

Avalanche Echoes

Alpine Club of Canada - Vancouver Section News



Peaks float above a sea of clouds near Bute Inlet. This month's meeting features a slide show by John Baldwin.

What's Happening at Club Meetings

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

John Baldwin: "Beyond the Tahumming: Other alpine Traverses in the Coast Mountains". John will talk about some recent traverses near Kingcome, Toba and Seymour Inlets.

Tuesday, November 22, 2005

Linda Bily: "Climbing on Mount Logan with Rescue at 18,000 ft." Linda will share her experience on Mount Logan in May 2005, weathering a severe storm on a northern peak at 5500m, and the rescue of three North Shore Rescue team members on the summit plateau.

(No meeting in December)

Tuesday, January 24 2006

Chris Cooper: "In Search of Wild Places". A 42 day ski expedition from Ellesmere Island to Coburg Island, climbing 6 peaks on Coburg returning over Glacier Strait and the icecaps of Ellesmere Island, this is truly an amazing area to photograph. Surrounded by Greenland Icebergs!



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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
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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Announcements

Winter Leadership Workshop:

Thurs. evening 3rd Nov.; Sat. 5th or Sun 6th Nov. (depending on which has the best weather)

Colin Boyd: 604-879-3473

This is for ACC members wanting to lead their first trip or a refresher for others. In the evening session, we will discuss the planning and undertaking of a one-day winter trip covering route selection, participant screening, resources, timing, what to bring, ACC waivers and policies. This will be followed by a short one-day field session at a location to be decided on. Colin Boyd completed the North Face ACC Winter Leadership Course this past winter.

Ski Tune Up:

Thurs. evening Dec. 8th

Colin Boyd: 604-879-3473

Bring your skis to learn and participate in a ski tune up, cleaning, base fill, sharpening and base waxing. We will also discuss repair kits to take on trips and how to do emergency repairs in the field.

Executive Needed! The Vancouver Section is recruiting for the following positions on the 2005-2006 executive:

- Membership
- Secretary
- Socials
- Access and Environment
- Webmaster
- Camps Coordinator
- Centennial Camp Leader

Contact Richard Keltie (nominating coordinator), for further information richardkeltie@telus.net (604) 738-4583

Please consider volunteering for one of these positions.

2006 THE NORTH FACE / Alpine Club of Canada Winter Leadership Course

The winter leadership course provides training for the Club's section trip leaders, with a focus on winter skiing and mountaineering safety. Sponsored by The North Face and the ACC, this provides a great opportunity to improve your winter leadership skills. Similar to previous years, this course will be run by top ACM Guides and based at Golden Alpine Holidays Vista Lodge. Vancouver Section members interested in attending should submit an application to the ACC National Office, and contact the Section Executive (call Tony Knight 604-873-2276 or Rob Brusse 604-224-0747) for a letter of endorsement.

Application Deadline: Extended to November 10, 2005

Location: Vista Lodge

Date: January 7 - 14, 2006

Cost: \$650 + GST (same as last year)

For more details, see: <http://www.alpineclubofcanada.ca/activities/leadership.html>

“The Ways to the Sky”

A Multimedia Mountaineering History Show

by *Andy Selters, November 24*

This state-of-the-art digital production with historical mountaineering images from the 1870s to the present day, celebrates the spirit of mountaineering, from the explorers like John Muir and Conrad Kain through the tales of Fred Beckey to the modern über-climbers.

Location: Anza Club

Date: 7:30 PM, Thursday November 24, 2005

Tickets: \$10 in advance, \$12 at door. Available at Mountain EquipmentCo-op (Broadway store), or the next ACC Section Socials Tues. Oct. 25 and Nov. 22, or call 604-878-5272, or e-mail accvanem@telus.net

Announcements (cont.)

To all owners of Ortovox M1/M2 Avalanche Beacons from the Safety Committee of the Alpine Club of Canada

We have been advised that, due to variance in the size of AA batteries, there is a chance that the batteries in your avalanche beacon could become dislodged and the unit could unexpectedly lose power.

Go to the Ortovox website (www.ortovox.com) for a discussion of the problem, an offer by Ortovox to send you a free replacement battery compartment cover, as well as details about differences between batteries that could lead to this problem happening. Information about this and other safety-related issues can be found on the ACC's website at: www.alpineclubofcanada.ca/services/safety/index.html

Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour in Vancouver December 1, 2, 3 2005, featuring top films of outdoor and mountain adventure and culture. More info at www.bmffvancouver.ca

Coquitlam Search and Rescue recruitment drive. Coquitlam SAR will be holding a public information session to launch the beginning of its recruitment drive. Anyone interested in joining the team is encouraged to come to the session at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, October 19th, 2005 at

You're Invited! to the 16th Annual Mountain Guides' Ball

October 29th 2005

New this year the Ball will take place at the Banff Park Lodge. It's a convenient location in fun-loving Banff, where you will find a wide range of culture, entertainment, outdoor recreation and culinary options to enjoy before and after the Mountain Guides' Ball activities.

The \$85 Ball ticket includes:

- An afternoon multimedia show by this year's patron, Don Vockeroth
- A special four-course dinner with complimentary wine
- Silent auction of mountaineering art, accommodations, trips, and equipment
- Table gifts and evening mementos
- Dancing to a live band, The Real Deal
- An official tax receipt of \$20.00

Catch up with long time friends, make new ones and have a fun filled evening.

For tickets, call: (403) 678-3200 ext. 108

For special room rate reservations: 1 (800) 661-9266

Don't Miss It!

www.AlpineClubofCanada.ca/mgb/

Coquitlam City Hall, 3000 Guildford Way, or contact Coquitlam SAR at tel. 604-927-3484 or visit www.coquitlam-sar.bc.ca. Selected applicants will then be invited for an interview and hike.

Haberl Hut update

As of the end of September, the Jim Haberl Memorial Hut is almost ready for winter. The wall with the clerestory windows is completed with membrane, flashings and metal cladding. The roof, venting and soffits are complete. Exterior facades are almost complete. Still remaining is weatherstripping of all doors, installation of some remaining fascia, some interior wall sheathing.

Avalanche training on-line

The Canadian Avalanche Association has announced a new addition to its educational arsenal – an free on-line program that teaches the basics of avalanche self-rescue. The program uses some stunning video clips and a variety of interactive exercises to guide the students through steps such as pre-trip planning, reducing risk in the field, self-rescue and companion rescue. CAA stresses the on-line course is not intended to replace actual avalanche safety training. To find the program, go to the CAA website (www.avalanche.ca) and click on “What's New”

Alpine Club Trip Schedule

Date	Destination	Grade	Organizer	Phone
OCTOBER 2005				
7-10	Watercolour Painting En Plein Air	A1	Liz Scremin	604-921-2651
8-9	Skaha Rock Climbing	A5	Margaret Hanson	604-341-5961
15	Limelite Peak	C3/4	Mike Thompson	604-534-8863
22 or 23	Intro to Ice Climbing Workshop (Coleman Gl.)	B5	Paul Baker	604-929-7699
25	Monthly meeting and slideshow at Van Dusen Gardens			
NOVEMBER 2005				
3	Winter Leadership Workshop (evening)		Colin Boyd	604-879-3473
5 or 6	Winter Leadership Workshop	A1	Colin Boyd	604-879-3473
22	Monthly meeting and slideshow at Van Dusen Gardens			
DECEMBER 2005				
8	Ski Tune Up (evening)		Colin Boyd	604-879-3473

It's easy to organize a trip. For details, please call Ian McGillivray (604-988-3618) or Mike Thompson (604-534-8863)



A refreshing dip in a coast range tarn. Photo by John Baldwin.

THE ALPINE CLUB OF CANADA

Vancouver Section
Trip Schedule
FALL/WINTER 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. 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.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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