



# ***Avalanche Echoes***

*Alpine Club of Canada - Vancouver Section News*

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*At our monthly slideshow, learn all you ever wanted to know about BC's endangered mountain caribou.*

## **Next Meeting**

Tuesday, March 22, 2005 at 7:30 p.m.

Floral Hall, Van Dusen Gardens, West 37th & Oak Street, Vancouver

Join wilderness guide/photographer Dave Quinn on "A Purcell Traverse" - an evening of images and tales from a mixed summer/winter traverse of the Purcell Mountains, from Kimberly to Rogers Pass. The show will examine the diversity of the Purcell range, as well as touch on the threats to its world-class values.

## **Coming Up**

April 26, 2005: "In Search of Wild Places" by Chris Cooper - featuring his 105 day epic canoe journey along the Alaska and BC coasts.

May 24, 2005: "Mountain Music: Summer Camps and Other Adventures" by Kent Watson, featuring the Lake O'Hara and Rogers Pass camps.



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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)

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, or visit [www.alpineclubofcanada.ca](http://www.alpineclubofcanada.ca)  
Section Website: [www.aebc.com/acc](http://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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## Announcements

**Get the Echoes Sooner!**

Have you considered receiving the Avalanche Echoes by e-mail notification rather than old-fashioned paper and snail mail. You'll receive it much quicker (up to two weeks earlier) and it's in colour. This also helps us save \$ on mailing costs (and keeps your fees from going up).

If you'd like to receive e-mail notification of when the latest newsletter is published, contact Richard Keltie at [accvanem@telus.net](mailto:accvanem@telus.net) to have your e-mail address added to the list. Note that we maintain this list separately from the e-mail address that you may have provided on your membership form to the ACC National office (i.e. you aren't automatically added to the newsletter notification list).

This and past issues of the Avalanche Echoes are available to all members on the Section's website at [www.aebc.com/acc](http://www.aebc.com/acc), under the "Members Log-in" area. Log in with your membership number and last name. On-line issues go back to 1999.

**Equipment Rentals - for members only**

**Avalanche Transceivers:** The club has three Focus F1 models for rent - \$7 per day or weekend; \$15 per week. Contact Ian McGillivray (North Vancouver) at 604-988-3618 or Chris Bradley (Cambie & 16th) at 604-873-9419.

**Satellite Phone:** You can rent the club's sat phone for \$30 per weekend or \$60 per week, plus \$2 per minute of airtime. \$300 refundable deposit required. Contact Tony Knight at 604-873-2276 or [knightta@telus.net](mailto:knightta@telus.net)

**Tents and Base Camp First Aid Kit:** For these items contact Rob Brusse at 604-224-0747.

**Found: Ice Axe**

An ice axe was found in the snow below Williamson Lake, near Mt Welch, on Feb 26. If this is yours, please contact Graham Rowbotham at 604-876-9279.

**Skiing at the Campbell Icefields**

The Montreal Section of the ACC has booked the Campbell Icefield Chalet for the week of April 9-16, 2005, and has extra spaces on the trip. This self-guided, self-catered trip costs approximately \$660 for the week. If interested contact Dave Percival at 514-481-2435 or [dave\\_percival@merck.com](mailto:dave_percival@merck.com)

# Camps

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## **Waddington Ski Camp / Short Traverse**

*April 23 to May 8, 2005*

*Main Purpose:* To enjoy the grandest part of the grand panorama of the Waddington range.

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

*General Plan:* The most spectacular parts of the Waddington Range are its northern aspects. After a brief traverse across the great cirque of the Radiant glacier and the upper Cataract area (two or three moving days), we will settle on the upper Tellot, close to the Plummer Hut, moving camp only once from one side of the glacier to the other.

*Specifics:* We will fly to the Chaos col (7500 ft), stay there for 1-2 days to acclimatize, move across the Radiant Cirque and up to the Unicorn col (8000 ft), and perhaps stay there for another day. There are several easy peaks (and many difficult ones) close to the camp areas. If there is enough expertise and stomach in the group, we will go directly to the upper Tellot (10,000+ ft), up a gully where we will likely need protection and crampons. If not, we will detour half-way down the Unicorn Gl (good skiing), over to and up the Cataract Gl to the Tellot. We will camp in the spots with the best views (good tents are essential). We will move as a group, but activities in and from camps are left to ad-hoc arrangements.

*Difficulty:* Skiing and touring is generally straightforward, approx. B-3. The gully to the upper Tellot would be a B-4.

*Equipment:* The usual ski gear plus: glacier gear, crampons, strong tents. We will take the Club's satellite phone. There will be a food drop at the Plummer Hut.

*Party Size:* 6 – 12.

*Cost:* Approximately \$850 including travel to Tatla Lake.

*References:* The Waddington Guide by Don Serl (Elaho Publishing Corporation, 2003), and the Waddington Map by Timberline Forest Consultants (Elaho Publishing Corporation, 2003), both available at MEC.

*Contact:* Hans at hofv@telus.net or 604-872-4855.

## **Tantalus Range Camp, Lake Lovelywater**

### **A joint ACC Rocky Mountain Section - Vancouver Section camp (C2)**

*Saturday August 13 to Saturday August 20, 2005*

The ACC Rocky Mountain Section (Canmore) has booked the Lake Lovelywater Hut for Aug. 13 - 20, and invites Vancouver Section members to join them for a week of climbing in the Tantalus Range (above Squamish). Come and join us for great climbing, meeting new people, and a lot of fun! Basic mountaineering experience and gear is required.

To register, and for more information, contact Melinda Straight at 604-980-9921, or email: mjstraight@telus.net by May 31, 2005 to confirm your spot. This is a self-guided camp for club members. Cost is approximately \$450 (depending on helicopter costs in 2005); includes hut fees, helicopter in and out.

## **6th Annual Rogers Pass Camp**

*July 1 - 9, 2005*

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 three days (two nights) tenting at Hermit Meadows and another three days (two nights) based out of the Asulkan Cabin. There will be four nights spent at the Wheeler Hut. The camp will include a knots and rope handling refresher and glacier travel orientation. Objectives will depend on conditions and experience level of participants.

This is a self-guided camp for club members. \$375 (+/-) covers food, hut fees, backcountry fees (but not parking). To register please send a cheque for \$375 made payable to "ACC Rogers Pass Camps" to Rob Brusse, 1787 Drummond Drive, Vancouver, BC V6T 1B7. For more info contact Rob Brusse at 604-732-7730 or robasbeekbrusse@aol.com

## **8th Annual Lake Lovelywater Summer Camp**

*July 9 - 17, 2005*

Eight days of mountaineering in the glorious Tantalus Range (map ref. 92G/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 entry-level participants.

This is a self-guided camp for club members. \$375 (+/-) covers the chopper and hut rental. For more information or to register call Peter Woodsworth at 604-254-7076.

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## **The ACC and "roofed accommodation" in BC Parks**

*The following is summarized from a fact sheet released by the ACC, dated February 24, 2005.*

The Alpine Club of Canada has been involved in the BC government's possible initiative to allow "roofed accommodation" projects to take place in BC provincial parks in two ways:

1. Participation in a Ministry of Water Land and Air Protection (WLAP) advisory group for WLAP policy formulation regarding possible roofed accommodation projects in BC Parks, and
2. Submission of a proposal by the ACC to WLAP to construct an "eco-lodge" near Berg Lake in Mt Robson Provincial Park.

In November 2003 WLAP issued a press release announcing it had introduced "...new legislation that will establish BC's parks as an international tourism destination and offer new resort and recreation opportunities to British Columbians and visitors." In early 2004 WLAP struck an advisory group of public stakeholder representatives to advise WLAP in drafting its policy and strategy for any possible "roofed accommodation" projects in parks. WLAP invited the ACC to participate. Bruce Keith is the ACC representative. To the best of ACC's knowledge, no "roofed accommodation" policy or strategy for BC provincial parks has yet been issued by WLAP. However a draft version of a portion of the policy was recently made public.

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# Alpine Club Trip Schedule

Date	Destination	Grade	Organizer	Phone
<b>MARCH 2005</b>				
5-6	Mt Duke	B3	Mike Thompson	604-534-8863
12	Mt Seymour	A-B2	Tanya	604-738-0696
13	Mt Frosty	B3	Tom Hamilton	604-736-1562
13	Table Mtn (Baker area)	B3	Chris Bradley	604-873-9419
19-20	Mystery trip	B/C3	Jane Weller	604-988-3618
20	Hollyburn Mtn	A2	Melinda Straight	604-980-9921
25-27	Mt Snowspider	C3	Margaret Hanson	604-341-5961
25-27	Mt Garibaldi	C3	Rhys Gibb	604-321-9955
<b>APRIL 2005</b>				
2-3	Castle Towers	C3	Todd Ponzini	604-340-9653
3	Howe Sound Area hike	B3	Ian McGillivray	604-988-3618
9	Mt Baker (ski)	C3	Jane Weller	604-988-3618
9-10	Rainbow Mtn	C3	Tony Knight	604-873-2276
16-17	Duffey Lake Area ski	C3	Ian McGillivray	604-988-3618
23-24	Mt Shuksan (Sulfide Glacier)	C3	Grant McCormack	604-535-7501
23-8	Waddington ski trip and short traverse	B3	Hans	604-228-9499
<b>JULY 2005</b>				
1-9	Rogers Pass Camp	B4	Rob Brusse	604-224-0747
9-17	Lake Lovelywater Summer Camp	C5	Peter Woodsworth	604-254-7076
23-31	Lake O'Hara Camp - FULL	B4/5	Rob Brusse	604-224-0747
<b>SEPTEMBER 2005</b>				
16-18	Fourth Annual Lake Lovelywater Photo Workshop	A2	Doug Williams	604-736-5799

Your section needs trips over the next seven months - up until November. Please organize a trip and put it on the schedule by contacting:

Ian McGillivray 604-988-3616, or  
Mike Thompson 604-534-8863

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In October 2004 the ACC National office submitted to WLAP a proposal to construct an "eco-lodge" near Berg Lake in Mt Robson Provincial Park as part of its centennial activities. This project would be an environmentally sensitive mountain hut similar to the 23 huts currently operated by the ACC in BC and Alberta. It would have a minimal footprint, would have capacity for up to 30 people in hostel-style bunks in 2-4 rooms, and heating, cooking and eating would be "self-service".

The ACC expects that, should WLAP decide to proceed with the construction of a hut near Berg Lake, the Ministry will do so in accordance with what the club expects will be specified in WLAP's planned "roofed accommodation" policy for BC provincial parks, i.e. that WLAP will proceed on the basis of a public "request for proposal", followed by full environmental assessments and public consultation. The ACC believes that a hut near Berg Lake will be welcomed by mountaineers, hikers, skiers and other groups, and that it may reduce the use of the campsite in the same area, thereby offering BC Parks the opportunity to reduce the footprint of the campsite.

For further information, contact Bruse Keith, Executive Director, Alpine Club of Canada at 403-678-3202 or [bkeith@AlpineClubofCanada.ca](mailto:bkeith@AlpineClubofCanada.ca)

## THE ALPINE CLUB OF CANADA

Vancouver Section  
Trip Schedule  
WINTER/SPRING 2005

### 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. 37<sup>th</sup> 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.aebc.com/acc](http://www.aebc.com/acc).

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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