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**The next Calgary Section Meeting is at 7:30 pm on Tuesday, 17 April 2007
at the Bow Waters Canoe Club, 1975—26th Street SE**

This Month:

Alexander Bak,

Exploring the Mountains of East Africa (Mt. Meru, Mt. Kilimanjaro and the
Mt. Kenya Group - trekking, geology, nature).



**Green Angel
By Paul Masiar**

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**May Meeting: Tuesday 15 May 2007 at 7:30 pm
Speaker: Colin MacPhee, Cartographer & GIS Analyst**

Topic: Mountaineering and Cartography: From Sir George Everest to A.O. Wheeler
Did you know that mountaineering and the sciences of cartography and surveying share an illustrious history in advancing knowledge of the Earth's geography and environment? They have inspired the evolution of many advanced technologies which benefit everyone. Please join us for an overview of pioneers in the fields of cartography, surveying and mountaineering. They are often one and the same! (Like the Alpine Club's founder, for example). Also, we'll take a look at modern cartographic and map interpretation techniques . . . something that should benefit any alpine enthusiast who enjoys knowing where they are, or who just likes maps!

Bev Bendell Library Fund

The ACC has received a \$100,000 donation from long-time member, volunteer and past staff member Bev Bendell who has brain cancer and has been told that she does not have long to live. The Club decided to put the money into a permanent fund called the "Bev Bendell Library Fund". The annual investment income from the fund will be used to purchase new books for the ACC library, with any remaining annual income used for other library or book-related purposes. You can read more about the fund at: <http://www.alpineclubofcanada.ca/funds/index.html> *Bev was active with the Calgary Section for many years*

2007 Summer Trips Schedule

We're currently getting in order the 2007 Summer Trips schedule and we're looking for all the great ideas that leaders have. New coordinators are welcome to add their trips to the schedule. Seasoned leaders are requested to let Peter know if you're willing to be a mentor for our new leaders on/for their trips. Trip information should meet the same format as usual: Name, Contact information, Location, Type of Trip, Duration, Difficulty and extra information such as: Hut booking required.

If you can't make it to the sign up night (**Friday April 13, from 6 to 9 pm, at the CAOC building**, 1111 Memorial Drive NW, upstairs) trips should be submitted to peter.lloyd@shaw.ca (or by telephone 403.247.0204) no later than April 20, 2007. All leaders submitting trips before the Section Meeting on April 17 will have their names entered in a draw for some climbing passes, courtesy Calgary Climbing Center.

2007 Photo Contest at the June Meeting

Welcome to the ACC Calgary Section Photo Contest! I would like to invite as many people as possible to enter a couple of slides or digital pictures to the show. Who knows? That picture that you think is just so - so might be a diamond in the rough. Send in your favourite humour shot, or ice climbing picture (in my case they are usually the same one) and see what happens! Some of the trophies for the ACC Calgary Section photo contest go back to the 30's. It is a real coup to have one of those trophies on your mantle for a year! Please see the rules below for more information. NOTE that there have been additional rules added to keep up with the technology. If you can scan your own slides into digital images, it would be greatly appreciated. I will scan them but the quality may or may not be as good as you would like.

The contest winners will be shown at the **June 19th section meeting**, with the winners receiving awards. The winner of Best in Show will receive a dry mounted 16x20" (or best size - depends on the resolution of the photo) print of their winning slide, picture or print.

The **deadline** for entries is the section meeting on **May 15th**. You may be able to sneak some in after that but it will cost you copious amounts of beer. :) Please return the trophies from last year by this date as well or I will come calling. Slides, CD's, etc will be returned at the section meeting. If you are interested in judging the photo contest or would like more information call Cam Roe at 253-5463.

Classes and Trophies:

The format of the following list is "Class Name (Trophy Name) - Main focus of each picture in the class". Please pay attention to what the focus of the class is.

1. Canadian Mountain Scenes (Richardson Trophy) - Mountain scenery
2. Mountain Winter Scenes (Rex Gibson Trophy) - Canadian mountains in winter
3. Mountain scenes outside Canada (Jim Board Trophy - Mountaineering scenes/ activities outside Canada
4. Mountaineering (Marion Fawdry Trophy) - Mountaineering activities, summer or winter
5. Rock Climbing (Hillbilly Bowl) - Technical or solo climbing on rock
6. Ice Climbing (Kathleen Lucas Trophy) - Waterfall or extreme alpine ice climbing
7. Ski Mountaineering (John Hammond Trophy) - Ski mountaineering, ski touring, or telemark
8. Portraits of Mountaineers (L.C. Wilson Trophy) - Person or people in a mountain setting

9. Flora (Francis Pearce Trophy) - Plant life in a mountain region
10. Fauna (Buglar Hind Trophy) - Wildlife in a mountain region
11. Humour (Silver Skillet) - Humour or satire, taken in a mountain or mountaineering context
12. Prints (Birks Trophy) - Colour or B&W print in a mountain setting
13. Best of Show (David Oldham Trophy) - All entries are considered for this award
14. Unclassified (President's Trophy) - Any photograph in a mountain setting that doesn't fit in another category
15. Club Activities - Person or people involved in a club camp or activity
16. Legacy Award - An appreciation of the mountains being shared by youth or families

Rules: - PLEASE READ

1. The contest is open to any section member in good standing.
2. Entrants may win more than one place in a class. A maximum of 3 entries per class per person.
3. Entries are not permitted from the judges or their family members.
4. Each slide must be marked with the entrant's name, slide title, and class number. An asterix must be placed in the lower left corner of the slide when held for viewing.
5. Slides in glass mounts are not accepted.
6. Digital pictures should be on CD with an appropriate file name that indicates the category and title of the picture. E.g. "Cat8_Cams-Excellent-Picture.jpg"
7. Digital pictures WILL be accepted via email to 'camroe@hotmail.com' or 'roe.cam@gmail.com'.
8. No award will be made if the judges feel that no entries are of the standard to receive a trophy.
9. All Slides, Digital Pictures, Photographs must have been taken within 3 years of the contest deadline.
10. All entrants must provide a list of their entries, including the respective class and title of entry, and include their name, address, and telephone number.
11. All entries are released for future reproduction in The Chinook, the summer and winter schedules, the section website, and other publications and promotional material of the section - including displays and slide shows.
12. Prints must be mounted and of a minimum 5"x7" size. Matting and presentation will be included in the judging criteria. The entrant's name and print title should be on the back of the print.
13. Entries from previous Calgary Section photo contests are **not** eligible.
14. The judges may move entries to another class when it is appropriate. E.g. Cam's ice climbing pictures are automatically moved to the humour section.
15. If you want to have slides mailed back, you need to include sufficient packaging material (self-addressed) and postage to ensure the safe return of your slides. Please remember that this is a FUN event and that all slides in category 8 (Mountaineers) will be shown at the show - we all like to see the people we know in the mountains! As well, all the pictures in category 11 (Humour) will be shown. Thanks and enter some pictures!!!!

**2007 Writing Contest
by Sandy Walker**

Are you a closet Hemingway? Dr. Seuss? Christopher Moore? It's time to unlock your inner creative genius and write a masterpiece for the 2007 Calgary Section Writing Contest.

There are no categories so let your imagination run wild! Make it happy, make it sad. Make it good or make it bad. Make it a poem or make it prose. Make it snow or make it rock. Make it long or make it short. Make it comedic or make it epic. Make it techie or make it emotional. No matter what style you use, tell us a story that represents what mountain life means to you.

Need some ideas to get you started? Why not tell us a story about:

- why - in spite of the blisters, bruises, sore muscles, frostbite, broken bones, expensive gear – you keep coming back for more
- what inspires you – a person, place, object or thing, that inspires you to keep putting one foot in front of the other
- the most magical thing you've seen on your journeys
- the best day you've had in the mountains
- the most idiotic thing you've ever done in the mountains
- the craziest piece of gear you've bought or made for the mountains
- your favourite destination
- the funniest thing you've seen happen or the thing that's brought a tear to your eye

Prizes

The top three stories will be printed in the Chinook at various times throughout the year. Additionally, the Grand Prize will be a \$50 gift certificate from Mountain Equipment Coop. The winning article will also be sent to National to be considered for inclusion in the next Canadian Alpine Journal.

The Rules

The contest is open to any Calgary Section member whose membership is in good standing.

All entries must be available for reproduction in the Chinook.

All entries must be accompanied by the entrant's name and phone number

All entries must be originals, written by the entrant.

Entries must be emailed (preferably in a Microsoft Word document) to Sandy Walker at sandy.w@shaw.ca no later than Thursday May 31st

Entries should be no longer than 1500 words.

Entries will be reviewed by a panel of judges (including returning judges Mr. Glenfiddich, Mr. Oban, and Mr. Aberlour) – decision of judges is final.

Winning entry will be announced at the June Section Meeting.

Now go, consult your muse, dust off your thesaurus, and strive to join last year's winner Marg Rees in the Calgary Section's Writing Contest Hall of Fame!

Rock Rescue Workshop

Once again the Calgary Section has organized a Rock Rescue Workshop at the climbing wall of the University of Calgary. Priority has been given to Calgary Section trip leaders, but members are also encouraged to apply (should there be any spots available). Here are the details:

Date: Tuesday May 29, 2007

Length of Workshop: 3.0ish hours, from 19:00 to 22:00ish.

Prerequisite: You should be familiar with:

- Belaying,
- Knots, and
- Tying rope into your harness.

Number of People: 16 (8 ropes @ 2 people per rope)

Cost: The workshop is free of cost. However, a refundable cheque/cash deposit of \$30.00 will be required to secure your place. The cheque will be destroyed after your participation.

Gear Required: rock shoes, harness, three locking and three non-locking carabiners, two cordelette (prusik), slings.

Bring your climbing rope!!

Waiver: Both the ACC and U of C waivers will have to be signed to participate.

All trip coordinators are encouraged to apply, and priority will be given based on participant's contributions to the Calgary section. If you are interested, please email Frederic Labarre (see contact information below) to get an application form. Please return the form to the same person **before Sunday April 29, 2007.**

The Training and Leadership Committee will inform the successful applicants on or before Monday May 07, 2007. If you haven't been selected, you will be automatically on the waiting list.

Should you require more information, please ask. Best regards,

Frederic Labarre
T&L Chairman

frederic_labarre@yahoo.ca

LOST ITEM

On March 3, I left my vuarnet glacier glasses, (dark brown frame, dark grey/brown lens, plastic side shields, polarized lens) at Bow Hut upon my departure that day.

Has anyone found these? Please call: Mary Ann at 250-342-0743.

They are a very sentimental item!

They can be shipped UPS or Fed Ex COLLECT to:

Mary Ann Rombach RR3
4750 Lakehill Rd. Invermere, BC V0A 1K3

**Green Angel x 2
Paul Masiar**

I know people that are picky, and do not go like going to the same place twice. However, I do not fall into that category, and if the route is good, I do not mind hiking to it twice in two weeks. This is a story of Green Angel (GA) times two, or going on two club trips in the Ghost, over the space of two consecutive weekends.

The first club trip (March 4th) was led by Dave Clay. It was a small party of three including Dave and Andrew. It was not my first time to GA, I knew the way. However, it was the first time I was on Dave's rope. Unknown to me it was Dave's first time to GA, I thought he knew every route in the Ghost – if want to know more look in the back of Jo-Jo's book, and read who has done first ascents in the area. I can tell you that Dave screens the participants thoroughly – lucky for me I keep a log of the ice climbs I do, and I was at number 40 this season when Dave called. The day came, Dave, Andrew and I met at Crowfoot mall by the A & W, we hopped into Dave's truck and off we went. Driving into the Ghost is always an adventure, but we managed and did not get stuck anywhere. We parked at the park boundary and set off.

The book says it is a long walk but it does not seem like it to me. The only dreadful place is the dry Ghost Lake, which usually greets you with a true Mongolian dust storm. This day it was not bad, some dust, here and there. We found the climb in excellent condition. The weather had been warm for some time, and there was concern about the quality of the ice. The route was shinny, blue, green and white in places. It showed signs of traffic but most of it was in the form of dimples, not pockets. Dave geared up quickly and took off belayed by Andrew. I was on camera duty, and my job was to take photos. I saw Dave lead, and he lead a full 55 m pitch on six screws – needless to say, bold and impressive. Andrew took off next, and took out the screws. I climbed, doing just the pure climbing part, no leading, taking out screws, etc. At the top Dave said he'd lower us to the ground. Well, that was a total royal treatment – in the past 3 years I do not remember a single time where it was this easy (for me).

The second trip (March 11th) was lead by Nick Straub, and we had a group of six. The intent was to go elsewhere, however, I knew that GA is in great shape. The weather was warm again and all other climbs such as Malignant Mushroom, Sunshine, showed smaller or greater signs of falling apart. Nick had walked to GA twice and twice the route was out of shape, so he was keen to finally do it. All other people agreed and off we went. The walk seemed even shorter this time, although some people thought it was long. Again the route proved to be in good shape. Nick geared up quickly and lead the route. The profile from the belayer's point of view is something like this: 10m of sloppy 75-80 degrees ice, 20m straight up to a good rest, 20 m to a bolt anchor little laid back, it looks like the climb eases off somewhat. Wrong! The leader is looking at another 20 m of vertical, but you have to stand there to realize it; on the ground your eyes deceive you. Anyhow the ice was good and plastic, and Nick lead it without any difficulty. He established an anchor at the top, and rest of us (Paul, Paul, Megan, Colin, James) top roped the pitch. I think everybody agreed that it was a workout. For me it was a pleasant day out, in the same spirit as the week before, I did not have to lead or take out screws - which is good, sometimes I need a rest too. Nick had the last lap on the climb, as he was the person to clean the anchor. He was blazingly fast, and the whole day turned out to be a great trip.

Let me thank both Dave and Nick for two great trips - I had time to eat lunch, drink tea, take photos and even chat with other people – a truly rare event for me.

That's all, Folks
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