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# The High Road

*Alpine Club of Canada-Okanagan Section*



**Campbell Icefield Chalet sheds its load Mar 2007**

## *Beacon Practice Advised*

Winter Trips Coordinator Trent Marshall advises all members to spend some time practicing beacon search and other aspects of avalanche avoidance and rescue before getting too involved shredding pow. "After a long summer it is understandable that people want to get right out there and do some turns, but it is important to review your avalanche rescue skills before heading into avalanche terrain" Trent stated during a recent interview at the Glenmore Tim Horton's. He recommends

that all leaders of early season trips allot some time for beacon search and review of probing and excavation techniques. "Just assembling your rescue gear in a timely fashion usually highlights areas where people need practice. And don't forget to add multiple burial scenarios once basic search techniques are perfected." Trent wanted to emphasize that members should be ready for avalanche conditions as soon as they leave the hut!

## *National Delegate Wows AGM*

Brad Schmucker, National Delegate for the ACC Okanagan Section, stole the show at the recently concluded AGM with a riveting and highly detailed presentation on the happenings at the National level of the ACC for the last year. "I think it's important to get the word from the National level back to the grass roots of the club" Brad concluded during a recent interview at the Gasthaus in Peachland. Obviously still pumped from his recent presentation, Brad

was surprised at the response to his information. "I guess you kind of think people are caught up in there own world here at the local level and it is highly motivating to see that people really do have an interest with things National". Brad was re-elected unopposed for another term as the National Delegate at the November 3 AGM. Further information on the AGM is available on page 2 of this issue.



**Unpacked Powder –  
Campbell Icefields  
Photo by Dave Rothwell**

## *New Executive Elected*

The second AGM held at Apex Resort was a big success complete with 9 variations on chili and a highly entertaining and fast flowing meeting chaired by Brenda. I believe everyone received a present, whether they wanted one or not. If you are not familiar with the Wheeler Hut, you will be by Christmas! The new Executive is as follows:

Madame Chairperson - Brenda Bouchette

Camp Manager - Trent Marshall

Communications:

List Server - Mark Force

Newsletter - Ron Berlie

Web Site - Andrew Parker

Environment and Access – Sean Kelly

Membership – Janice McQuilkin

National Delegate – Brad Schmucker

Secretary- Craig Nichol

Treasurer – Sid Scull

Winter Trip Coordinator – Trent Marshall

Summer Trip Coordinator – Carla Stephens



**Mt Sir Donald from  
Copperstain Mt**

## *We Need Your Stories and Pictures*

We are attempting to resurrect the newsletter for the club as an effective means of finding out what people have accomplished and what they are planning to accomplish. Unfortunately if you don't tell anyone what you have done, we have no way of passing it on. We will try to make the newsletter smaller and issue it more often. We would like to

issue a monthly e-mail newsletter but we need your help. Send a brief report to me of any trips that are done and include a couple of pics. Don't worry about re-creating "Into Thin Air" or "Conquistadors of the Useless". Send me what you have. Check page one for our ability to create a story out of nothing! Send pics! All info to [buzzber@shaw.ca](mailto:buzzber@shaw.ca)

## Upcoming Trips

### **Dec 7**

Ice climbing refresher or intro followed by social Apex Ski Resort

### **Dec 8/9**

Avalanche Awareness Course Apex Resort

### **Dec 15/16**

Wilderness First Aid Course

### **Jan 11,12 & 13**

Ice climbing road trip

### **Jan 18-20**

Asulkan Hut Backcountry Skiing

### **Jan 26**

Ice climbing and or skiing at Apex

### **Feb 15-17**

Asulkan Hut Backcountry Skiing

### **Feb 24**

Old Glory to Red Mountain Backcountry Skiing

### **Mar 01**

Snowshoe Wheeler Hut to Asulkan Valley

### **Mar 7,8,9**

Asulkan Hut Backcountry Skiing

### **Mar 15-22**

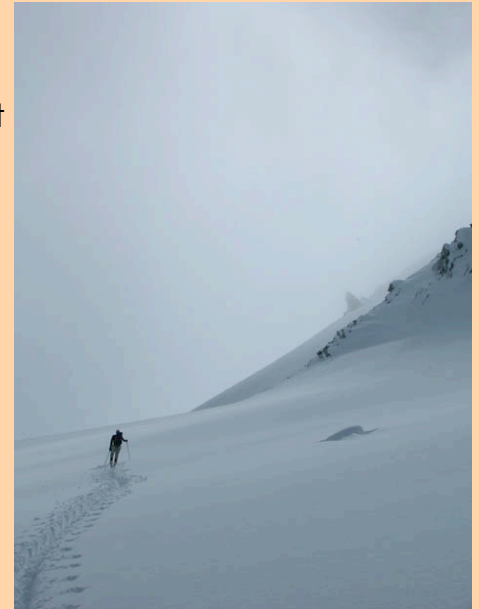
Sorcerer Lake Lodge Winter Camp

### **Mar 22-25**

Lake O'Hara Snowshoe

## New Updated Interactive Website

For information on all these upcoming events check out our updated website @ <http://members.shaw.ca/accokanagan/ACCOK.html> Just click on the upcoming events calendar for all the information you need from trip coordinator contact numbers to costs.



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**Alpine Start, Strahlhorn, Haute Route**

## *Your Picture Could Be Here*

Send us your trip reports and photos! Get the word out about your latest adventure! Show off that face plant you caught! How about a hero shot on the summit! Share your adventures with the club!

### *In the Next Issue*

Leon Gets Life

Cat Meets Dave the Goat

Five Questions – A New Feature