



Annual Report 2009

THE ALPINE CLUB OF CANADA

Canada's National Mountain Organization

Founded in 1906

President's Message

For the past few years, momentum has been building among members of the Alpine Club of Canada's Board of Directors and senior management team toward the Club's need to address its direction and purpose. At its spring meeting, the Board charged a Strategic Planning Committee with developing a vision statement and strategic plan. The committee quickly recognized it would benefit from professional assistance and retained the services of Janice Florence of Calgary's Framework Partners.

Although some committee members could not participate as much as they would have liked due to other responsibilities and the general vagaries of life, great thanks are owed to all. They accomplished much in a very short time. In particular, I highlight the extraordinary efforts of David Toole and Lawrence White. A long summer of difficult work resulted in a strategic plan, including a vision, mission and statement of values, which was ready for review and discussion at the Board's autumn 2009 meeting, where it was enthusiastically adopted.

The Board's acceptance was just the beginning; now the big task of implementation will begin. As we go forward, we will measure each step of our current and new initiatives and operations against its helping the ACC in reaching its vision. The strategic plan will challenge the Club's progress down that road.

—Peter Muir

VISION

Preserving, practicing and promoting Canadian mountain culture and self-propelled alpine pursuits.

MISSION

The Alpine Club of Canada fosters alpine experiences, knowledge and culture; promotes responsible access; and supports excellence in alpine leadership and skills.

VALUES

We, as club members, are committed to the following values:

- Fidelity to our mountain roots and club history.
- Faithfulness to the intrinsic value of the alpine environment to the human spirit; we believe this is best realized through alpine focused, self propelled recreational pursuits.
- Commitment to training and safety in mountain pursuits.
- Devotedness to personal fulfillment in the outdoors – to our own end and in our own way.
- Responsibility for increasing our knowledge and understanding of mountain environments, and our impacts upon them, so as to inform and guide our mountain practices and stewardship efforts.

GOALS

- Be the club of choice for self-propelled alpine enthusiasts.
- Be a strong advocate for alpine enthusiasts.
- Strengthen the ACC's effectiveness in satisfying its stakeholders' needs.
- Be a healthy and sustainable organization.
- Be a leader in climbing and mountain skills and leadership development.
- Continue to be Canada's leader in providing backcountry recreational accommodation.

Secretary

Strategic Planning: The Board of Directors took a big step at its spring meeting, completing its usual business in a day and setting aside time to envision where the Club would be in five years' time. We consciously moved from a strictly 'fiduciary' approach to governance – approving minutes, giving reports, approving the budget – to a 'strategic' form of governance – identifying strategic priorities.

From the many and varied responses to our 'visioning' meeting, arose a strategic planning process that continued through the summer, culminating at the fall Board meeting. We first agreed on some common values and then developed Vision and Mission statements, which are listed on the previous page.

Following extensive discussions at the Executive Committee and Board levels, we have identified five strategic initiatives and established task forces, consisting of staff members and volunteers, to make progress on each of the initiatives:

- **Brand and Market Positioning:** what strategies are needed to increase awareness of the club?
- **Growth:** should the ACC pursue a model of growth or sustainability?
- **Funding:** what funding strategy is needed to support the planned growth?
- **Governance:** what changes should be made to make the Board more effective?
- **Programs and Services:** which programs and services should be operated by the National club and which by the sections?

Fund Development: The ACC is fortunate to be among the few not for profit organizations that have sources of revenue. The cash flow generated by our huts system allows us to do things that we would not otherwise be able afford. We also receive donations – large and small – from our members, and we receive occasional grants from governments.

However, the Club has never been especially proactive about fund development – it has been something of an afterthought for us. So we are pleased to be one of nine agencies accepted into a fund development training program offered by Calgary-based Centrepoint which is dedicated to advancing not for profit management. We have been matched with a professional fundraiser who will work with us for a year to help us put appropriate mechanisms in place and become proactive about fundraising.

A list of our individual and corporate sponsors and donors are listed later in this annual report. We acknowledge their support with gratitude.

Membership: Membership in the Alpine Club of Canada was stable last year – very stable. We began fiscal year 2009 with 6,729 memberships and ended the year with 6,736! —some of those are family memberships, representing more than one person. The Calgary, Rocky Mountain and Vancouver Island Sections all established new records. The Rocky Mountain Section was the largest at 940 people.

—Gord Currie

Mountain Culture

The Mountain Culture committee had a successful project filled year. The committee initiated, promoted and sponsored the ACC section tour of the Conrad Kain play *As Far as I Can Take You* written and directed by Laurie Schwartz of Parks Canada's Mountain World Interpretive Theatre; and published a really interesting article on Kain in the Canadian Alpine Journal written by Zac Robinson. The Club entered into a new publication distribution agreement with Rocky Mountain Books with the hope that the Canadian Alpine Journal and our other publications will be distributed to a wider audience.

Since being given notice by the Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies, the committee has been analysing options for relocating the Club Library. Because it has proven difficult to find a suitable location where the library can be housed on a loan basis, the committee is now looking at options to house the library on the Canmore Clubhouse property. An evaluation of the library's contents will be undertaken to determine if it can be partitioned into relevant books (quality mountain literature reflecting our mountain culture at a given time) and not so relevant books; as well as to appraise the market value of the two categories of books. Due to its heritage value, the Board has determined that the Library is of tremendous significance to the Club.

—Isabelle Daigneault

Facilities

General maintenance and upgrades: The maintenance team, with the assistance of volunteer workers, has undertaken an ongoing program to upgrade the huts. Currently, they are upgrading all kitchen/cooking areas with stainless steel counters and improved cooking utensils flatware and cutlery. To date, this has been completed at Elizabeth Parker, Stanley Mitchell and A.O. Wheeler Huts.

The maintenance staff works extremely well under the guidance of Facilities Director Rick Gardiner and Maintenance Manager Chris Clark. Dave McCormick continues to do an excellent job coordinating the volunteers who assist the maintenance staff on major projects.

Major projects completed in 2009 were to replace the roof at A. O. Wheeler Hut and replace the foundation and sill logs at the front of the Stanley Mitchell Hut. The major projects planned for 2010 will include replacement of the roof at Stanley Mitchell and replacement of some of the base logs at the Elizabeth Parker Hut.

Huts

- **Glacier National Park Huts:** At last! We now have the *Licenses of Occupation* for Glacier Circle Cabin, Asulkan and Sapphire Col Huts. This brings the total of huts operated by the National Club to 25.
- **Robson Hut:** David Toole has almost completed all the necessary studies to allow us to go ahead with this project after approval by BC Parks. The reports are in the process of being written.
- **Fay Hut:** We are currently negotiating a new location for the Fay Hut with Parks Canada. The old location had become purely a destination hut with little climbing or skiing available nearby. It is hoped that we will be able to relocate to a year round use location that has excellent climbing opportunities with good skiing in winter. Larch Meadows at Taylor Lake is being considered and a letter has been delivered to Parks Canada requesting this as the new location.

BEES (Backcountry Energy and Environmental Solutions – www.beeshive.org): Three projects have been completed in 2009 and have been published on the web site. Stantec Consulting prepared a life cycle costing and analysis of black water treatment and disposal at remote off grid locations.

Worley Parsons Engineering has prepared a worldwide research study to assess the efficiency, cost, noise and aesthetics of wind turbines for use at remote off grid locations that are subject to extreme weather conditions. This information will be extremely useful if we are able to go ahead with a demonstration project at Bow Hut.

Along with Parks Canada, BEES conducted a survey of user opinions on alternate energy in the backcountry. BEES is working on developing a document to describe current best practices and operations guidelines for managing Energy, Water and Waste management in mountain environments.

—Carl Hannigan

Access & Environment

2009 has been a busy year for the Club in both the access and environmental areas. With the support of Mountain Equipment Co-Op and Gripp'd Magazine, the National Climbers Access Initiative (NCAI) held a national meeting in Banff in the late fall. Along with local and regional representatives from across the country, the ACC took part in discussions on how the NCAI can provide both a critical link and a resource to help local climbing groups that face access issues. A follow-up meeting is being planned for 2010.

The ACC has also been involved in efforts to expand climbing access for members in Québec, following the termination of a reciprocal agreement with the Fédération québécoise de la montagne et de l'escalade (FQME). We are continuing to discuss options with the FQME for improving ACC member access to climbing sites it controls in the province. As well, the ACC is now seeking access agreements with other climbing site landowners in the province, outside of the FQME system. Unlike other areas of Canada, provisions in Québec's Civil Code make such agreements necessary in order for climbers to gain access to sites on privately-owned land.

On the environmental front, work has continued through the year on the ACC's *State of the Mountains Report* focusing on how climate-related changes in the alpine and sub-alpine are impacting backcountry users. ACC volunteer Meghan Ward is managing the interviews and writing for this project, with the help of some of Western Canada's most experienced mountaineers. Look for the report in 2010.

—David Foster

Mountain Adventures

Although the global camps were hit hard by the global financial crisis, overall the ACC Mountain Adventures Program managed to weather the storm reasonably well.

Winter Camps: Most winter camps ran as planned, however, we were forced to cancel two camps: the Spearhead Traverse, which saw early popularity that quickly dropped off to nothing once the media started reporting on the spike in avalanche deaths there and the worst snowpack in recorded history; and the Quebec Ice camp, which had absolutely no enquiries whatsoever.

Summer Camps: Summer camps did better than forecast thanks to some last-minute sign ups. Two camps were cancelled due to logistical problems over which we had no control: the Egypt Lakes camp was cancelled due to an error by the campground booking agent for the campground; and Parks Canada acted on an opportunity to resurface the Edith Cavell road, effectively cutting off access to the Wates Gibson Hut where the Tonquin Valley trip was to take place. Attempts to relocate both camps on short notice were unsuccessful. Only the Sir Sanford camp was cancelled due to lack of interest.

GMC – Trident Neptune: The GMC saw four of the six weeks fill up earlier than past GMCs while the remaining two never did fill up. Weather (mostly too much good weather), poor conditions (caused by the good weather) and the threat of forest fires made this GMC a more challenging one than usual, but Brad Harrison and his team managed to pull it off yet again and deliver a memorable experience for all who participated. The Summer TNF Course was moved to the tear down week of the GMC, effectively freeing up 10 spots on the GMC for participants that wouldn't otherwise have been available. Although a good idea in theory, the end result was unsuccessful since the needs of the TNF course hampered tear down efforts, and the tear-down environment impacted the flow of the course. We will be pursuing other options for 2010.

Global Trips: The Global Camps program was the most disappointing this year by far. All of the international trips except for one were cancelled due to lack of interest. The Elbrus trip would have run however political dissent led to a change in destination to Bolivia. Although the participants were included in the decision to choose Bolivia as the alternate destination, the majority did not switch their registration over and the camp was ultimately cancelled. The Nepal trip was committed to in spite of low registrations, but came in on budget thanks to some last minute registrations.

Guides' Recognition Program: Launched last year in 2008 the GRP recognizes long-term service of guides to the ACC. Criteria is that the guide has to have worked 150 days for the Club since 2000. There was only one guide to meet that criterion this year—Sylvia Forest. A presentation was made to her at the Mountain Guide's Ball in October.

—Roger Laurilla

National Office

The role of the National Office in Canmore is to provide management, operational, and administrative support in accordance with Club priorities as set by the Board of Directors. These priorities are a direct reflection of the Club's constitution.

Responsibilities of the National Office are many, but consist primarily of:

- membership management
- committee support
- volunteer coordination
- publications
- facility maintenance and administration
- mountain adventures logistics and administration
- financial accounting
- fundraising
- special events coordination
- external relations

In 2009, the Club developed a Vision and Mission statement and identified its core values, which the staff will use to assist with its direction.

—Lawrence White

Services

Membership: Overall Membership numbers have been holding steady over the past 18 months (approx. 6700 memberships). Un-affiliated membership numbers are down since last year, but this has been offset by gains at the Section level. One item of note is that the Rocky Mountain Section (RMS) recently passed 900 memberships, the highest ever for an ACC Section. In March 2006 they were at 635 memberships - they have increased 278 memberships (44%) in 3 years. They credit this to a new executive with fresh ideas that has reinvigorated leaders and encouraged new memberships.

Marketing: Marketing appears to be needed/desired at both the section level (membership and section development), and the National level (Facilities, Activities and Leadership Development etc.). Sandy Walker, Director, Club Services is working on the development of a marketing plan. Much of the guidance of a marketing strategy will come out of the ACC visioning/branding/strategy initiative currently underway.

Competition Skiing: After a quiet summer Dave Dornian and his committee are finalizing operations and budget figures, and getting ready for another busy Competition Skiing season. There are at least five events planned for 09/10 winter. Good luck to the committee and all the athletes.

Safety Committee: There are a number of great developments happening with the Safety Committee. Ernst Bergman has assumed the position of Chair of the Safety Committee in May 2009, taking over from Dave McCormick, to whom we owe much thanks for all his years of service to the Club. The committee is re-organizing to be more active and relevant to the Club. They are meeting regularly via conference call to discuss safety issue developments and more timely responses etc., and budget dependent, the committee has planned for one face-to-face meeting a year. The Safety Committee will be coordinating with the ACC legal committee to address some mutual issues.

Accidents in North American Mountaineering (ANAM): Rob Davidson has assumed the position of Canadian Content Editor for *Accidents in North American Mountaineering* (ANAM). He has also set up a small group to review the edited draft ANAM (Canadian) content before publishing. This group includes: Ernst Bergmann (Chair of the Safety Committee) and Dave Stark (IFMGA mountain guide with extensive experience in risk assessment and safety auditing). ANAM editing occurs in mid-winter. Rob Davidson also plans to meet with the Safety Committee to update on the ANAM and enhance the information sharing.

—Evan Loveless

Finance

Fiscal 2009 will long be remembered for the year that we lost the Fay Hut—again. While this did not cripple the Club financially, it was a significant loss to those who were close to the project and appreciative of its enduring legacy. Unfortunately, the loss also created a write-off of the full value of the hut in the fiscal year that was already stacking up to be quite difficult.

November 2008 was the start of the fiscal year that began in an economic hailstorm and which resulted in a complete landslide by early spring. Amidst this uncertainty the Club remained cash-flow positive and kept fully functional while the world around seemed to be spiraling out of control.

In budgetary terms the Club did fall short of expectations. Every year we hope to breakeven, but the final number for fiscal 2009 ended up being a loss of \$142,306. To be clear, this number was after the full write-down of the Fay Hut which was \$212,516. The second half of the year did see a turn-around, but not enough to recover the full amount of the drop in almost all portfolios. One bright spot was the ongoing support of the Facilities network. It seems that more people elected to stay closer to home rather than taking trips abroad.

Unfortunately, the numbers at the Canadian Alpine Center did not stay in line with the ACC hut network. The Club's 30% interest in earnings ended up being \$16,475 in 2009 versus a pro-rated contribution of \$78,343 in 2008. A large part of this decline was directly contributable to the slow ski season that resulted in a reduction in over-night stays at the CAC.

We continued to see a recovery in the Designated Funds portfolio. After taking a loss of close to 20% in 2008, the portfolio regained a large part of that loss by October 31st. The conservative approach utilized within the portfolio has proved quite sound and continues to provide a cushion to the Operating Fund.

While it seems certain that there is still some heavy lifting required within the overall economy, very few can argue that we are quite better off than a year ago. In short, the ACC performed admirably in what was, by many accounts, a terrible financial year and is well positioned for the future.

—Neil Bosch

Income Statement to October 31

	2009	2008	2007
REVENUE			
Facilities	\$1,494,167	\$1,438,204	\$1,267,465
Camps	\$454,975	\$557,065	\$581,790
Membership	\$199,235	\$201,919	\$195,211
Other	<u>\$139,071</u>	<u>\$164,238</u>	<u>\$150,078</u>
	\$2,287,448	\$2,361,426	\$2,194,544
EXPENSES			
Facilities	\$674,128	\$605,496	\$509,744
Camps	\$383,592	\$459,894	\$437,920
Membership	\$53,574	\$45,545	\$64,839
Liability Insurance	\$35,199	\$46,034	\$47,566
Staff and Administration	\$951,908	\$969,879	\$863,976
Other	<u>\$135,312</u>	<u>\$132,520</u>	<u>\$204,567</u>
	\$2,233,713	\$2,259,368	\$2,128,612
Canadian Alpine Centre	<u>\$16,475</u>	<u>\$78,343</u>	<u>\$94,875</u>
	\$70,210		
Fay Hut depreciaton due to fire	-\$212,516	\$0	
Net Income	-\$142,306	\$180,401	\$160,807

Cash Flows to October 31

	2009	2008	2007
OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Net Income	-\$142,306	\$180,401	\$160,807
Depreciation	\$339,760	\$122,267	\$111,711
subtract CAC income	-\$16,475	-\$78,343	-\$94,875
add back CAC distribution	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$76,087</u>	<u>\$24,348</u>
Cash Flow from Operations	\$180,979	\$300,412	\$201,991
Change in working capital	<u>\$40,804</u>	<u>\$103,858</u>	<u>\$53,940</u>
Cash Flow	\$221,783	\$404,270	\$255,931
INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Clubhouse	\$108,999	\$63,999	\$23,250
Huts	\$92,845	\$80,783	\$67,675
Camps	\$14,197	\$17,732	\$10,910
National Office	<u>\$10,102</u>	<u>\$15,518</u>	<u>\$8,615</u>
	\$226,143	\$178,032	\$110,450

Balance Sheet at October 31

	2009	2008	2007
ASSETS			
Current Assets	\$210,945	\$178,249	\$189,660
Investments	\$713,635	\$765,901	\$531,778
Canadian Alpine Centre	\$824,739	\$808,264	\$806,008
Capital Assets	<u>\$1,183,794</u>	<u>\$1,297,409</u>	<u>\$1,241,644</u>
	\$2,933,113	\$3,049,823	\$2,769,090
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities	\$666,856	\$633,258	\$525,151
Members' Equity	<u>\$2,266,257</u>	<u>\$2,416,565</u>	<u>\$2,243,938</u>
	\$2,933,113	\$3,049,823	\$2,769,090
Designated Funds	\$1,424,491	\$1,441,031	\$1,191,799

Donor Recognition

The ACC is successful due in large part to members and others who generously donate their volunteer time or money to Club projects and initiatives. Below is a list of those who donated money or goods-in-kind to the organization during the last fiscal year which runs from November 1, 2008 through October 31, 2009. Given their high numbers, listing those who donated their volunteer time and expertise would be impossible, but the Club is indebted to them for their contribution.

Rockies Level (\$1,000 - \$9,999)

Jennifer I. Considine	Peter Fuhrmann	John Myles
Estate of Margaret Craze	Louise & Richard Guy	Greg West
Philippe Delesalle	Phee Hudson	
Gavin Ezekowitz	Don Milliken	

Cascades Level (\$100 - \$999)

Dean Allatt	Cameron Henderson	Roger Painter
Laurie Allen	Marj Hind	Jim Peacock
Anne Anderson	John Hubbard	Chris & Lynne Pepler
Doug Beecroft	Peter Hutchins	Dave Percival & Holly Robertson
Dunnery Best	Colleen Kasting	Marc Piché
Glen & Liz Boles	Dr. Charlie Kastner	Charles Price & Mary Shanahan
Neil & Wendy Bosch	Heather & Rolf Kellerhals	Jim Prichard
Michael Bowler	Shawn & Sheila Klimchuk	Scott Quinlan
William Buxton	Douglas Lauchlan	David Randen
Christopher Campbell & Melanie Woytiuk	Mike Lauchlan	Richard Roe
Richard G. Campbell	Eric Lepage	Rhoda Schultz
Gordon Currie	Eric & Dorle Lomas	Chic Scott
Tony & Gillean Daffern	Bill Louie	Kedar Shrikhande
Joseph Davidson	Yan Lyesin	Richard Sobieski
Allan Edgeworth	Roland McIntosh	Monir Taha
Bruce Edwards	JD & Jason Miller	Janice Tarchuck, MLA
Paul & Jenifer Gaskin	Ted & Judy Mills	John Timar
John Gibson	Lilla Molnar	Masami Tomioka
Leo & Lynn Grillmair	David Morse	Elizabeth Tresidder
Margaret Gmoser	Ruth Mowat	Ingrid van der Zande
Martin Goldstein	Rob Mulloy & Sharon Nettleton	Paul Veneziano
Ken Gray	Diane Nauthe	Paul Wagner
Kendrick Hamilton	Leslie Nicholls	Roger & Margaret Wallis
Carl & Sandy Hannigan	Masaki Nishidate	Lawrence White & Corina Strim
	Bob Olinger	Ellen Woodd

Laurentians Level (\$25 - \$99)

Victoria Anderson	Derek Brackley	Armand Filippi
Umesh Ariyadasa	Rudy Brugger	Kelly Fowler
Jocey Asnong	Byron Caldwell	Lloyd & Fran Gallagher
Russell E. Ashton	Dan Cancade	John S. T. Gibson
John Baldwin	Megan Canning	Carol & Patrick Gilchrist
Victor Balon	Donald Chiasson	Brian & Laura Gilchrist
James Barrow	Dave & Rose Clay	Thomas & Marilyn Gilmour
Lucas Bathurst	Martin Coté Beck & Céline Coté	Leslie Gordon
Dominique Baudouin	Lorne Dach	Mary Ellen Graham
Robert Bechaud & Sheree Sonfield	Steve Demmings	Stewart Henderson
Alda Behie	Allan & Asuka Dwyer	Peter Hind
Danielle Bissonnette & Marco Legault	Burkhard Eibich & Pia Jampen	David Hobill
Bob Bolin & Michelle Hegmon	Jean-Pierre Falgueyret & Nathalie Savard	Linley Jahraus
		Jan Johnson

Laurentians Level (\$25 - \$99) continued

Ruth & Doug Johnson	Peter Miles & Judith B. Hanebury	Eszter Simon-Berci
Richard Kasper	Robert & Kimberly Miller	Cheryl Slack
Louise Lalonde & Tim Bester	Helen Mitchell	Greg Small
Suzanne Landry	Deon Molloy	Ainslie Tamboline
Janet Lawrence	Margaret Morrison	Robert Thrasher
Alain Le Gallou	Bernd Nennemann & Susie Gaskin	Derek Tong & Amy Yee
Glenn & Phyllis Lee	Christine C. Parsons	Nancy Townsend
James A. S. Legh	Michael Piggott	Rebecca Turner
Sean Liggett	Aleksandar Popovic & Helen Gilmour	Anne Walton
Chris Longson	Brian Posthumus	Calvin White
Don & Heather Lyon	Edouard Potworowski	Lorraine & Erwin Widmer
Jonathan Lytton	Wendy Quinlan-Gagnon	Catherine Wooldridge
Doreen MacDonald	Harold Redekop	William Allan Wotherspoon
Judy Mackasey	Marg Rees	Nana Yamada
Evelyn & Ron Matthews	Robert Rhodes	Mooshie & Yella Zahirovich
Wiktor Mazur	Susan Ross	Kelly Zarnke & Patti Trussler
Josh McLafferty	Brian Shea	Andrea Ziegler
Lou Metcalf		

Corporate Donor Recognition

The Alpine Club of Canada thanks the following companies for their support, and encourages you to consider them the next time you purchase goods or services of the type they offer.

Alpine Helicopters	G3 Genuine Mountain Gear	Petzl
Alta Ltée	GearUp Sports	PMR Design
Ambler Mountain Works	Golden Alpine Holidays	Resorts of the Canadian Rockies
Arc'teryx	Gregory Packs	Rimrock Resort Hotel
Ascent Public Affairs Inc.	Gripped Magazine	Rocky Mountain Books
Backcountry Access	Icebreaker	Rocky Mountain Ski Lodge
Banff Mountain Film Festival	Integral Designs	Rocky Mountain Soap Company
HI-Banff Alpine Centre Hostel	Jamey Glasnovic Photography	ROI
Barn Yard Stix	Jardine Lloyd Thompson Canada	Rudi Peet Goldsmith
Battle Abbey	Lafarge	Savanna Energy Services Corp
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Blurr	Leki USA	Sorcerer Lake Lodge
Café Books	Louise Olinger Art	SPOT
Calgary Climbing Centre	Mapitfirst	Sterling Ropes
Calgary Zoo	Marmot Mountain LLC	Sunny Raven Gallery
Campbell Icefield Chalet	Massie Art	Sunshine Village Ski Resort
Canadian Alpine Centre	McAra Printing	The Georgetown Inn
Canadian Mountain Holidays	Metolius	The North Face
Canmore Nordic Centre	Monod Sports	Tim Styles, Optometrist
Coast Mountain Sports	Mountain Equipment Co-Op	Total Recovery Sports Injury Centre
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Five-Ten	Ortovox Canada	
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G.J.H. Consulting Ltd	Patagonia	

Please note: Donations received after October 31, 2009 will be acknowledged in the 2010 Annual Report.

Executive Committee Members

The ACC Board of Directors consists of members of the Executive Committee plus one representative of each of the Sections across the country. It meets twice annually.

- **President – Peter Muir** resides in Winnipeg where he works as a lawyer, helps raise two kids, coaches and plays lots of soccer, and still finds some time for the skis and the rock shoes. While he does not watch a lot of television, he did enjoy the recent Simpsons episode where the road sign into Winnipeg read: *we were born here, what's your excuse?* It takes an easy going attitude to be a climber in Winnipeg.
- **Treasurer – Neil Bosch** joined the Club in 1998 and has served at both the Edmonton Section and National levels. He is an active amateur trip leader at the General Mountaineering Camps, past participant of the North Face Summer Leadership Program and recipient of the Eric Brooks Leadership Award. In addition to being the Club's Treasurer, Neil is Chair of the Edmonton Section Centennial Committee. Neil and his wife Wendy have two toddlers, Aidan and Liam, who rank among the Club's youngest members.
- **Secretary – Gordon Currie** is a Calgary resident and has been a member of the ACC since 1977. He holds a Chartered Financial Analyst professional designation. He carries a medium format camera with him on the trail, and still believes in film.
- **Vice President, Access & Environment – Dave Foster** joined the ACC in 1989 and is an avid hiker and scrambler who wishes the Rockies were located a bit further east. In addition to his work with the ACC nationally, he is involved in regional climbing access issues, and is the past Chair of the Ottawa Section. Professionally, he works in the environmental area of the Canadian residential construction industry.
- **Vice President, Activities – Roger Laurilla** has been an ACC member for 30 years and has worked for us as a mountain guide since the late '80s. He is currently the manager of the CMH Monashees Lodge and is also a professional photographer. Hundreds of ACC members have benefited from his varied skills over the years. Roger strives to offer Club members safe, interesting and quality adventures that will expand their skills and experiences, and to build upon the ACC's rich mountaineering history.
- **Vice President, Facilities – Carl Hannigan** has been an ACC member since 1979. As Chairman of the planning section of the Huts Committee in the '80s, he was instrumental in the planning and execution of hut design and placements on the Wapta Traverse. Carl is a semi-retired veterinary surgeon.
- **Vice President, Mountain Culture – Isabelle Daigneault** has been a member of the ACC since 1997. She was first involved at the local level and has enjoyed participating on the national board since 2005 sharing her passion for climbing, skiing, nature and culture. Isabelle recently left Montreal's corporate world to join her husband in his property rental venture, giving her additional free time to enjoy the mountains. Although Isabelle loves the high mountains of Western Canada, she's still residing in Montreal as she feels the Club needs a contingency from the East to keep it a truly national organization.
- **Vice President, Services – Evan Loveless** is self-employed as a tourism and recreation consultant working with small businesses, communities, organizations and consulting teams on tourism and recreation planning and development projects. Evan began his career in the industry as a guide in various outdoor pursuits and continues to get out and explore the backcountry via skiing, climbing, paddling or mountain biking whenever he can. Evan holds a Bachelors Degree in Tourism Management and a Diploma in Adventure Tourism both from the University College of the Cariboo (now Thompson Rivers University).
- **Honorary President – Marjory Hind** joined the Club in 1952. She is a tireless supporter of the ACC who never misses a Club function. A Club leader in her own right, Marj takes up a position formerly held by her late husband Bob. She is only the second woman to hold the position.
- **Executive Director – Lawrence White** joined the Club in 1999 while living in Vancouver and pursuing his Bachelor's degree in Tourism Management. He moved to Canmore in 2002 to begin working full time for the Club. Starting in the Mountain Adventures portfolio, Lawrence moved on to become the Facilities Director before assuming the Executive Director's role in the Spring of 2007.

Club Sections

The regional and activity based sections of the Alpine Club of Canada are its strength. The vast majority of Club members belong to a Club section. Membership in a section enables members to participate in numerous summer and winter mountaineering, rock climbing, and skiing activities, coordinated by experienced amateur leaders.

Each Club Section has a representative on the ACC Board of Directors. They are either the Chair of their respective section or are appointed as Section Representative by their section.

Club Section Representatives:

Calgary:

Peter Lloyd

Central Alberta:

Bob Bigelow

Competition Climbing:

Dave Dornian

Edmonton:

Terry McIntee

Jasper/Hinton:

Wayne Campbell

Manitoba:

Simon Statkewich

Okanagan:

Brad Schmucker

Ottawa:

Elfrieda Bock

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St. Boniface:

André Mahé

Toronto:

Sandra Bowkun

Thunder Bay:

Frank Pianka

Vancouver:

Rob Brusse

Vancouver Island:

Rick Hudson

Whistler:

Mitch Sulkers

Volunteer Awards

The following dedicated volunteers were recognized for their outstanding contributions to the National and/or Section levels of the Alpine Club of Canada in 2009. Biographies of the award recipients' accomplishments can be found on the ACC's website.

Honorary Membership

David Jones - Okanagan Section

Don Serl - Vancouver Section

Roger Wallis - Toronto Section

Silver Rope for Leadership

Felix Camire – Rocky Mountain Section

Distinguished Service Award

David Foster – Ottawa Section

Isabelle Daigneault – Montreal Section

Peter Rothermel – Vancouver Island Section

Tony Knight – Vancouver Section

Wes Bender – Thunder Bay Section

Eric Brooks Leader Award

Dustin Hines – Vancouver Section

Kris Irwin – Rocky Mountain Section

Don Forest Service Award

Stephane Beck – Rocky Mountain Section

Brian Bottan – Thunder Bay Section

Masten Brolsma – Calgary Section

Felix Camire – Rocky Mountain Section

Len Chackowsky – Manitoba Section

Jennifer Chikoski – Thunder Bay Section

Mike Hubbard – Vancouver Island Section

Richard Keltie – Vancouver Section

Martin Naroznik – Vancouver Section

Doug Nelson – Calgary Section

Dave Rothwell – Okanagan Section

Edie Shackleton – Calgary Section

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