

# AVALANCHE ECHOES



## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & PHOTO CONTEST + Spearhead Huts Soiree**

TIME TO DISCOVER WHAT ACC'ERS HAVE BEEN  
PHOTOGRAPHING THIS PAST YEAR

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND  
7:30 PM**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! THE PURPOSE OF THE  
EVENT IS TO RAISE FUNDS TO PAY FOR THE  
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENTS OF  
THE PROPOSED HUT LOCATIONS

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH  
7:30 PM**



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*"The man who moves a mountain begins by  
carrying away small stones."*

Old Chinese Proverb

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### New Avalanche Beacon Policy

The ACC has a new avalanche beacon policy, applicable to all ACC Section and National trips as of November 1, 2011. Single antenna analogue beacons will no longer be allowed on any ACC trip. ACC members are encouraged to upgrade avalanche transceivers to digital, three-antenna models, however two-antenna beacons are still acceptable.

ACC Vancouver Section members are now eligible for a tremendous deal on an ARVA EVO3+ Transceiver. The club has reached an agreement with ARVA, a well known European supplier of high quality safety equipment, to make their EVO3+ transceiver available to ACC Vancouver Section members at a price so hot we're prohibited from publishing it on the web. These are digital 3 pole beacons.

Check the ACC Vancouver Section web site for details on how to order your beacon.

### Banff Mountain Film Festival – World Tour Vancouver 2011 (December 1, 2 and 3)

Ignite your passion for adventure, action, and travel! The Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour will exhilarate you with amazing big-screen stories when it comes to the Ridge Theatre in Vancouver on December 1st & 2nd and the Centennial Theatre in North Vancouver on December 3rd. Journey to exotic locations, paddle the wildest waters, and climb the highest peaks. Be taken away to the most captivating places on earth.

Be moved. Be inspired. Don't miss out. Last year's shows were sold out. This stop on the world tour is hosted by the Alpine Club of Canada, Vancouver Section.

Here's how to buy tickets:

- Online via PayPal (see below), \$18 per ticket, tickets available at the Will Call Table at the venue on presentation of email payment confirmation
- From any ACC Executive member, \$15 per ticket, cash only

### Backcountry Skills Program - Instructors and Assistants Needed!

Your help is needed over the next months for the following:

- Backcountry Skills (overnight)
- Your First Aid Kit - what should be in it and practice using it
- Map, Compass & GPS - orientation to their use and practice
- Weather Basics

If you would like to get involved in these instruction sessions, contact Rob Brusse.

### AVALANCHE ECHOES NEEDS YOUR HELP!

We're looking for volunteers to edit the Avalanche Echoes newsletter. It's a great way to help out and stay connected with the club. We publish every two months. Volunteers would be editing stories and photos, doing graphic design, plus contributing some of their own writing and photos. Email Brad ([brad\\_badelt@hotmail.com](mailto:brad_badelt@hotmail.com)) or Rob ([rbrusse1@telus.net](mailto:rbrusse1@telus.net)) if you're interested.



## East Lion Trip Report

Our East Lion climb started with a 6am wake up, with the intention of departing camp at 7:30am. Five of our group of ten decided that they would return to the cars without attempting the East Lion, walking back the way we had arrived, via Unnecessary. After discussing the end-of-day logistics and carpooling, our group of five (Chloe, Avi, Behnam, Julio and Mark) set out to summit the EL.

We left camp at 7:50am, and reached the base of the EL at 8:40am, taking the path just before the notch to get to the WL. The slope was still covered in snow, with a few patches of ice here and there. We decided to put our crampons on though they weren't entirely necessary. The plan was to go Marek's way, described by him as a Class 3 scramble most of the way until the base of the tree gully (Class 4) (see red line).

Four of us traversed the snow slope/dirt/loose rock too low and arrived a little further down than the start of Marek's route. Avi was at the "right" spot, but dropped lower to join the rest of the group. From where we were, it looked like we could go straight up, reach a ledge and connect to Marek's route. That was the plan. Reality turned out different. To get to the ledge itself involved some stiff Class 3 and once on the ledge, it was no obvious how to go around to Marek's route. We were left with

the choice to downclimb and start properly or keep going. Nobody was excited about downclimbing so we move upwards up hoping to reach the tree gully. The route involved mostly Class 3+ with some Class 4 sections of a few meters with exposure and no obvious places for protection. After some time and much relief we all reached the tree gully, which at that point seemed much easier than what we had gone through.

A few minutes later, just before 11am, we were at the summit, Mark celebrating with a handstand. No other party was there. After a nice summit break involving snacks, water and barefoot walking around, we decided to head back down (approx. 11:40). We used the rappel station at the top of the tree gully and rappelled down 30m. Avi, who went first, started setting up a second rappel. There was already a sling in place around a few half-dead trees. We decided to set up a new sling around a nice rock, abandoning it behind. We set up a third rappel (and left a second sling behind), though at this point we were on Class 3 that we could have down-climbed. Mark chose to do just that. By then we were on Marek's route and down-climbed the rest. Mark and Avi who had gone first went back to our original start and brought all the gear

we had left there to us.

We got back to where we had left our heavy packs, re-packed, and started down towards Lion's Bay at around 3pm. We got to the cars a little over 3 hours later, noting that the bugs along this trail were much fewer and less aggressive than on the way from Unnecessary. Rob was waiting for us.



### UPCOMING SOCIALS

22 NOVEMBER 2011

#### Annual General Meeting and Photo Contest

This is it. Time to discover what ACC'ers have been photographing this past year. Our judge, Joseph Blackburn, will help interpret your best photos and announce the winner of the 2011 annual ACC Vancouver Section Photo Contest!

25 NOVEMBER 2011

#### Spearhead Huts Soiree

Mark you calendars! The purpose of the event is to raise funds to pay for the Environmental Impact Assessments of the proposed hut locations - a requirement for Level 2 of BC Parks' approval process.



# RESCUE ON LIBERTY BELL

*Story by: Jason Wheeler*

Driving across the border to Washington after work on Friday night, we took our time. After all, we only had a few hours drive to Washington Pass, where we would car-camp in order to get an early start on Saturday. In the morning we made good time up the trail and started on Becky's Route on Liberty Bell to get a warm-up before we went to find something a little harder. Racing up the three pitches and scrambling to the summit, we briefly soaked up the view before it was time to get down and onto another route, so we made the two raps to the notch in quick time.

The routes on Concord Tower were the natural next choice but they were packed with teams, so we decided to bail back down the gully and travel across to the South Early Winter Spire, then work our way back toward the North. We packed away the harnesses and the rest of our gear, then headed down the gully. It's mainly 3rd class, but it's really loose and just steep enough that when rocks start rolling they can make it all the way to the bottom. I was using a hiking pole and traveling pretty quickly and smoothly. Then it happened. I stepped, slipped, corrected, then "CRACK!" and I went down. I knew my leg was broken before I even hit the ground. What the hell was I going to do now?

Flashback - It's Thursday night and I'm packing for the weekend. Rope, rack, harness, helmet. What can I leave behind to save a few grams and take the strain off

my wobbly old knees? Maybe I could wear approach shoes rather than light mountaineering boots? They're lighter and grip really well. But with all that loose rock in the gully, I probably want something that will support my ankles. The last thing I need is another twisted ankle! I did that a few years ago, after making the running shoe choice over boots, and spent hours hobbling back out to the trail head. OK, so boots it is. SAM splint? Errr, I guess if I find someone with a twisted ankle, they will thank me for having a splint. Climber's tape, very basic first aid kit, Advil, super light silo tarp (just in case the headlamp goes flat). Don't need warm clothing, we won't be stopping for too long; we will be moving quickly all day, so that will keep us warm. OK, all packed. Bag is light, I'm ready to go.

So here I lie. It's 12:30pm. I'm on a steep, very loose, rocky gully and my leg is completely flexible between the ankle and the knee. I do my best to straighten my leg and turn my foot back in the right direction, then place my SAM splint under my floppy leg. I use climber's tape to support the leg between my knee and boot. By this time, a climber who was just starting up a route heard me swear and called out to see if we were OK. I told him I had broken my leg, so he offered to let me use his SPOT device to send an SOS. As the shock settled in, I was getting really cold. I put on all my clothes, all my partner's clothes (I wish she was not such a small woman), put the tarp over myself, and tried to just shiver quietly.

Todd, the guy with the SPOT, helped me to move back up the hill a little, to a flatter spot, then build a platform to allow me to lie flat and raise my leg above the level of my heart. I gave my car keys to my climbing partner and gave her instructions to get back to the car and drive towards Winthrop until she got phone service; then to call 911 and give them details of the injury, location, terrain, etc and ask for a helicopter evacuation. Due to the location, evacuation by ground would take all night and put many people in danger.

The pain was bearable as long as I stayed still. The human body has an amazing capacity to endure. I tried to focus only on the positive. The next few hours seemed to take forever to roll by, but finally we heard the thumping of rotors and spotted the helicopter on the far horizon. We waved at the chopper as they came by, and finally, after a couple of passes, they spotted us and started to wave back. The helicopter kept circling, going far out in to the valley, then slowly coming back over me, each time a little lower. After 30 minutes or so I was getting scared and I said to the people with me, "I don't think they know how to get me out of here!" If they just kept flying around they would surely run low on fuel and have to abort the rescue.

#### **Additional Links:**

The full story including an autopsy of the event:

<http://www.outdoorresearchverticalculture.com/2011/09/accidents-happen-rescue-on-washington-pass/>

You Tube video of the helicopter lift - G- rated, no blood:

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2U5LLbOq3So&feature=youtube\\_gdata\\_player](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2U5LLbOq3So&feature=youtube_gdata_player)



What was really happening? They had too much fuel and were trying to use a bunch of fuel up so they could hover easier at that altitude and do the lift. They were also waiting for the Winthrop SAR team who had come up the hiker's trail on a motorcycle to reach me and make sure I was safe to fly.

Once the two SAR people arrived, they put an additional splint on my leg to support it. Then they called the helicopter and Brent dropped from the sky to pick me up. The wind was incredible and the rocks and debris flying around was quite dangerous, so it was good that we were all still wearing helmets. Brent and one of the SAR guys helped me into a full body harness and tried to be as gentle as they could be. Personally, I didn't care; I was just keen to get it done. To hell with the pain, it is short-lived. Lift that leg and strap that puppy down. Let's get out of here!

With a quick thumbs up, we were gone, swinging through the air as we climbed and circled out of the gully. Free!!! We flew out over the parking area and down the road. Brent and I were slowly winched up, in a series of short jerks. Once inside the chopper, the doors were closed, they put the nose down, and made a quick dash to the Omak Hospital, 125 kms away, where doctors

and nurses had been warned of my approach. Seven hours had passed. The staff at Omak hospital were great. Three days later, I was sliding into the back seat of my car for the long drive home, with some additional body jewelry (15 screws and 2 plates). I never thought I would be so into piercings.

#### **I was lucky:**

\* Early in the day, 8+ hours of daylight to work with clear weather, no wind, warm temperatures

\* A helicopter was available

\* Someone (not from my group) had a SPOT

\* We were off the technical part of the climb

\* SAR was only 100 kms away

\* The break was not compound and bleeding

\* My partner was not hurt

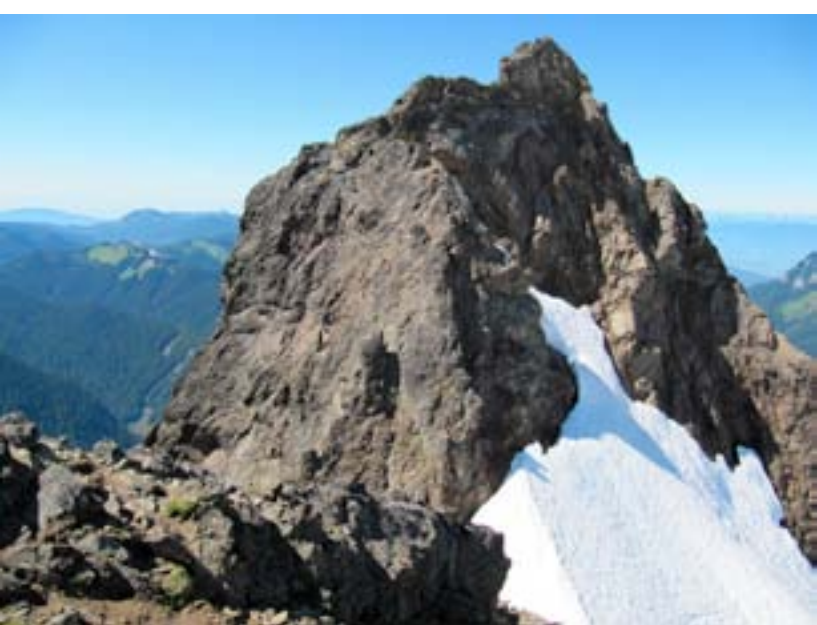
\* I was conscious

\* I had a SAM splint. I can't imagine how much worse off I would have been without that 4oz piece of luxury!

#### **Special thanks to:**

Crystal, Todd, Veronica, Tim (thanks for the pics), Carmen, Twisp SAR, US Navy Widby Island, Omak Hospital staff.









## A SCRAMBLE UP THAT 'TOMMY THING'

*Story by: Brad Badelt*

*Photos by: Iwona Erskine-Kellie*

We picked the right day for a long hike – clear blue sky and a warm, late-summer sun. David did the driving, fitting all of us into his car and managing to get out of Vancouver before 6 am. Within two and a half hours, we'd crossed the U.S. border and reached the trailhead a short drive off the road to Mount Baker.

The hike to Tomyhoi is spectacular, particularly after you climb above the tree line and the view opens up to Mount Baker and Shuksan and the jagged horizon line formed by the Cascade Range. Our hike wound its way through the alpine for a couple of hours – crossing meadows and skirting around small tarns - before Tomyhoi finally came into sight. It was shortly after that when we ran into another hiker, an American fellow who looked to be more of a hunter/farmer out for a casual stroll than a serious trekker.

"Are you climbing up that...Tommy thing over there?" he asked, point vaguely in the direction we were heading.

"Yes," one of us answered. "It's called Tomyhoi Peak."

"Huh," he said, pausing for a moment. "I've always wanted to climb that Tommy thing."

With that, the hunter/farmer marched off in the opposite direction and for the remainder of the day, the five of us ACC'ers referred to our objective as "that Tommy Thing".

We sat down for a snack a short while later and agreed to a turnaround time – 3:00 pm – that we would stick to. From where we sat, we couldn't see the route up to the summit but someone read aloud from our guidebook that the scramble was "tricky and exposed...yet very satisfying."

After lunch, our hike climbed steeply and crossed the edge of a small glacier. It was here that route finding became more difficult. The first challenge was finding our way off the glacier (the moat at the top was at least ten feet deep). Once we'd figured out how to get off the glacier, it took us a little while to find the right route to traverse along a ridge and reach the start of Tomyhoi's summit scramble.

The scramble itself is a bit daunting. It looks steep and exposed and, despite our guidebook's promise, we weren't sure how satisfying this climb would be. Nevertheless, once we got started the scramble route seemed to open itself up with each step upwards and within half an hour our group was cresting the top of the exposed ridge. Another ten minutes and we were sharing the tiny summit block, looking across at the American Border Peak.

"Wooh, that was a bit tricky," someone said.

"Yet very satisfying," we all replied.

The climb back down was somewhat less satisfying and took a bit longer than expected, but we made good time on the hike back to the car and were out before sunset. There was only one last thing to do: celebrate our summit of Tommy Thing with dinner and a beer in Glacier.

*Participants: Iwona Erskine-Kellie, David Hiscock, Brad Badelt, Amir Khanlou, and Joanne Machin.*

## Note from the Chair, 2011 in review and a look forward to 2012

2011 passed in the blink of an eye, here are some highlights & notable developments from my viewpoint.

### **Banff Mountain Film Festival Dec 2-3-4 2010 (last year)**

The Section hosted our third very successful and for the first time completely sold out series of three shows last year. The funds raised helped us support initiatives (Canadian Avalanche Association, North Shore Rescue, TLC - Skaha Bluffs) close to our community, facilitated member participation in activities through gear purchases and underwriting the rental of gear for new members taking part in our Basic Mountaineering program. In addition for the second year a significant portion of the net Proceeds went towards supporting our share of FMC operating costs. A lot of volunteers worked hard to make the Vancouver show a success, in particular I'd like to thank and acknowledge Paul Geddes & Willa Harasym for our film selection, Carolyn Clapham & Ian Ross for managing front of house, Suzanne Landry for Guest Relations, & Adam Rytwinski for helping with on-line payment systems. The success of our third Festival energized a number of section members to volunteer for our fourth hosting coming up in a few weeks on Dec 1-2-3. Please note the Hollywood Theatre (a funky venue for sure) has been sold & closed, so our Thursday and Friday night shows will be back at the Ridge Theatre this year. On Saturday December 3rd we'll be at the Centennial Theatre in North Vancouver. If you haven't done so already, get your tickets soon, because like last year the shows will likely be sold out by Dec 1st.

### **New Winter Programs Introduced**

#### **Avalanche Gear Orientation & Practice for beginners.**

In December (2010) we introduced regularly scheduled monthly evening Transceiver practice sessions on Mount Seymour. They were well received and fully booked (15 members per session) throughout the winter. MEC supported this program by providing a 50% group discount for members needing to rent avi kits. The workshop is a great way to acquaint or refresh yourself with Transceiver & related (probing & digging) skills. We intend to have the workshops available this winter too. Have you practiced using your Transceiver recently, or learned the new shovelling techniques? If not...see iCal postings 2nd Wed night each month throughout winter...& sign up!

#### **Ski Touring & Glacier Travel Skills**

##### **(for intermediate level skiers aspiring to coordinate winter backcountry events)**

A number of volunteers (Ben Waller, Martin Siegert, Mark Snaterse, Behnam Giwi, & Cam Miller) worked hard to develop, beta test and implement this program. It was open to 12 students with 4 instructors. The program consisted of 2 dry school sessions (BCIT - crevasse rescue practice) and 2 field weekends (Keith's hut & Blackcomb Glacier). See [www.accvancouver.ca/](http://www.accvancouver.ca/) for full course description. This program was also very well received and is a fine addition to our course offerings. With some minor modifications based on our experience, the program will be available again this winter. Course fees (\$180) are refundable to those who've led at least 2 club events and agree to coordinate 2 additional events over the coming winter season (before May 15)

#### **Basic 1 Mountaineering Course (Enhanced see Orientation....below)**

We ran our 4th consecutive Basic 1 course this year. Demand for the course continues to be very strong. This year for the first time there was no attrition (in the past about 1/5 of students weren't able to attend all sessions on offer). The requirement that participants coordinate a section event as a condition of admission continues to meet with strong approval from our executive, course leaders, participants and interested section members and again resulted in many much needed trips being posted to our Calendar. Thanks to Tony Knight & Margaret Hanson, Amir Khanlou, Behnam Giwi, Monica Durigon, Mark Snaterse, Dave Henwood, Ben Waller & Jay MacArthur

#### **Orientation for Summer Event Coordinators**

To address concerns expressed by Basic 1 graduates (and others) about how to coordinate section events we developed a 2 hour (free pizza & soft drinks) orientation outlining 5 important elements of the process the session took place immediately prior to our regular June meeting had over 30 attendees....(got to coordinate an event if you want a free dinner). Over 30 members turned out for the event, and felt the session very worthwhile. Thanks to Kayla Stevenson, Tony Knight, & Margaret Hanson, Dave Henwood, Cam Miller, and Stephen Hooper. There'll be an Orientation for Winter Event Coordinators prior to our January 2012 social. Look for it on iCal and if you're willing to coordinate an event and want a free dinner.....sign up!

#### **ACC Vancouver Section Members' 10% Discount night at MEC.**

These have become regular semi-annual events and offer savings and value to participating members, and the section. Because registration through iCal is required, the program encourages members to become familiar with iCal. Over 320 section members have used iCal to log onto at least one event in the past year.

#### **FMC Issues \$5 rebate (per enrolled member) to member clubs**

Finally, and in response to representations by the Vancouver Section (among others) over the last several years the FMC at the June 2011 AGM agreed to (one-time) rebate \$5 per enrolled member of each member club that remitted \$15 in the previous year (some clubs remit only \$10 and they are not eligible for the rebate). The Vancouver Section is strongly supportive of the FMC, with numerous members contributing significant amounts of time, energy and expertise to the achievement of our mutual objectives. The Vancouver Section accepted the rebate as a move in the right direction (compromise) and will continue to press for implementation of the implied lower fee (\$10) at next years' FMC AGM. Thanks to Antje Wahl, Kayla Stevenson, Richard Keltie, Patrick Lloyd & Caroline Clapham for their steady guidance and work on this matter.

#### **Spearhead Huts Initiative**

##### **Proposal - advanced to phase 2 of BC Parks Impact Assessment Process**

After several years of steady work, the Spearhead Huts committee has passed some significant milestones. BC Parks has found the Committee to be credible and the initiative not inconsistent with the Garibaldi Parks Master Plan, and therefore advanced the proposal to the next level (2) of the Parks Impact Assessment Process. This means the committee has been asked to submit to BC & Garibaldi Park



managers' site assessments and surveys, environmental assessments as well as architectural drafts for review, evaluation and hopefully eventual approval. This is where the rubber hits the road for the Spearhead Proposal...from here on in the Committee will have to come up with funds to pay for the required studies & engineering work without knowing for sure if the project will be approved. Indications from other sources seem to indicate reasonably wide spread community support for the project. The Committee has begun a number of fundraising initiatives to meet the anticipated short term financial needs. You can find more current updates on our website (home page) and by going to [www.spearheadhuts.org](http://www.spearheadhuts.org) One of the first events the Committee will host is outlined immediately below. Special thanks to those who gave counsel and attended meetings representing the Vancouver Section throughout the year, Liz & Manrico Scremin, Colin Boyd, & Matt Gunn.

**Spearhead Huts Fundraiser Soiree November 25, Performance Works Granville Island**

The Spearhead Huts Committee has an amazing Soiree planned for the evening of November 25. They hope to raise at least \$6,000 to fund a portion of the work that needs to be done as part of Phase 2 of the project (estimated at about \$42,000). Please check-out the Fundraiser Soiree page on our website and purchase a ticket that reflects your level of support for the project. Look forward to seeing you there. Thanks to Liz Scremin, Colin Boyd, Steve Legault & Vanessa Abbott for their help on this.

**Transceiver Initiative**

As a result of our Transceiver sessions last year it became apparent that a number of members either didn't have Transceivers, (cause they were too pricey) or had analogue Transceivers which are no longer acceptable on Alpine Club trips. Over the summer, a committee worked at searching out and making arrangements with a well known European supplier of Safety equipment to make a particular model of Transceivers available exclusively to Vancouver Section members at an extremely attractive price.

*(visit our web page [http://www.accvancouver.ca/avalanche\\_beacon.htm](http://www.accvancouver.ca/avalanche_beacon.htm))*

There are couple of other interesting initiatives in development; the first a joint VOC-ACC Basic Backcountry Navigation skills weekend and a Distinguished Alpinists Speaker series to begin next spring look for more information about these soon. There is more that could be said about our growing event schedule (averaging about 23 events per month up from about 20 per month last year), and our growing membership up for the 6th straight year but you get the idea.....

I'd like to thank Dave Henwood for his many contributions and counsel as our Treasurer over the past 4 years and also for his service, organizing events, and the leadership he provided in the Basic Mountaineering 1 program. We're grateful to Steve Burgess for his help over the past several years shaping the Alpin-E-r into the effective digital bulletin it has come to be, and to Brad Badelt who stepped in to resuscitate and bring back to life our newsletter The Avalanche Echoes. Members now receive the Echoes either digitally or by hardcopy on a bi-monthly basis. Thanks to each of you very much.

I said the same thing last year but it's still true. It's been another busy year for the section; we've developed some new initiatives, improved some of our offerings, there've been more events scheduled this year and more members actively participating on them. It's all been accomplished through generous contributions of time and talent by our many volunteers. It's been an honour and pleasure to work with them all, thanks for the opportunity.

*Respectfully submitted Rob Brusse Chair Vancouver Section Alpine Club of Canada*

**ACC – Vancouver Section Monthly Social - 22 November 2011**

|                |   |      |
|----------------|---|------|
| Potluck dinner | (section to supply dessert, juices, coffee & tea) | 6:30 |
| Meeting        | announcements                                     | 7:30 |
| AGM*           | see Notice below                                  | 7:45 |
| Photo Contest  | presented by Joe Blackburn                        | 8:30 |

**Notice of AGM**

To the members of The Alpine Club of Canada-Vancouver Section  
 The Annual General Meeting of members will be held on 22 November 2011  
 As the Floral Hall of the VanDusen Gardens 5251 Oak Street beginning at 7:45 pm  
 Agenda

|                        |   |   |              |
|------------------------|---|---|--------------|
| 7:45                   | Call meeting to order                               | - | Rob Brusse   |
|                        | Establish quorum (20)                               | - | Bill Sims    |
|                        | Approval of the Agenda                              | - | All          |
|                        | Minutes of previous meeting (circulated in advance) | - | All          |
|                        | Volunteer Recognition & Awards                      | - | Rob Brusse   |
|                        | Report from the Chair                               | - | Rob Brusse   |
|                        | Treasurer's Report                                  | - | Dave Henwood |
|                        | Tantalus & Cabin Report                             | - | Ron Royston  |
| Other Position Reports |   |   |              |
|                        | Report of the Nominating Committee                  | - | Liz Scremin  |
|                        | Election of Officers & Executive Committee          | - | Liz Scremin  |
|                        | Old Business  |   |              |
|                        | Business arising                                    |   |              |
|                        | New Business  |   |              |
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## UPCOMING SOCIALS & COURSES

### Annual General Meeting and Photo Contest Tuesday, November 22, 2011 (Van Dusen Gardens)

This is it. Time to discover what ACC'ers have been photographing this past year. Our judge, Joseph Blackburn, will help interpret your best photos and announce the winner of the 2011 annual ACC Vancouver Section Photo Contest! The contest is open to all ACC Vancouver Section Members. (Another reason to join if you're not a member yet.)

A maximum of two photos per member will be accepted in each of five categories:

- Adventure in the Mountains
- Fauna/Flora in the Mountains
- Humour in the Mountains
- People in the Mountains
- Scenery in the Mountains

Before the photo contest results are presented, we'll be holding our annual general meeting so please plan to attend.

### Spearhead Huts Soiree - Friday, November 25, 2011

Mark you calendars! The purpose of the event is to raise funds to pay for the Environmental Impact Assessments of the proposed hut locations --- a requirement for Level 2 of BC Parks' approval process. The evening will feature a number of well known & knowledgeable supporters giving brief presentations on their area of expertise (Parks perspective, Summer & Winter opportunities, SHC vision, and historical perspectives). There will a raffle (& possibly a silent auction) & attendees will be encouraged to dig into wallets.

[http://www.accvancouver.ca/spearhead\\_soiree.htm#Spearhead\\_Soiree\\_Program](http://www.accvancouver.ca/spearhead_soiree.htm#Spearhead_Soiree_Program)

### Volunteer Help Wanted

Section members preferred. We could use your help to make this happen in a number of areas.

- Booze Jockey-someone with a "BCLCB "serve it right" credentials who can help order the liquor, manage a small bar return the overages.
- Bar tender assistants (2)
- Ticket takers & Ushers
- Coat & Hat check (2)

- Someone with Graphic art skills for help with posters, ticket & publicity design

- Someone with access to large format printers to print posters, programs, etc.

- Someone with social media & PR skills

- People to help with Set up & Tear down at the beginning & end of the event

- People to donate and/or ask for silent auction items

- People to pick up silent auction items

If you can support this fundraising initiative in any of the above ways, please sign up to help or volunteer for the Nov. 25th event. Indicate your preferred area of service in the "Additional Notes area" at bottom of your sign in page.

### Intro to Backcountry Skiing - December 10, 2011

There will be a lecture/introductory talk probably on November. 24th. On Dec. 10, we'll do a day trip to Paul Ridge, in Garibaldi Park near Squamish.



## UPCOMING TRIPS & SOCIALS

SAT, NOV 5 2011 - MOUNTAINEERING - SILENT HUB

TUE, NOV 8 2011 - MEETING - ACC VANCOUVER MEMBERS' 10% DISCOUNT NIGHT @ MEC

TUE, NOV 8 2011 - HIKE - GROUSE TRAILS HIKE

TUE, NOV 15 2011 - HIKE - GROUSE TRAILS HIKE

TUE, NOV 22 2011 - MEETING - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TUE, NOV 22 2011 - MEETING - PHOTO CONTEST

TUE, NOV 22 2011 - HIKE - GROUSE TRAILS HIKE

FRI, NOV 25 2011 - SOCIAL - VOLUNTEER HELPERS - SPEARHEAD HUTS FUNDRAISER SOIREE

TUE, NOV 29 2011 - HIKE - GROUSE TRAILS HIKE

SAT, DEC 3 2011 - SNOWSHOEING - SUGARLOAF MTN.

SAT, DEC 10 2011 - TRAINING - INTRODUCTION TO BACKCOUNTRY SKIING

SAT, JAN 28 2012 - SNOWSHOEING - PEAKS NEAR POLAND LK.

SAT, MAR 10 2012 - SKIING - MCGILLVRAY PASS SKI CAMP - MAR. 10-17, 2012



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