



Federation of Mountain Clubs of BC

Accessing the backcountry one step at a time



JUNE 2012 E-NEWS

FMCBC NEWS

FMCBC 2012 Annual General Meeting

The FMCBC held its Annual General Meeting in Squamish on June 2, 2012. The AGM was well attended and included several social events over the weekend and presentations by Elyse Curley from [CPAWS](#), Jeremy McCall from [ORC](#) and Ric Careless from [BC Spaces for Nature](#).

[Click here](#) for more details including tentative plans for FMCBC's 2013 AGM.

FMCBC Member Club Grant

The FMCBC announced to its Club Directors on June 15th that they are eligible to apply for our new FMCBC Member Club Grant. This new grant has been funded partially by the FMCBC's annual project fund and through donations that the FMCBC received before March 31, 2012. The deadline to apply for the 2012 grant is July 6th. If your club has a project for which you are looking for funding you can [download an application](#) to apply.

FMCBC Insurance

The FMCBC has just received our policy wording for our 2012-2013 Commercial General Liability Policy from Integro. Our Insurance Committee will be reviewing the policy and discussing any issues we find with our broker. Invoices for Membership Dues and Insurance Dues will go out within the next couple weeks. Directors should watch their email inboxes and pass the info onto their clubs as soon as possible.

IN THE NEWS

[CPR trail up Mt. Arrowsmith closed by work](#) - Parksville Qualicum Beach News, June 22, 2012

[COs ask users to respect backcountry trails](#) - The Free Press, June 20, 2012

[Parks Canada staff banned from criticizing Feds](#) - CBC News, June 14, 2012

[Urban parks offer breath of fresh air for improved health](#) - CBC News, May 29, 2012

MOUNTAIN MATTERS

[Hiking Makes You Smarter](#) - Backpacker Magazine, May 2012

ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Friends of Strathcona Park](#) have filed a petition in the Supreme Court of British Columbia to challenge the ability and authority of government to ignore the public's interest in preserving and protecting natural resources in favour of supporting private business interests. [Click here](#) to read the press release.

Check out [Trail Ventures BC](#) website for loads of great pics and useful info on Southern Chilcotin, Chilliwack and North Shore areas. Info includes trailhead access, backroads, parks, camping, flora, fauna and more. Bonus: free downloads!

If you are looking for a summer program for your kids that promotes environmental stewardship and conservation you might be interested in a [Friends Uniting for Nature](#) summer camp.

InnerLandscapes: Hiking Retreats for Inner Explorers

Explore transition in your life with the guidance of good poetry and the deep wisdom of the natural world. Walk your way into a fresh understanding about the necessity of change, and about the seasonality of identity. Next retreat August 26, 2012. For details visit www.innerlandscapes.org

If you have a story or new article about trails, backcountry access or conservation from your region of BC, please [email](#) it to us so we can include it in the next issue of the FMCBC E-News.

[Click here](#) to view the Spring/Summer 2012 issue of Cloudburst. The deadline for articles for the next issue is **October 1, 2012**.

Visit the [Canadian Avalanche Centre](#) for current conditions and bulletins

Visit Bivouac via the FMCBC [website](#) to report ORV infractions

Visit [Canada Helps](#) to make a donation to the FMCBC

The FMCBC is looking for volunteers. [Click here](#) to find out how you can get involved.

The FMCBC would like to thank [Mountain Equipment Co-op](#) for supporting the FMCBC through their generous contribution of office space from which to base our administration.

The mission of the FMCBC is to advocate for safe, self-propelled activities (such as hiking, mountaineering, backcountry skiing, snowshoeing, trail running and other backcountry activities) and the protection of BC's backcountry for current and future generations to experience.

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