



Federation of Mountain Clubs of BC

Accessing the backcountry one step at a time



JULY 2012 E-NEWS

FMCBC NEWS

FMCBC SW BC Recreation and Conservation Committee Update

The FMCBC SW BC Rec & Con Committee met with Alistair McCrone, Recreation Officer for the Sea to Sky District last month to discuss various topics surrounding backcountry recreation in the Sea to Sky Corridor. [Click here](#) to read more about what was discussed.

FMCBC Member Club Grant Update

The FMCBC is now in the process of reviewing applications for the 2012 FMCBC Member Club Grant and will be announcing the grant recipients on August 1, 2012. Thank you to those clubs who applied and to all those clubs, organizations and individuals who donated to the 2012 Member Club Grant Program. The FMCBC is now accepting donations towards the 2013 FMCBC Member Club Grant.

IN THE NEWS

[Timberwest signs, gates spring up to block access to backcountry](#) - Comox Valley Record, July 10, 2012

[Happy e-trails to you - Young hikers with smartphones inspire Island trail group to take the plunge into e-books](#) - Times Colonist, July 7, 2012 (Article features FMCBC Director, Eric Burkle)

[Canada's favourite icons? Yes to beavers, no to Bieber: poll](#) - Vancouver Sun, June 29, 2012

MOUNTAIN MATTERS

[Seeking Serenity - Hiking and yoga go hand in hand in B.C.'s Monashee Mountains](#) - Vancouver Sun, July 7, 2012

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The [Vancouver Island Trails Information Society](#), publishers of *Hiking Trails 1, 2 and 3*, have just announced that they will be donating \$2000 towards the FMCBC's Member Club Grant for 2013. These funds will be allocated towards supporting outdoor recreation and environmental projects on Vancouver Island.

The FMCBC is in the process of making a bulk purchase of [trail markers](#) which our member clubs will then be able to purchase through the FMCBC at a cost of \$1 per marker plus shipping. If your club is interested in making a purchase please [contact us](#) for more details.

[Click here](#) if you are interested in reviewing and commenting on BC Parks draft Volunteer Strategy - deadline for comments is **July 31st**.

Cloudburst Cover Photo Contest - To enter the contest please [email us](#) your photo of FMCBC members enjoying backcountry winter adventures by October 1st. Photos must be high resolution and your email should include a brief description, the location, name of the photographer and the names of any persons in the photo. The winner will have the opportunity to publish a story about the photo in our next issue of Cloudburst.

[Click here](#) to read the Friends of Cypress Provincial Park Society's July Newsletter

[Click here](#) to view BCGEU's Campaign to save BC Parks

Jeremy McCall from the [Outdoor Recreation Council of BC](#) just let us know that applications for the [Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund](#) are now being accepted. The deadline to apply is **August 2, 2012**. These funds *might* be able to be used towards trail improvements. Check out the link for more information.

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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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