our second annual Canadian Avalanche Foundation fundraising dinner and silent auction on Friday, February 24th, 2006 at the Vancouver Rowing Club.

Each year an average of sixteen people die in avalanches in Canada. The majority are climbers, skiers, boarders and snowmobilers, all people who share an appreciation and love of the mountains.

The path forward to safer winter mountain travel depends on the availability of better information on avalanches. It requires a wider and more frequent distribution of avalanche forecasts to everyone who travels in the mountains. The Canadian Avalanche Foundation is a federally registered charity formed to raise money in support of public avalanche safety initiatives, education and research. (Charitable Tax Number 86900 0349 RR0001)

Our speaker for the evening is Laurie Skreslet the first Canadian to summit Mt. Everest. Laurie's presentation entitled, "The Nature of Risk" will be about the inseparable nature of adventure and risk. Chris Stethem will co-host the evening along with CAF Director, Justin Trudeau.

Tickets are \$150.00 per person and are supported by a \$75 tax receipt. Purchase 10 tickets and have a table reserved in your name for a total cost of \$1500.

You are invited to take part in this gathering of a community that cherishes the mountains; a community that is dedicated to making winter travel in our mountains safer for all.

To order tickets, call 403-678-1235 or email: info@avalanchefoundation.ca

More information and a fax order form is available at www.avalanchefoundation.ca

Section Camps

Vancouver Section Campbell Icefields Ski Week.

Enjoy a luxurious week at the Campbell Icefield Chalet, with catered meals included. Access will be fly-in and out. Participants must be current members of the Vancouver Section. To reserve a spot, send \$250.00 deposit, payable to "Alpine Club of Canada Vancouver Section", and mail to Jay Straith, 466 East Kings Road, North Vancouver, BC V7N 2H9.

Dates: March 25 - April 1, 2006.

Cost: \$1200.00 per person (est., depending on helicopter rates)

Contact: Jay Straith jstraith@direct.ca.

Note: Camp is full – Call Jay for wait list status

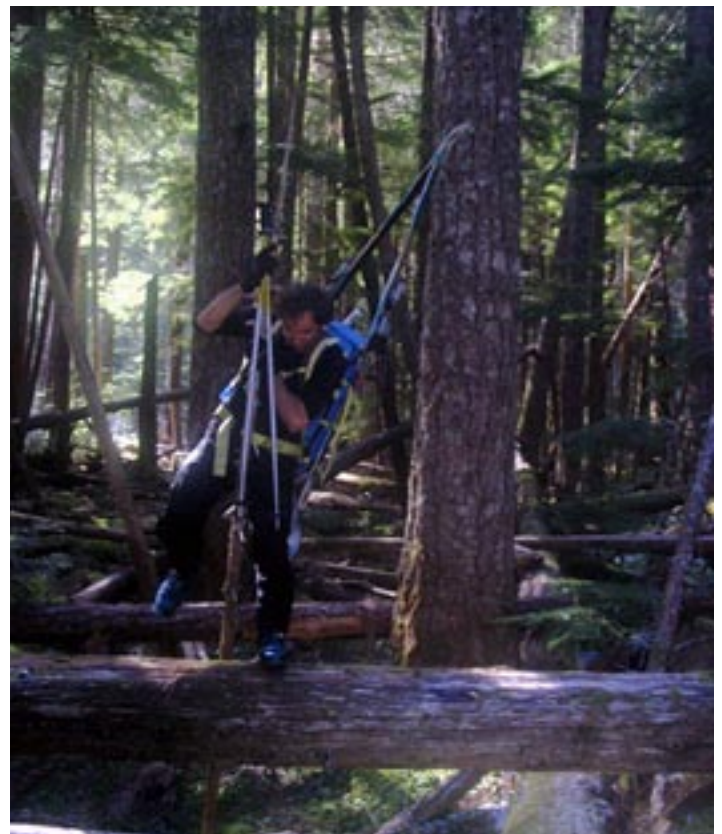
Manatee Range Spring Ski Camp.

Join us for a spring ski camp in the Manatee Group (NTS map 92J/12), west of Meager Creek. This will be a tenting base camp trip with skiing possibilities on the surrounding Manatee and Remora Glaciers, Polychrome Ridge and several peaks for the adventuresome. Tree line skiing is also close by. Access will be fly-in and fly-out, with the option of skiing out. Participants should have intermediate backcountry skills or better. A deposit of \$100 to the Alpine Club of Canada - Vancouver Section will reserve you a spot. Contact Mike for more details.

Dates: April 22 - 30, 2006

Cost: \$500 (approx, depending on helicopter costs)

Contact: Mike Thompson 604-534-8863



Circus training in the upper Cheakamus River valley.
Photo by Nikolai Hungry

Announcements (cont.)

Website News

Please welcome Steve Gillanders, who has volunteered to take on the webmaster duties for the Vancouver Section. Steve is hoping to make our website more maintainable and give it a new, fresh look in the coming months. Also, we have reserved a new .ca domain name; the website can now be reached at: <http://www.accvancouver.ca/>

ACC National News

Recent National Office Staff Changes

Josée Larochelle, our long-time Office Manager/Membership Coordinator, has left her position to begin a part-time, work-at-home job with the local school board. Melanie Young, who has been one of our Clubhouse front-desk staff members since last spring, has now taken over from Josée.

Ryan Mazur has left his Facilities Maintenance position to take on a new job in the Bow Valley. A replacement for Ryan will be sought in due course.

Lori Stevenson, a Level 3 CGA, has been hired on a part-time basis as our Finance Coordinator replacing Sam Holynski-Mozak.

A big thank you and best of luck to Josée, Ryan and Sam! And just as big a welcome to Melanie and Lori!

Finally, the ACC is currently staffing a new full time "Director, Club Services" position located in its National Office in Canmore, Alberta. The closing date for applications is February 5, 2006. For more information, see www.AlpineClubofCanada.ca/clubservicesdirector



*Champagne anyone?
Photo credit: Pierre Hungr*



*Flying into the Kamchatka Penninsula.
Photo by Stu Coleman*

Alpine Club Trip Schedule

Date	Trip Description	Grade	Name	Phone
February				
Feb 16,23	North Shore Evening Ski	B2	Gary Shorthouse	604-789-9913
Feb 15	Telemark Clinic Joint ACC/BCMC	A2	Isabel Budke	604-224-5737
Feb 17,19, 20,21	Avalanche Safety Training	B2	Sue Baldwin	604-732-4562
Feb 17-26	Vancouver International Mountain Festival			604-990-1505
Feb 18-19	Mt. Cayoosh	B2	Jay MacArthur	604-987-1232
Feb 18-19	Three Brothers	B2	Roger Bean	604-421-0165
Feb 19	Hollyburn Mtn	A2	Melinda Straight	604-980-9921
Feb 25-26	Phelix Creek	B3	Klaus Haring	604-984-4036
March				
Mar 2, 9, 16,23,30	North Shore Evening Ski	B2	Gary Shorthouse	604-789-9913
Mar 4-5	Mt. Carr	C3	Mike Thompson	604-534-8863
Mar 12	Diamond Creek	B2	Richard Keltie	604-738-4583
Mar 18	Blackcomb Backcountry	B3	Ilze Rupners	604-222-3720
Mar 25-26	Snowspider Joint ACC/BCMC	C3	Isabel Budke	604-224-5737
April				
Apr 22-27	Manatee Range Spring Camp	B5-D2	Mike Thompson	604-534-8863

It's easy to organize a trip.

For more details, please contact:

Mike Thompson at 604-534-8863 or Ian McGillivray at 604-988-3618

The Alpine Club Of Canada

Vancouver Section Trip Schedule Winter 2006

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:
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130 W Broadway, Vancouver, BC V5Y 1P3,
or given to any member of the executive.

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