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MEETINGS

Central Okanagan Group

First Tuesday of the month 7:30 pm
Bunkhouse Restaurant
2777 KLO Road Kelowna
Call Dave Urness at 763-2936

South Okanagan Group

3rd Monday of the month 7:00pm
The Barley Mill
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Message From The Chairman



Upon a recent climbing trip to Squamish, it was evident that fall has arrived! Although the weather was good for coastal standards the cool air and cold stone revealed the change of season. I would like to thank everyone who helped make this year an active and productive one for members of the ACC. Many trips both winter and summer were well attended and produced some colorful stories for our monthly meetings.

Please consider joining the club at the annual general meeting Nov. 23rd. As in previous years, it is going to be held at Big White "Hostel Style" at the ski patrol lodge. I think you will find this event a great opportunity to meet fellow members, enjoy each others cooking and hone your skills at one of the educational sessions held in the afternoon.

Otherwise, have a great fall and look forward to skiing with you this winter.

David Urness Okanagan Section Chair

AGM at Big White Saturday Nov. 23rd

Potluck Dinner and Mountaineering Skills Day

Come out and join in on the fun for the 6th Annual General Meeting. This year's AGM event will be held at the CSPS Hostel located at Big White Ski resort. This is a fun and enjoyable day with lots of activities, fun and food. Below is a schedule of events offered at this year's AGM. All that is required is your attendance and some food to contribute toward the potluck dinner. Also, if you wish, bring your sleeping bag and pillow. The lodge is complete with hostel style rooms with bunks and mattresses, shower and wash-room facilities. A voluntary \$5 per person donation to the CSPS is appreciated for the use of their facility.

AGM Events schedule:

1:00pm - Meet at the CSPS Hostel, Big White Ski Resort (Directions Below)

1:30pm - Mountain Skills review and acquisition Courses - Pick a course you are interested in!

1) Avalanche transceiver use and practice (Bring a transceiver if you own one).

2) Crevasse Rescue and Glacier travel (Bring a climbing harness. Equip. will be available for those without).

3) Navigation/compass skills

4) Snowshoe/ ski/ hike - depending on how much snow there is! (Bring own equipment).

5:00 pm - Potluck Dinner at the CSPS Lodge: Please bring food (dinner, appetizer or a desert) and your own beverages.

The CSPS lodge has full kitchen facilities.
7:00pm-7:45pm Annual General Meeting
- Nomination and Election of Executive and Directors for 2002/ 2003 (If interested contact 763-2936).

Other club related information.

8:00pm - Social and raffle prizes

8:45-? Cocktails, Socializing and fun!



Directions: From Hwy. 97 in Kelowna, take Highway 33 east. Turn left at the Big White turn off approx. 40 km from Kelowna. 30 minutes up the Big White road brings you to the Snow Pine Estates. After the "Welcome to Big White" sign there is a left hand turn about 200 meters down the road. A small sign saying Ski Patrol and Ambulance is at this turn. Follow this road to the parking lot. At the far end of the lot, park and the CSPS Lodge is the large building on the left at the end of the driveway. If you miss the turn you will arrive shortly at the base of the Ridge chair ski lift and lodge. Contact Dave Urness for info at 763-2936

New Provincial Park for Kelowna!

This summer saw lots of activity with the development of a new Provincial Park - Myra Bellevue. Located in the South Slope region adjacent the mission benchlands of Kelowna, this park hosts numerous recreational and ecological features. Both drainages of Myra and Bellevue creek are included extending from the summit of Little White mountain to the Crawford Estates Mountain biking area. From mountain biking, the historic Crawford trail, scenic Myra and Bellevue canyons and the alpine meadows and lakes at Little White, this new park has plenty to offer those travelling on foot, bike or horse. The most recent activity in the development of the park is the construction of a new parking and trailhead area at the end



New fencing near trailhead

of Stuart Road East. Many volunteers and hours of work have seen the initial stages of the parking area come to fruition. Eventually, this will become the main access for most of the forested areas of the park. A new parking area has been constructed on Little White FSR, giving access to Crawford lake and Little White mountain.

Any members travelling in the area please be aware of new sign postings. Also, please help educate others about the new park and the values it possesses. Part of our contribution can be stewards for this new area and to spread the word about this new park. The more people know about it the sooner the area can be protected and looked after by all of us.

Mt. Begbie via Astar

Fly to Begbie?? Oh, sure, why not? The plan was to fly up, do Begbie on Saturday, (Sept 7) and Tilley on Sunday. That's all cool. All 7 of us (Gary, Antoine, Chad, Ken Mc, Dave R, Pat, and me) got to heli in to the Begbie



Our chariot makes its departure

campsite for \$75 each - a deal if you've ever hiked the trail in (I had!). The flight was way cool, with sightseeing for potential ski runs on McKenzie, and potential routes for Tilley. And hey, we were there by 10 am, ready to set up camp and head for the summits. Begbie was Saturday's agenda - the weather was mixed, but OK. The glacier had some fresh snow on it, which made travel easy. We traversed over a bit of an "open air" snow bridge to reach the infamous Begbie ledge, which really wasn't so bad - no ropes needed. As we headed up, the clouds moved in, but the route finding was easy, as the route was well defined, and cairned most of the way. More clouds moved in, and as we neared the summit. I heard a strange sound coming from my pack...others started to hear it, too. "Hmmm, our ice axes are singing - do ya suppose there's electric-



the lunch crowd

ity in the air??" It was hailing now, as some of us reached the summit, and some of us decided we really didn't

need to go there - being lightning rods didn't appeal. The visibility diminished as we hurriedly retreated, and the hail turned to all-out snow. It was a slow decent, in slippery conditions. We began to regret leaving the ropes



Yes, we do all our gear shopping together

behind, but things improved as we descended. Our taste of winter was over for the day, as we headed back to camp for dinner and beer (we flew in, after all).

That night, we got blasted by another thunderstorm, and had an inch of hail deposited on our tents. Tilley in the morning?? Hmm maybe not. The action from the tents in the morning was underwhelming. So we drank coffee, ate all the food in our packs, and finished the last couple of beers, before the hike out down the trail, for more



The gang ready to hit the trail down

food and bears (not a typo) in Revelstoke.

All, in all, it was a relaxing way to spend a weekend in the mountains, one of the last for this season under "summer" conditions.

*story by Cathy Mathier
photos by Dave Rothwell*

The North Face / ACC Summer Leadership Course

I was fortunate enough this summer to be accepted to "The North Face / ACC Summer Leadership Course. When I first saw the required pre requisites for the course I thought that maybe I was not qualified enough. The reason I applied was because of what John Warren had said at our AGM last year. With rising insurance costs and increasing liabilities the ACC is strongly committed to improving it's members leadership skills. So with several flushed out letters of recommendations from fellow members I submitted my application and was accepted. The course was to coincide with the fifth week of the ACC General Mountaineering Camp (GMC).

Carla Stevens was going to the GMC at the same time as I was to attend the TNF course so we made arrangements to car pool to Revelstoke the Friday night. All GMC and TNF course participants were to meet Saturday morning at the Regent Hotel in Revelstoke. From Revelstoke we convoyed up the Big Bend Highway past the Revelstoke Dam for 80 km. to Big Mouth Creek. We then drove east for 28 km deep into the Northern Selkirks to the helicopter staging area. With crossed fingers I chose not to surround my truck with chicken wire as most of my compatriots did to porcupine proof their vehicles. I kind of figured because we were in the Columbia Rain forest and if I were a porcupine I would much rather dine on succulent Devil's Club bulb than Detroit brake line.

We were allowed only fifty pounds gear each for the Helicopter ride into Trident/ Neptune base camp. Fifty pounds was a subjective unit of weight. Let's see, a guitar and case, twelve beer, climbing gear and a weeks worth of clothing for the mountains, that's got to only weigh about forty pounds. I wish that I was that free of a thinker, I may have brought my twenty pound Labrador Retriever with me.

We piled all the gear at the staging area and waited for our ride. There were about 40 people going into the camp and we would be dove-tailing with the group coming out. It got pretty busy at the landing site, loading gear and food for the camp, seven people getting off and seven people getting on. All the people taking the TNF course, ten in all, were slated for the last two groups. Being the quiet unassuming type that I am I was in the last group. There was a stark contrast between the groups coming out and our groups going in. The groups coming out were all more familiar with each other. They

were laughing and smiling, much more animated than we were.

The flight in took only about five minutes. The camp was at about 7000', the staging area was at 3200', we flew a lazy inverted "S" into the Trident / Neptune Basin. Trident and Neptune are the two most prominent peaks in the area and they are opposite from each other with a rampart of lesser peaks between them forming the basin. There were three distinct glaciers lingering up from the camp and a prominent col between Trident and Dolphin. Upon first impression, it was an aggressive area.

The camp was amazing, much more extensive than I had thought it



Guide Cyril Shokoples rockin'

would be. Brad Harrison operates the camp. I'm not sure but I think his father was an outfitter and he also operated camps for the ACC. To say the least Brad has the camp thing down pat. There were four large canvas wall tents that dominated the area. There was Ω sa storage tent, a tea tent, a drying tent and a 50' long combination dining and cook tent. Scattered beyond the big tents were about thirty high tech three man mountain tents for all the TNF and GMC participants. A braided creek ran throughout the camp and Brad had put in a series of bridges made of large logs flatten on one side. There were also two very clean outhouses, a shower stall, outdoor wash basins and an area with tables and sinks to do dishes. Everything had to be flown in, it was an extremely comfortable and functional camp.

The food was exceptional. The cook tent was equipped with full size propane ovens and stoves. We had four course meals every night, soup, salad, main course and desert. One night we had turkey dinner with all the trimmings another night was roast beef and then for desert we had such fair as apple cobbler, brownies and pudding. You can't imagine what a treat it is to

climb all day long and then sit down to such an opulent meal. After my experience the summer before with Pat Reiter's cooking at Fairy Meadows this confirmed to me that there is a spirit greater than man. Vishnu forgives, Ala protects, Christ saves and Buddha sit at the table with you.

The Guides, Cyril Shokoples and Helen Sovdat along with an amateur leader Bob Sterling had a full curriculum prepared. They kept us pretty busy all week long. During the day we would split into two groups with different objectives. Each member of the groups would have an opportunity to lead a portion of a climb. We worked on route selection, gear placement, short roping, pace, group management and lowering and belaying groups through tricky areas. We covered a lot of stuff, skills that require constant honing. With the guides instruction and discussion from the group I think I came away with some valuable skills. In the evenings we would use the cook tent as our classroom. We were taught map and compass work, we had one session on radio communications another on weather observations, we studied conflict resolution and helicopter safety. The group spent one full day in rock school and another day in snow school while bagging a summit in the process. In all I climbed five peaks in seven days with one classroom day because of rain and the last day was the fly out day. It was a full course and we had very little time to interact with the GMC participants other than at meal time. Over the course of the week both groups had become much more familiar with each other and on the last night we had the obligatory camp fire and sing along. Gone was the guarded behavior we had exhibited on coming into camp, we were the laughing, smiling animated group we had seen a week earlier.

The guides, amateur leaders and camp staff did a superb job. Cyril, Helen and Bob put together a comprehensive course with lots of thought put into the education process, forcing all the participants of the TNF course to spread their wings a bit. We all had the opportunity to push the envelope. From my own experience and observations I would recommend the TNF course or GMC to any ACC member. You will not be disappointed, the food alone is worth the price of admission. Thank you all for your support and I hope that I will be able to share some of what I have learnt with my fellow members.

Story and photo by Gary Page

Day by Day in the Tantulus Range

Monday, August 5....Lifting off under cloudy and threatening skies, our Black Tusk Helicopter rose quickly, tilted north, and the 3rd Annual ACC Okanagan Section Summer Camp to the Coast Mountain's Tantulus Range was off the ground. Crammed in the back with packs, equipment and assorted gear, my son Cody and I caught quick looks up the Squamish River valley to the infamous Forest Service cable crossing just before our chopper delicately settled down to the granite pad beside the Tantulus Hut. A quick flight for sure,



Hey...I want one of these things

but time enough to view the picturesque amphitheatre of surrounding peaks: Omega, Pelops and Niobe to the south, distant Lydia west and brooding Alpha looming north, from this vantage, a classic pyramidal summit constantly in and out of cloud. Situated just above the outfall creek of Lake Lovelywater, and operated by the Vancouver section of the ACC, the Tantulus hut was basecamp for the next week of climbing, hiking, feasting, storytelling, laughs and general high spirits that kept the group dynamic in harmony. After the baggage haul down to the hut, tapping into the keg of pale ale, and the usual scramble for the perfect spot on the sleeping range upstairs, out came the maps, route descriptions and guidebooks while sippers and drinks made the rounds.

Tuesday....With two of our group, Mark and Brian, camped out at Red Tit Col for attempts on Serratus and Tantalus, everyone else shouldered packs and trekked the climbers way trail to the Omega - Niobe basin. A short boulder scramble up the creek

drainage gained the basin proper, where our party of five moved west to attempt the NE Ridge of Niobe while everyone else opted for the long snow climb past the West Ridge of Omega and the standard route up Pelops. These snow slopes, standard descent



Tantulus Hut with Mt. Niobe in background

route for many of the routes in the immediate area, saw great action all week long with boot, ice axe and full on bum glissades, gleefully enjoyed by all. Topping out on Niobe in the early afternoon, we joined everyone else for the first summit of the week after the main group had traversed the Niobe-Pelops Col and provided welcome beta for the descent back to the lake.

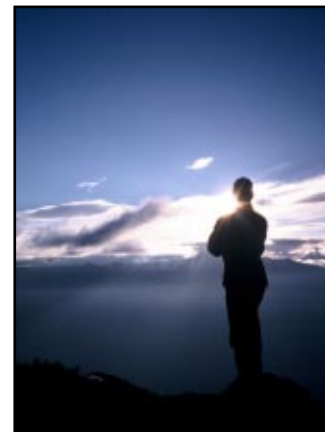


summit cairn of Mt. Niobe

Wednesday... After a nasty group encounter with a wasps nest on the hike back to the hut Tuesday, Dave, Cody and I opted for the rowboat approach to the Omega basin. We beached the boat at an excellent sandspit beach campsite, also used all week by the sightseeing float plane ecotourists. Ascending Omega by it's North Ridge provided some low 5th class climbing that actually brought out the rope and gear and also featured heather and juniper bush points of aid, standard technique we discov-

ered, for many of the routes on these peaks. Traversing the level summit ridge for the descent off Omega's West ridge, we met up with everyone else traversing Omega in the opposite direction and shared descent beta, although my single rope rappel advice left their first climber somewhat short of level terrain. Back at the hut brought the first of the lake plunge baths off rocks by water's edge. Cold, cold, glacial melt water.

By Thursday rest day activities were underway. Rowboats and the canoe headed out for lake tours, explorations to approach Lydia and the Serratus glacier undertaken, and the hike to the alpine meadows at Lambda Lake, still with full wildflowers in bloom, enjoyed by many. Heinz and his wife particularly enjoyed browsing the bushes for the salmon and blueberries. Pat had the fly rod out, testing the turquoise waters of Lake LovelyWater. Mid-afternoon once again saw Dave, Cody and I hook up, this time enlisting Heidi, I mean Waltraud, for an overnighter to the long East Ridge of Alpha. A steep uphill timber trail, cruised and flagged the previous day by Waltraud and the intrepid Lucia, brought us through alpine meadows and onto the ridge proper where the expanse of north side glaciers and snow came into view. An excellent ridgetop campsite was found although we were all in the tents by six pm, driven inside by the winged plague of mozzies, black flies, gnats and whatever else was after our blood.

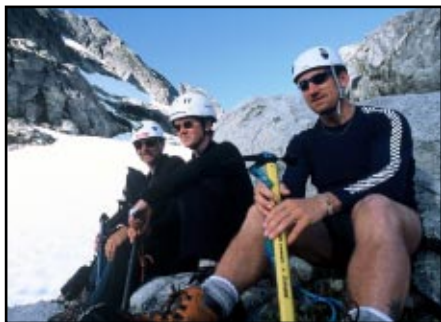


Cody enjoying the Alpha high camp vista

Later evening brought slight breezes and a spectacular 360 degree view served up our nightcap before sleep.
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With Cody's chronic knee problem hurting Friday morning, he and I chose sherpa duty, taking gear from Dave and Waltraud before they attempted the East Ridge of Alpha, and headed down. We stayed long enough to watch as they kicked up moderately steep snow featuring very poor runout into yawning crevasse slots, before traversing into the rock and the crux pitches on the route itself. Going down through timber we passed campmates heading up to enjoy the belvedere views afforded by the ridgecrest. Friday night at the hut brought raucous dice games courtesy of Mark Force, he and Brian safely back from the Ionia-Serratus col and a successful route up Serratus. This night also featured the only serious accident of the week, with us early to bed guys closing the ladder hatch lid for the first time all week in a vain attempt to quiet the sleeping loft down. Tough luck for Heinz who stormed up the ladder without his climbing helmet.

Saturday.. last climbing day and back to Niobe for the North Rib route. With Drew and Lucia along for the climb, Dave worked a T-slot belayed pitch up the snow slope approach and down through a moat onto the rock buttress itself. A combination of unroped 4th class rock and a basic running belay through the upper ridge where exposure and difficulty increased brought the four of us directly to the summit cairn.



Taking 5 from the North Rib route

An excellent route, in stellar weather, with a clear view of Alpha's south face and summit. We had barely made it back to the hut before Janice, Pat and Kathy arrived after their successful ascent of Alpha by it's southwest ridges.

Words and photos cannot adequately recreate a week of quality mountaineering in such a pristine loca-

tion. My son spent his 26th birthday on Alpha's ridge and it was a special pleasure to be along in the company of friends, old and new. Our thanks to the club, and in particular Dave Rothwell as camp manager and Dave Urness, for once again putting the summer camp together. Pat Reiter's food group certainly enjoyed the fruits of his cooking classes and prowess with a fly rod, Waltraud and Ken Little sported leisure pants to rival anything Janice brought along for colour, the resident mice enjoyed everything stored in cardboard boxes, Drew and Pana somehow fashioned gourmet food out of grains and beans, the beer lasted until Friday night, and the helicopter out was right on time Sunday morning. With a new hut planned for the Red Tit Col area, a return trip to the Tantulus Range seems inevitable.

*Story by Lee Shepherd
Photos by Dave Rothwell*



Cathy developed a new technique for holding down the gear

Mt. Tupper via the Hermit River

After a last minute cancellation, we were down to four. Jeremy, Mike G., Lise and myself were heading up to the Rogers Pass. The plan...the standard route up Tupper on Saturday and possibly another excursion on the Sunday. We drove up Friday after work and were on the trail by six pm. The hike up started off enjoyable but by 7:30 a light rain started and we were about two thirds up the Hermit trail. By 7:45 it was full on torrential down-pour. As the water streamed down the trail like a creek I am sure I saw some squirrels travelling in pairs as they thought Noah had started work on a new ark! By the time we reached the campsite we were soaked and the wind was blowing to add to our discomfort. We quickly threw up the tents, crawled in and warmed up, We agreed an alpine start was in order.

Up at 6 am and things looked ok. We had some breakfast and packed our gear. By 7:00 things started to look questionable. By 7:30 we were back in the tents as it started to pour again.

The rain let up in a couple hours but we agreed Tupper was out for today so we decided to go for a hike up the ridge. On the way up we ran into a couple of guys who had started up earlier but they pulled the plug below the crux pitch. We climbed up to just below the gendarme and snacked while watching some sheep below us foraging around. The wind and dark clouds circled around so a retreat down was in order. We returned to



Sunday weather for the hike down

camp for a leisurely dinner and some Baileys and hot chocolate. The following morning brought beautiful skies for the hike out as we had commitments at home which ruled out another attempt at Tupper. Just a thought but that was my second time in the Hermit Meadows when it has poured on Saturday and been

stellar on Sunday so you may want to consider this next time you head up. Or maybe its just me.

Story and photos by Dave Rothwell

Mt. English...my first BC trip *by Michael Gendreau*

After my first week in the Sicamous area, I naturally was anxious to meet members of the local chapter of the Alpine Club. First and foremost to pursue a non-destructive land based activity and secondly for intellectual stimulation :) and experience some of the activities I have only read about over the years in the Gazette. Once I had established a "highspeed" cable/satellite net connection I zeroed in on the next monthly pub meeting. Then set out on an adventure to the bustling metropolis of Kelowna. I informally introduced myself and foraged for a seat in the back. The next upcoming event, which grappled my interest was the June 15 & 16 assault of Mt. English. Having been raised in the Ottawa valley I had to rely on my boy scout knowledge to create a gear list. Therefore, I naturally dug out every warm stitch of clothing I could muster. Long underwear, heavy pile pants, of course a second pair of boots and gortex bibbed pants. The drive to the summit overwhelmed my senses as Dick pointed out what seemed to be every peak in the area. Eventually we arrived at the parking area and promptly lunched. Then after inhaling one of Roseanne's chewy, rice things wrapped in olive leaves, we were off. I humped my 90lb pack on my feeble frame and began what was to result in a never ending series of gasps for oxygen. Neil was kind enough to explain the importance of steps and 3 1/2 hours later we made camp.



The Dalhi Page

Little did I realize that blackflies and mosquitoes could survive in 1.5 m of snow at 6000ft. The temperature during the day was around 15 and 0C at night. Unheard of. People were getting sunburnt, raccoon eyes from sun glasses was the norm. Mark, the energizer bunny, was my tent mate. When he suggested something called an "Alpine Start " of 5:30 for the morning . I figured he had be nut's. It would be Sunday, lets sleep in..... we have all day. I had so much to learn, in so little time.

Day 2... 6:30 am, Mark is bouncing. I assumed his lithium hasn't kicked in yet, but I honoured his third prompt for breakfast by emerging from my toasty sleeping bag. Unamused I dawned my long johns, pile then gortex pants, switched to my backup boots and prepared for the days summit.

7:30 were off again. The group has spread out. Half is already over the ridge above our camp.

7:35 Wow, am I ever warm. Hmmmn, maybe I will take off my wool tuk. Well at least my feet are dry. Huff, puff .Good old Sorels. Huff, puff, Glad I brought them.

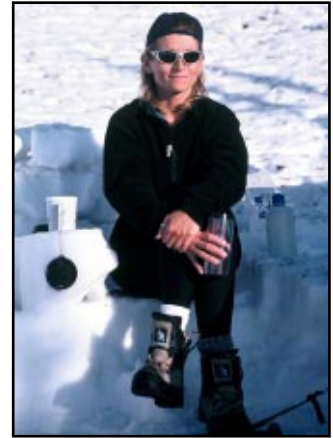
7:45 My feet are wet again. Huff, puff. The morning ascent felt like I had ran a 10K. I was forever short of breath. My fatigue was so intense that upon



he tore out a massive bolder and landed it on himself. He was visibly shaken but championed through the remainder of the day. Hat's off to him. Finally we summited and took our triumphant photos.

n u m e r o u s occasion I had to concentrate on foot placement. But I was loving it and I wanted more. The summit was nearing and the group had spread out. Dick was leading when

The group members were: Dick, whom I will one day summit Sir Donald with, Dave and La Senza Lise (the hat), Christie & her mom



Lise soakin' rays with some Baileys

Roseanne (great to see a family play together), the (newlyweds) Kathy and Ken , Gary, our fearless leader, ever ready Marc, Paul, who diligently fought through a knee injury, Neil, a proper Aussi mountaineer, Stephan, who later would land himself with a



Kathy on the rock pitch

mild head gash from his ice axe and Patrick, the silent one. The sky was cloudless and the view was incredible. Once we passed the technical area of the descent we could slide. Our first run stretched to 70m. The slide was somewhat controlled by your axe. This is were Stephen took one to the head. He fortunately was able to carry on unaided and will forever be known as a "Trooper". We eventually slumbered into camp, packed up and headed back to the cars.

All in all I had an amazing experience and couldn't have asked for a better group to share it with. All the best to you all and I hope to see you again soon in the mountains. *Photos by Dave Rothwell*

The Final Frames



Pat's helmet



Helmets isn't just fer trees ya no!



This photo was contributed (hint: grumpy old man #2) as proof that Leon is upgrading some of his clothing. Here he retires some well used trousers.



Wildflowers and cairn on Mt. Niobe



Solitude on Little White



Is it live or ancient hieroglyphics

Upcoming Trips/Events

Fall/Winter 2002/2003



If the trip involves glacier travel, crevasse rescue knowledge is essential. Consult with trip leaders for further details regarding destination, difficulty, or equipment. Remember we have equipment available for rent through the club.

TRIP RATING - A letter rating from A to C indicates how strenuous the trip is and how long a day to expect.

A---easy, moderate elevation gain, short days

B---moderately strenuous, substantial elevation gain, full days

C---strenuous, much elevation gain or travel with a heavy pack, long days

A numerical rating from 1 to 5 indicates technical difficulty.

January 4
Glacier Travel & Crevasse Rescue Refresher

Location: TBA / Indoors / Kelowna

Time: 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Cost: TBA

Itinerary: Knots, glacier travel, rope management, escaping belays, group rescue pulley systems, (2-person rescue Z-pulley systems if group experience and time permits)

December 15

Telemark course

Rob Baker and Allison Urness

765-1308

Dec. 15

Ski tour - Malakwa

Ken McClure @ 766-3913

Jan 11-12

Leadership weekend

Location: Salmo

Allison Urness 765-1308

Jan. 16

Midnight ski

cross country at telemark

Allison Urness 765-1308

Jan 18-19

Ice Climbing for all levels

Try iceclimbing on top rope.

Staying at Canmore Hostel or wherever you wish.

Trip leader: Jonathan Dean Urness

Certified ENEQ rock and ice guide

Cost \$0 (fee for non-OK section members - \$35.00) Gear details TBA

Contact: Dave Urness (my brother)

765-1308

Jan. 17-18

Asulkan Hut Weekend

Friday night, Jan 17- 6 spots

Saturday night Jan. 18-12 spots

The full moon is on the 18th.

Asulkan Cabin, intermediate terrain, people with limited experience are welcome if they discuss their equipment with myself first. 4.5 hr ski in from Gunsite parking lot at Rogers Pass. Great Class A cabin with propane heat, lights, and stoves. Varied terrain, from steep slopes to glade skiing. Pieps, probe, and shovel are a necessity.

Contact Al Towers 868-0045

Jan. 26

Ski tour - Needle Peak

Ken McClure @ 766-3913

February 8-9

Record Ridge, Kootenays

Fitness: Intermediate

Technical: Intermediate

Numerous ridges and backcountry bowls like Record Ridge provide excellent skiing and are accessible right from the highway near Rossland. Accommodation options include a hut, winter camping or motel.

Andy & Janice 764-5087

February 15-22

Fairy Meadows Ski Week

Once again we will be heading into the Adamant Range to the fabulous Fairy Meadows. Last time we had great weather and even with the low snow-pack the trip was a great success. Please ensure you have the necessary skills, equipment and experience to participate in this trip. Necessary skills include intermediate or better skiing/boarding ability, avalanche training and crevasse rescue training. Your equipment should be suitable for this type of trip and in good working order. All participants must have previous backcountry skiing experience. This is a backcountry trip into a rugged area in which we will be exposing ourselves to avalanche and crevasse dangers, as well as unpredictable weather and isolation. More details to come regarding foodgroups etc.

Deadline for final payment is Dec. 1st

Cost 625.00 to 675.00

Dave Rothwell (763-9302)

March 15-16

Commonwealth Peak West Kootenays

Fitness: Intermediate

Technical: Intermediate

The West Kootenays is an area of high snow fall with excellent backcountry ski options. A Friday departure is ideal to tackle the five to six hour drive. Saturday morning we skin up to the Dominion Ridge and ski Commonwealth Peak where there are many winter camping options. Transceiver, shovel, probe and wide skins are required.

Janice Letkeman McQuilkin 764-5087

March 28-29

Asulkan Hut Weekend

Friday night, March 28- 5 spots

Saturday night March 29-12 spots

Missed this one, the full moon is on the 18th.

See Jan 17th date for details

Dave Urness will be trip/hut manager for this trip.

Contact Al Towers 868-0045

April - date TBA Sapphire Col Traverse

(daytrip) Ascend from Asulkan Brook,

descend via Lily Glacier to Loop Brook

Ken McClure @ 766-3913

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