



Annual Report 2006

ALPINE CLUB OF CANADA

*Canada's National Mountaineering Organization
Founded in 1906*



Celebrating our Centennial

Executive Committee

- **President** – Cam Roe has been a member of the ACC for many years, attending his first General Mountaineering Camp (GMC) in the Freshfields in 1976. He has been and remains active both at the section level in Calgary and on the national board. Cam is a second generation Silver Rope recipient (Dick Roe – 1980, Cam Roe – 1999). His two sons will no doubt follow in the family footsteps.
- **Secretary** – 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** – 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** – Isabelle Daigneault has been a member of the ACC since 1997. She was first involved at the local level and is currently enjoying participating on the national board, sharing her passion for climbing and nature, defending access to the mountains we value so highly while integrating access requirements with the need to preserve and protect. Isabelle works for an Information Technology Consulting firm in Montreal, where she lives with her husband Chris.
- **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 1980s, he was instrumental in the planning and execution of hut design and placements on the Wapta Traverse. Carl is a retired veterinary surgeon.
- **Vice President, Mountain Culture** – Robert Sandford is an ecological historian and the author or editor of some twenty books. He co-ordinates heritage initiatives that link what is unique about the nature, history and culture of the Canadian West. Bob was elected an Honorary Member of the Association of Canadian Mountain Guides and, in 2001, was presented the prestigious One Step Beyond Summit of Excellence Award for his lifetime contribution to mountain heritage in the Canadian Rockies.
- **Vice President, Services** – David Zemrau has been a member of the Club for 11 years. He is a member of the Edmonton Section, where he has served in a number of roles including that of Chairperson. David is also involved with both section and national camps and trips.
- **Vice President, External Affairs** – Mike Mortimer first joined the ACC in 1977. Since then he has served the Club in many capacities including: Editor of the Calgary Section's Chinook; Chairman of the Calgary Section; Chairman of four mountain leadership conferences for the Club in the 1980s; Vice President, Facilities; and from 1994 until 2001 Mike served as the President of the Club. As part of his current role as Director of External Relations, Mike also serves as the North American delegate to the UIAA Council.
- **Director, Planning & Development** – David Toole has been a member of the club since the early 1980s and has been active both at the section level in Montreal and on the national Board, where he has held various positions, including President, since 1993. His most significant mountaineering achievement was an ascent of a 21,000 foot peak in the Himalayas.
- **Honorary President** – Glen Boles, an accomplished mountaineer, joined the ACC in 1965 and has spent most of his adult life climbing mountains. With almost 600 summits under his belt; he has made 37 first ascents and pioneered many new routes; taken part in expedition climbing and mountain rescue. Glen Boles has received many awards for his contributions to the Canadian climbing community.
- **Executive Director** – Bruce Keith joined the Club as Executive Director in 1995. Before that he held a variety of senior management positions in both the government and not-for-profit sectors. While his origins are in eastern Canada, he (like many others) has made the mountains his home, having moved west in 1992. Bruce lives in Canmore with his wife Nel and daughter Sandra.

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.

Winnipeg Board Meeting

Celebration of the ACC's centennial year really began in earnest when the Board of Directors met in Winnipeg on March 24, 2006 exactly 100 years since the founders gathered there. The St. Boniface Section hosted a reception at historic Fort Gibraltar. Following a Board meeting on March 25th, a gala dinner and dance was held at the Fort Garry Hotel, and on the 26th, board members posed for photographs in front of the same building where the Club was formed in 1906.



Elizabeth Parker Play

Journalist Elizabeth Parker was instrumental in bringing together all parties interested in forming a Canadian alpine club. Actress Laurie Schwartz ably portrayed Elizabeth Parker in a one-person play sponsored by Parks Canada. Laurie (Elizabeth) appeared at many more ACC events across the country during the year.

Plaque unveiling at Yoho Lake

On July 8, 2006 representatives of both Parks Canada and the ACC – including some of our most senior members – hiked up to Yoho Lake to unveil a new monument and plaque on the location of the first General Mountaineering Camp, held in the summer of 1906.



Centennial ascent of Mt. Vice President

Two days later a smaller group set out from the Stanley Mitchell Hut to try to climb Mt. Vice President on the 100th anniversary of the Club's first ascent. There was electricity in the air – not the good kind – and the summit team was forced to beat a hasty retreat rather than risk being struck by lightning.

AGM – Steam Train to Rogers Pass

The Annual General Meeting was held at the summit of Rogers Pass on July 15. 110 invited guests boarded the Canadian Pacific Railway's historic steam train at Field, BC, arriving at the summit the same way as many of Canada's earliest mountaineers did. Among the guests at the AGM were John Wheeler – grandson of A.O. Wheeler, the first President of the Alpine Club of Canada, Bill Putnam – an authority on the mountains of Canada, and Henry Vaux Jr. whose grandfather photographed the Rockies and pioneered the study of retreating glaciers.



Canada Post Stamp

Canada Post commemorated the Club's centennial by issuing a stamp.



UIAA General Assembly

For the first time ever, the International Mountaineering and Climbing Federation held its annual meeting in Canada. Some 120 delegates convened in Banff in November. The meeting was timed to coincide with the annual Mountain Guide's Ball. The culmination of the UIAA meeting was the election of ACC Past President Mike Mortimer, the first Canadian to serve as President of the UIAA.

Regional celebrations

In addition to activities co-ordinated by the national Club, ACC sections across the country celebrated the ACC's centennial with events of their own.

Membership

Club membership was essentially unchanged again in 2006 at 5785 memberships consisting of 4195 section memberships and 1590 unaffiliated memberships. The largest section was Calgary at 788 memberships while the smallest was Central Alberta at 34 memberships. We added one new section in 2006, the Competition Climbing Section with 147 memberships across the country. It is the first section to be organized by common interest rather than common geography.

Facilities – Pat Boswell (Toronto Section) Cabin

The new Pat Boswell (Toronto Section) Cabin began with a generous donation by Stephanie Boswell who wanted to do something in memory of her husband Pat, a former Executive Director of the ACC and long-time member of the Toronto Section, and the old Toronto Section Cabin on the Clubhouse site was in need of replacement.

The Boswell Cabin was completed just in time for the ribbon cutting ceremony on a warm afternoon in October. A group of long-term ACC members including many friends of the Boswells were on hand to hear remarks by Past President David Fisher and to watch Mrs. Boswell officially open the new facility.



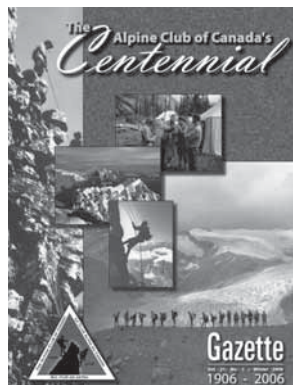
Activities – The General Mountaineering Camp

Located in the Premiere Range of the Cariboo Mountains, the General Mountaineering Camp was popular with our members once again and all six weeks were filled. The Premier Range is fairly remote and seldom visited; the highest peak in the area is Sir Wilfred Laurier at 3520m (11,550') and there were unclimbed peaks nearby that offered the possibility of first ascents. This year's GMC consisted of both a base and high camp; a new addition enjoyed by our participants. The two-camp concept allowed for shorter approaches with excellent climbing in close proximity to both camps.

A variety of other summer, winter and international camps were staged successfully during the year.

Mountain Culture

In place of the regular spring edition of our newsletter, members of the Mountain Culture Committee produced a special, commemorative edition of the Gazette featuring 20 articles contributed by various authors. They tell the story of the first 100 years of the ACC.



Management Discussion and Analysis

The Club did slightly better than break even again in 2006, generating a surplus of \$2,573 for the fiscal year ended October 31st. Total revenue was over \$2.1 million and the largest contributor was Facilities (huts and clubhouse) at \$1.1 million followed by Activities at \$690,000. Membership fees contributed only \$187,000. The Club is debt free and therefore in good financial condition. Our managed funds total about \$1.6 million and contributed roughly \$90,000 in income each year which can be used to pay for Club projects.

Income Statement to October 31

	2006	2005	2004
REVENUE			
Facilities	\$1,117,452	\$1,023,065	\$909,077
Camps	\$689,819	\$502,477	\$529,072
Membership	\$186,821	\$178,244	\$151,393
Other	\$124,422	\$100,276	\$119,444
	<u>1,803,368</u>	<u>\$1,804,062</u>	<u>\$1,708,986</u>
EXPENSES			
Camps	\$550,977	\$386,580	\$413,484
Facilities	\$507,643	\$483,728	\$394,939
Liability Insurance	\$26,907	\$95,627	\$68,543
Membership	\$71,848	\$14,539	\$16,911
Staff and Administration	\$892,179	\$640,297	\$719,717
Other	\$98,906	\$213,162	\$150,063
	<u>\$2,148,460</u>	<u>\$1,833,933</u>	<u>\$1,763,657</u>
Canadian Alpine Centre	\$32,521	\$44,160	\$55,036
Net Income	\$2,573	\$14,289	\$365

Cash Flows to October 31

	2006	2005	2004
OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Net Income	\$2,573	\$14,289	\$365
Depreciation	\$103,611	\$89,662	\$79,392
subtract CAC income	-\$32,521	-\$103,142	-\$58,467
add back CAC distribution	\$30,435	0	\$24,359
Cash Flow from Operations	<u>\$102,219</u>	<u>\$809</u>	<u>\$45,649</u>
Change in working capital	\$56,386	\$68,800	\$68,033
Cash Flow	<u>\$158,605</u>	<u>\$69,609</u>	<u>\$113,682</u>
INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Clubhouse	\$164,909	\$47,289	\$45,409
Huts	\$118,922	\$278,803	\$33,378
Camps	\$9,286	\$11,350	\$11,416
National Office	\$8,360	\$41,631	\$10,963
	<u>\$301,477</u>	<u>\$379,073</u>	<u>\$101,166</u>

Balance Sheet at October 31

	2006	2005	2004
ASSETS			
Current Assets	\$231,661	\$506,318	\$237,542
Investments	\$349,162	\$3,618	\$77,125
Canadian Alpine Centre	\$735,481	\$733,394	\$624,645
Capital Assets	<u>\$1,242,905</u>	<u>\$1,045,039</u>	<u>\$762,303</u>
	<u>\$2,559,209</u>	<u>\$2,288,369</u>	<u>\$1,701,615</u>
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities	\$520,700	\$521,735	\$354,487
Members' Equity	<u>\$2,038,509</u>	<u>\$1,766,634</u>	<u>\$1,347,128</u>
	<u>\$2,559,209</u>	<u>\$2,288,369</u>	<u>\$1,701,615</u>
Designated Funds	\$967,367	\$1,013,671	\$902,648

Detailed financial statements are available upon request.

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 national organization during the last fiscal year which runs from November 1, 2005 through October 31, 2006. 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.

St. Elias Level (\$10,000 or more)

Bev Bendell-Downing

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

Jennifer I. Considine	Marjory Hind	Douglas Newton	Robert Winram
Peter Fuhrmann	Wallace Joyce	Alice Saltiel-Marshall	
Paul Geddes	Walter Latter	Bill Walker	
Hans Gmoser	John McCall	John Wheeler	

Cascades Level (\$100 - \$999)

Karie Stephenson	Paul Erickson	Brad Krusky	Alan Robinson
Hilary Alto	William Fillmore	Richard Lamartine	Stan Rosenbaum
Rose Anderson	A. John L. Fisher	Ed Laporte	Markus Sanchez
Rae Aust	David Fisher	Dean Lister	Marg Saul
Mike Bamford	Jennifer Fuhr	Frank Liszczak	Nick Schwabe
Liane Belland	Jeannette Fuhr	Charles R. Lummer	Burke Stinson
Tim Bester	Sheila Gallagher	Alejandro Lyle	Matthew Stone
Glen Boles	Francois Garneau	Ernest MacNabb	Jim Tarrant
Anne Bradley	Lucille Garrett	Jenny Mah	Leslie Taylor
Thomas Brady	Ralph Garrett	Paul Manley	Merle Taylor
Margaret Brogden	John Gibson	Ed May	Catherine Taylor
Peter Brogden	Peter Goring	Terry Allan Mccoll	John Timar
Marc Brouillette	Andrew James Greenshaw	Roland McIntosh	Wilf Twelker
Allison Budd	Elizabeth Guilbride	Andrew McKinlay	Ingrid van der Zande
William Buxton	Henry Habgood	Arnold McLaughlin	Don Vockeroth
Christopher Campbell	Aileen Harmon	James McLeod	George Waddell
Frances Carter	Philip Harvey	Denyse Morin	Elizabeth Walker
David Charlesworth	Tom Haslam-Jones	Don Morrish	Graham Walker
Randy Colwell	Brent Henry	Ruth Mowat	Sandy Walker
Ethan Compton	Peter Hind	Mike Murtha	Janice Walsh
Mike Cormack	Bernhard Jess	Wally Muscoby	Roger Wallis
Gordon Currie	David Jones	Gil Parker	Laurie Weldon
Peter Dalziel	Fraser Judd	Vicki Parton	Geoffrey Whittall
Joseph Davidson	Cindy Kelly	Rich Pawlowicz	Michael Williams
Gillian Deane	Patty Kennedy	Jim Pearre	Elizabeth Wiltzen
Dave Dornian	Heather Kennedy	Alison Pennie-McGoey	Pat Winram
John Downing	Maureen Keough	Michael Piggott	David Wong
Terry Drury	Dawood Khan	Katherine Prescott	Dwight Yachuk
Ron Eade	Barbara King	Charles Price	Ian Young
Bruce Edwards	Ben Klippenstein	Norm Pursell	
Angelika Eirisch	Alex Klopfer	R. Rathwell-mcgurk	



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Laurentians Level (\$25 - \$99)

Peter Albinger	Erin Drummond	Michael Levitan	Jim Semple
Jan Andrews	Burkhard Eibich	Jason Lord	Amy Siegenthaler
Kevin Baggott	Sylvia Evans	Jonathan Lytton	Sandy Stewart
Victor Balon	Helen Fletton	Doreen MacDonald	Judith Stockdale
Joan Batycki	Ursula Galpin	George Mackie	David Swirp
Lawrence R. Blood	Vitus Germann	Isabelle Macpherson	Jim Tanner
Bob Bolin	Barbara Gurley	Dave Marmorek	Alfred Tatyrek
Sylvie Bordet	Andre Harbour	Ron Matthews	Ferdl Taxbock
Paul Bourque	Bill Hawryschuk	Evelyn Matthews	T.J. Tessel
Vernon Brink	Irene M. Herremans	Kaye Melliship	Dixon Thompson
Kay Bruce-Robertson	Richard Higgins	Peter Miles	Derek Tong
Byron Caldwell	Yan Huckendubler	David Molson	Raymond Turner
Ian Carr	Les Hulicsko	Jean Molson	Gilda Valli
Karen Carslon	Kenneth Hunt	Bertrand Montel	Holly Vibert
Daryl Clark	Richard Hunter	Ward Morton	Laura Wardlaw
Michael Collins	Valerie Irving	Bill Norrie	Gisela Wighton
Philip Creery	Jim Joosse	Angela Ovens	David Wilburn
Lawrence Crocker	Matt Kings	Leo Parent	John Wilms
Brian Dannemann	Elisa Kreller	Hugh Richter	David Winter
Nathan Douglas	Philippe LaRiviere	Kathryn Robinson	Robyn Wright
Patrick Doyle	Alan Ledingham	Guy Roy	Linda Wu

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 The Manufactured Housing Association of B.C.

Please note: Donation received after October 31, 2006 will be acknowledged in the 2007 Annual Report.

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 representatives on the ACC Board of Directors. They are either the Chairman of their respective sections or are appointed by their Section.

Club Section Representatives:

Calgary:
Paul Masiar

Central Alberta:
Rod Church

Competition Climbing:
Dave Dornian

Edmonton:
Jason Cobb

Jasper/Hinton:
Wayne Campbell

Manitoba:
Simon Statkewich

Okanagan:
Andy McQuilkin

Ottawa:
David Foster

Outaouais:
Denis Villeneuve

Montréal:
Murray Levine

Prince George:
Mark Earle

Rocky Mountain:
Andrea Petzold

Saskatchewan:
Dave McCormick

St. Boniface:
André Mahé

Toronto:
Sandra Bowkun

Thunder Bay:
Frank Pianka

Vancouver:
Rob Brusse

Vancouver Island:
Gerta Smythe

Whistler:
Mitch Sulkers

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 2006. Biographies of the award recipients' accomplishments can be found on the ACC's website.

A.O. Wheeler Award

David Toole, Montreal and
Vancouver Sections

Honorary Member

Mike Mortimer, Calgary Section
Eric Lomas, Rocky Mountain
Section

Distinguished Service Award

Nikki Hipkin, Saskatchewan
Section
Deny Gravel, Saint-Boniface
Section

Bruce Hardardt, Calgary and Rocky
Mountain Sections

Don Forest Service Award

Anne Anderson, Edmonton Section
David Foster, Ottawa Section
Martyne Laliberté, St-Boniface
Section

Eric Lepage, Montréal Section
Heike Pauli, Unaffiliated
Mike Rogers, Montréal Section
Wayne Vibert, Edmonton Section
Don Wighton, Montréal Section

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