

THE HIGH ROAD

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USEFUL LINKS

OK Section Website
www.accokanagan.ca

Avalanche Center
www.avalanche.ca

Glacier National Park Avy Bulletins
www.pc.gc.ca/apps/PSB/index_e.asp?oqAVA_PARK_ID=3

Road Conditions (and webcams)
www.drivebc.ca

Weather
www.weatheroffice.gc.ca

Backcountry Lodges
www.wisegoat.ca

Mountain Condition Report
acmg.ca/mcr/default.asp

Message From the Chairman

As your recently elected Chair of the Okanagan Section of the ACC, it is my pleasure to take this opportunity to tell you a little bit about the Executive Committee's plans to re-invigorate our club. We had a very productive meeting on 27 Nov 2008 and we have agreed on the following objectives for the coming year:



Ron Poised to take the club to the next level

- Identify prospective trip leaders from within the ranks of the section.
- Provide resources to trip leaders to assist them in organizing and conducting section trips.
- Offer more trips to the section at all ability levels, especially day trips.
- Utilize the shoulder seasons (spring and autumn) more practically for skills training, introductory courses, social based activities, etc.
- Re-emphasize the monthly social meeting and be more consistent in providing slide shows or other skills related activities.
- Be more welcoming of new members and introductory level participants.

With these objectives in mind, we need your assistance:

- If you have the necessary skills, offer to lead a trip! Contact the Winter or Summer Trip Co-ordinators with your ideas.
- If you see a trip that interests you, sign-up and participate!
- If you have a great trip idea but don't have the skills to lead it, contact the Winter or Summer Trip Co-ordinators; they may be able to arrange for a leader.
- Offer to organize a shoulder season event like a hike or a Bar-B-Q.
- Try to attend a monthly social.

I look forward to seeing you at a social event or on a trip this winter. Enjoy the snow!

Ron Berlie

Members Make the News.....

Any of you fellow ACC members who were on the week long trip into the Campbell Icefields two years ago may want to pick up the December issue of Our Canada magazine. There will be a 7 page story and photos from that ski week by our very own Dave Rothwell. Even if you weren't on the trip you may want to check it out as you will recognize some of the faces in the photos and the story isn't half bad either.



Event Schedule Check the website for updates!

Tues Jan 6 Monthly Social

7:30 PM Bunkhouse Restaurant
2777 KLO Rd Kelowna

Thurs Jan 8 Exec Meeting

Contact the exec for more details

Fri Jan 9 Tele Clinic - Silver Star

5:30pm – 8:30pm
Tele clinic at Silver Star \$5 night skiing
Meet at the bottom of the chairlift between
5:30 and 6:00
Contact: Fred Waldron
frederickwaldron070@msn.com

Sat Jan 17 Rogers Pass Skiing

Details coming soon...beginner/intermediate
backcountry skiing. Coordinators: Andrew Parker
and Brenda Bouchette agparker@gmail.com
250-868-1833

Fri PM Jan 30-Sun Feb 1 Revy Weekend

Revy Weekend - this means go SKIING!!, and
accommodation provided at "Cateau" Revy, with
potluck dinners. Skiing might be backcountry
both days(the pass, or somewhere more local)
or maybe a day at the hil - that BIG thing that
everyone is talking about. All depending on
conditions and group interest.
Contact: Cat Mather picogato@telus.net
250-837-4434

Tues Feb 3 Monthly Social

7:30 PM Bunkhouse Restaurant
2777 KLO Rd Kelowna
Check the website for details

Sat Feb 7-Sun Feb 89 VOCO Avalanche Course

For those interested in joining the AST Level 1
course please look at the following link for more
info. More information such as pre-course
meeting dates, and details pertaining to the
weekend accomodations during the course will
be forwarded on to those who fill out the form.
Contact: Dylan cunningham.dylan@gmail.com

<http://spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?key=pAb6aJYKzAaWQadxTPYdwNQ>

Fri Feb 13-Sun Feb 15 Asulkan Weekend

The cost remains at \$40pp and is payable in full
in order to secure a spot. Please be advised that
it is first come first serve>Contact:
Trent Marshall trentmarshall@yahoo.com

Sat Feb 28-Sat Mar 7 Fairy Meadows Ski Week

The cost will be \$871 per person, which
includes: taxes, a \$50 rescue fee, 7 nights
accommodation, helicopter transport.
Trip is Currently FULL - contact Trent to be
placed on the wait list.
trentmarshall@yahoo.com

Fri Mar 28-Sun Mar 30 Asulkan Weekend

The cost remains at \$40pp and is payable in full
in order to secure a spot. Please be advised that
it is first come first serve>Contact:
Trent Marshall trentmarshall@yahoo.com

PHOTO Contest Winners

The second annual photo contest was held this fall,
with judging taking place at the AGM in November.
Thanks to everyone who submitted photos!
The envelope please.....And the winners are...



People -
Astrid Boecklemann
Smith Rock - 5.13



Landscape -
Cat Mather
Somewhere in the Bugs



Backcountry Skiing -
Andrew Parker
Tupper Traverse



Mountaineering -
Sid Scull
Bugaboo Gendarme



Flora and Fauna -
Sid Scull
Mountain Goat North
Cascades



Snow and Ice Climbing -
Sid Scull
Rockies Ice

Event Reports

Nov 22 Rope Refresher Workshop

Did you know the Okanagan Section partners with the UBC-O outdoor club for certain activities. The Ropes Refresher Workshop on Nov 22 held on campus in a classroom provided great railing and table legs to review knots, hitches, bends, some basic rock climbing skills, playing around with progress capture devices and setting up a basic Z drag.

Janice and Andy taking a break from all their hard work with the club



Membership Survey

A big THANKS to the 24% of you who responded to the recent membership survey!! Your feedback assisted the Executive to focus and hear from members. Here is a summary of results from the returned surveys:

- Just over half have been members for five plus years and the rest are new members (1-2 yrs).
- Over a third rated their satisfaction of the club as OK, the rest rated it as Excellent and Good.
- Just under half do not attend club meetings. Of these folks, almost half said club meeting location too far, a third had Tuesday conflicts and the rest are new to club.
- Club members like: slide shows, socials, activities, scheduled meetings, updates, photo contest, trip calenders and the fact that our club is "not Edmonton".
- Club members want: more winter day trips, vary location of meetings, intro courses and a welcome for new members at meetings.

IF YOU HAVE NOT EMAILED THE SURVEY, PLEASE DO, we still want to hear from you!
Thanks. Membership Coordinator, Janice Letkeman McQuilkin

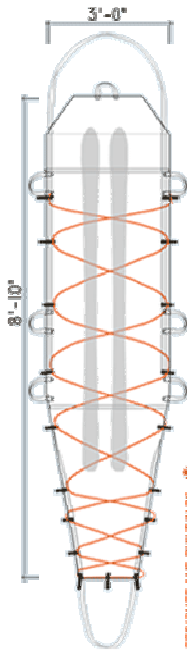
Dec 13 APEX BACKCOUNTRY

I had never seen "sidehill skinning across barely covered logs" done with such skill. "the coldest day imaginable, with the least amount of snow" Hmmm = sounds like fun.



Ron Shows the gang his shortcut.

RESCUE SLED



For those of you who missed the unveiling last winter at a Tuesday night social, the section purchased a rescue sled for the club. Moving an injured skier in the backcountry is never easy and if you don't have a workable sled you will probably regret it. The Rescue Bubble was purchased to provide backcountry users in the club with an option for self-rescue. The following link provides all the details about the sled and includes a review which was published in the CAA's magazine. This review was the impetus to seek out acquiring this sled after one of our members was involved in moving an injured skier a relatively short distance for helicopter pick-up. The sled was used once last season by a group on the Wapta traverse. It is easy to pack and so lightweight that even when Trent passed out 20kgs of cooked pasta as group gear on day 1, there was no consideration of ditching the sled!

Presently it is stored at Ron Berlie's 250 767 3405. It will soon be moved to the gear meister.

More info at www.rescuebubble.com/

SKlson's Greetings from the Editor...

Send your trip reports to the Editor - Cat picogato@telus.net



Cat pondering the confusing array of newsletter articles hidden in the ice.

Latest News Flash.

Andy has gone to the dark side. Captured on film for all to see.



Another tele skier is converted. OK Not Quite.