

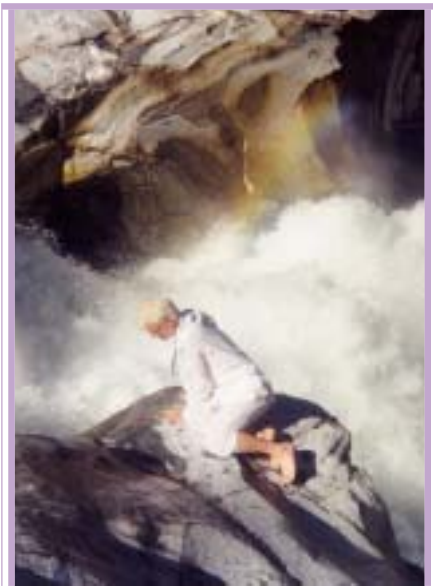


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John Clarke at Sims Creek Photo: Catrin Brown

JOHN CLARKE AWARDED MEMBER OF THE ORDER OF CANADA:

Due to his remarkable accomplishments as a mountaineering explorer of the Coast Range, his conservation and advocacy work and his wilderness education work, John Clarke has been awarded the Order of Canada. A lifelong mountaineer and explorer, he is a champion of our unspoiled Canadian wilderness and a legend in the climbing community. His extraordinary feats in the coastal ranges of British Columbia were driven not by numbers of ascents or the extent of the area explored, but by his love of the land and his deep respect for its wonders and challenges. Through countless presentations and the creation of educational youth programs in his province, he has inspired others to experience the mountains and preserve this natural heritage for future generations. (for further information see http://www.gg.ca/media/appointments/archive-2002/20020704_e.asp)

ANNUAL PHOTO CONTEST THURS., OCT. 24, 7:30 PM UVIC FACULTY CLUB

Bring your best from the past year for the annual slide and photo contest. please bring slides for the following categories:

Vancouver Island Mountains: scenery, with or without people

Mountain Activity: people in mountain settings, skiing or climbing

Mountain Scenery: as above but without the people
Nature: any form of alpine nature (flowers, animals, natural terrain) no people or person made objects

Humour: use your imagination !!!

Bring your best Prints for the grand prize, any category or mountain theme.

Contest rules are simple: contestants may submit up to four entries in total, maximum of two in any one category. Mark your slide or photo clearly with your name and the category entered. Submissions should have been taken within the past year. Winning entries will be featured in the Bushwhacker Annual.

BANFF MOUNTAIN FILM FESTIVAL - WORLD TOUR

The festival is set for 7:30pm Sunday, November 24th at the University Centre Auditorium. Volunteers are needed – and rewarded with free tickets. Contact Mike Hubbard at 370-1096 or mhubbard@provincialcourt.bc.ca

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NOTE: Deadline for the next issue is: Fri. Nov. 1, 2002. Send all submissions to : accbushwhacker@hotmail.com

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AGM

THURS., DEC. 5,

7:30 PM

UVIC FACULTY CLUB

Selection of next year's executive
Slide Show
Snacks and refreshments

The closing business of each AGM is the handing over of the meeting to the Nominating Committee to oversee the selection of the executive for the coming year. This ushering in of the new section executive is a time of:

- **appreciation** - of those who have served on the current year's executive;
- **opportunity** - for those who may want to seek out a new experience and conquer a different kind of peak;
- **encouragement** - to new blood and younger members to step forward; and
- **importance** - as this will set the tone and determine the leadership of the section for another year.

This year's Nominating Committee is Alan Danesh (Committee Chair), Claire Ebendinger (past section Chair) and Rob Adams (member at large appointed by the current section Chair). Alan, Claire and Rob will begin developing a full slate of nominations at least a month before the AGM which will be held this year on December 5, will call for final nominations at the AGM itself, and will hold a ballot for any positions for which there are more than one nominee.

SO - how do I become a member of the executive of the Vancouver Island Section of the Alpine Club of Canada?

Any member may step forward and make known that he or she would like to serve on the section's executive. You don't have to wait to be nominated. Just call Alan at 370-3370 and let him know. If you aren't yet a member of both the National Club and the Vancouver Island Section, then you need to call Jules Thomson first at 472-3820 and work with her to have that looked after. If you don't know the various positions that make up the executive, or would like to know what the positions do and what would be expected of you if you were to assume one of them, feel free to call Alan or, better still, the incumbent. The executive positions and incumbents are shown in every issue of the Bushwhacker. If you first want to get the lay of the land about potential vacancies, again, call Alan. The incumbents will have passed on to Alan their interests and feelings about staying on or stepping down. If you don't want to nominate yourself, then confer amongst your friends and admirers and nominate each other. Alan will contact anyone whose name is put forward by another to get their consent before adding them to the slate. Finally, if it becomes necessary to round out the slate, the Nominating Committee may contact members and apply somewhere between mild to medium pressure for them to step forward and serve. Don't wait to be called!

SO - Step forward. Push someone else forward. Come to the AGM. Don't miss out in selecting the section's coveted executive positions for 2002/2003.



SECTION LIBRARY

The VI Section library can be accessed by visiting the library at 1991 Casa Marcia Crescent. Call Judith Holm, 477-8596, or e-mail <holm@telus.net> to arrange a visit.

Available are guide/instructional books, maps, ACC publications, mountaineering literature/videos/archives. Requested items may be scanned and emailed to members.

New in the library - *The Power of Passion, Achieve your own Everests*, by Alan Hobson and Jamie Clarke, 1997; *Everest*, by Walt Unsworth, 1981 (both donated by Lindsay Elms), *Fawcett on Rock*, by Ron Fawcett and John Beatty, hardcover, 1987 (donated by Terry Lunn) *Clouds from Both Sides*, by Julie Tullis, 1988 (donated by Claire Ebendinger), *Forbiddden Mountains*, by Vivien Loughheed, 1996 (donated by Gil Parker)

Video: *Kris Holm, One Tired Guy*, by Sean White & Kris Holm, 2001, 23 minutes; mountain unicycling on Vancouver's North Shore and Stawamus Chief, Whistler/Blackcomb, and the Mexican volcano El Pico de Orizaba.

HELP WANTED

IF YOU ARE GOING TO CLIMB VICTORIA PEAK: Please contact Judith Holm (holm@telus.net or 477-8596) who has some very small summit register papers which Peter Rothermel laminated and a new register tube carefully crafted and donated by Graham Bennett. The papers need to be returned to the summit and placed in the new tube. Alternatively, if you hear of anyone going to Victoria Peak, please let me know.

ARROWSMITH ACCESS NOTES

(Peter Rothermel)

On Aug 17th the logging road access into the Arrowsmith Massif was gated and locked due to fire hazard, until the rains come. This came as a shock to many, as it came unannounced and unprecedented. I can't remember access to this popular mountain ever being closed during the past 30 years. I contacted Warren Gionet, Production Supervisor for Weyerhaeuser, and it appears he's been with the company for three years and isn't aware of the importance of Arrowsmith for the recreational sector. However, after I convinced him I would be careful, he promised a key for my Mt. Moriarty trip on Sept. 7th and my rescheduled Judge's trip on Sept. 14th, if the forest was still closed.

As a representative of The Federation of Mountain Clubs of BC, I attended a meeting last fall with Weyerhaeuser and the recreational sector. For them to have their lumber certified for the European market they have to meet certain criteria, one being proof of working with the recreational sector. We brought forth a list of areas and accesses important to us, with recommendations for keeping access open to the public. Either they're paying lip service to us or the many heads of the dragon aren't communicating with each other. The bridge over McBey Creek on The Old Arrowsmith Trail is finally being constructed and by Aug. 31 should be complete. The trail has been worked on and signed by the Regional District of Nanaimo Recreational Department and volunteers so at least one access to the mountain is open and being looked after. Many thanks to Jeff Ainge, RDN Rec. Dept. and company.

CLIMBERS' ACCESS SOCIETY

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Climbers' Access Society of BC (CAS/BC) was founded in 1995 and is the only group in BC made up only of climbers and working on climbers' access issues. CAS/BC has had considerable success (Fleming Beach, Crest Creek, Skaha, Squamish, Lillooet, the Suicide Bluffs, Kinnaird Crags) and has members throughout BC. Although CAS/BC's membership is small, we are recognized as a voice for climbers by Provincial and Municipal Governments, many forestry land managers and numerous private landowners throughout the province. The issues we face are the management of public and private lands, liability concerns, competing commercial, recreational and industrial usages,

impacts on human and natural environments, and unjustified user fees. CAS/BC has worked constructively to resolve access issues throughout BC by becoming involved in the master plans of Provincial and Regional Parks, (Stawamus Chief and Skaha Provincial Parks, Sooke Hills Wilderness Regional Park) or by donating money, energy and expertise to local climbing clubs. We need your membership to strengthen our work on access. Students \$10 per year, Regular \$20, Family \$30 and Corporate \$50. A regular newsletter is sent out. (Website: www.bivouac.com/casbc Allen Agopsowicz - Secretary CAS/BC 250-477-2259, Victoria)

CONNECTING ACC'ERS WHO HAVE YOUNG CHILDREN

Looking for climbing partners

As recent parents, we are seeking out other families to enjoy hikes or easy climbs with our little Emily, who was born in June. If you are interested in outings, please call Bill or Carrie McElwain at 382-0630.

WEBMASTER: (Gerhardt Lepp)

Check out the website for the Vancouver Island Section at: <<http://www.alpineclubofcanada.ca/vi>>

The ACC Vancouver Island website is using Yahoo Group as a listserver. A listserver is an automated email server that automates the process of sending email messages to many subscribers. The listserver is integrated with an on-line bulletin board.

To do this:

Subscribe to the listserver.

Unsubscribe from the group.

Post a message to the group.

Send a message to the owner of the group and bulletin board.

To read the Bulletin Board go to:

Send an email to:

<acc_vi-subscribe@yahoogroups.com>

<acc_vi-unsubscribe@yahoogroups.com>

<acc_vi@yahoogroups.com>

<acc_vi-owner@yahoogroups.com>

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/acc_vi>

All messages sent to the acc_vi listserver are automatically posted on the bulletin board and are visible to the public. The board offers other services such as posting photographs that you may find interesting.

The listserver and bulletin board accomplishes the following goals:

- Provides easy way to send messages to subscribers.
- Makes all messages available to any member.
- Provides the ability to make messages, photos and files available to all members immediately.
- The service is free of charge.
- Participation is completely voluntary and under the control of the user.

Download your Bushwhacker from our website. Doing this will save us envelopes and postage and you will get it faster and in colour!

Send an email to < accbushwhacker@hotmail.com > and we will notify you when it is ready to download.

Tonquin verse, and worse (Rick Hudson)
The Summer Camp worked to perfection,
For the ACC Vanc Island Section.
"What a trip!" they all chorused,
"Guide Sylvia Forest,
Gave our summit selection direction."

SECTION SUMMER CAMP, Tonquin Valley, Jasper NP
It went well — Thanks to all.



**3 rope teams meet
on the summit of Outpost.**
Photo: Sylvia Forest

