



Federation of Mountain Clubs of BC

Accessing the backcountry one step at a time

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Links of Interest

Below are a few links our members and readers may find interesting.

[BC Forest Conversation](#)

[Trail Peak](#)

[UIAA](#)

[Backcountry Skiing](#)

[Canada](#)

If you have a website you'd like to share, [email](#) it to us for the next E-News

CLOUDBURST



Cloudburst is FMCBC's semi-annual publication for members.

[Click here](#) to download a free copy of the Fall/Winter 2010 issue

Newsletter Articles

If you have a story or news about trails, backcountry access or conservation from your region in BC, please [email](#) it to us so we can include it in the next newsletter.

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Volunteers in Parks

The FMCBC and the Outdoor Recreation Council of BC (ORC) are still trying to clarify the role of volunteers in BC Parks. [Click here](#) to read a letter sent from ORC's Executive Director, Jeremy McCall, to Terry Lake, Minister of the Environment, in response to the \$500,000 Community Legacy Program [press release](#) from May 3, 2011.

FMCBC Insurance Update

After much debate the FMCBC Insurance Committee decided to go with a new insurer, Integro to provide Commercial General Liability Insurance to its clubs. Currently the new CGL coverage does not extend to the USA, but the committee is working with Integro to try to change this as several clubs plan trips to the USA every year. [Click here](#) for more details.



IN THE NEWS

[Parking in B.C. provincial parks is now free](#)
Vancouver Sun, May 3, 2011

[New directions needed for parks in second century](#)
Vancouver Sun, May 6, 2011

[Editorial: Victoria must find new cash for B.C. parks](#)
The Province, May 10, 2011

[Parks deserve proper upkeep](#)
Times Colonist, May 12, 2011

[Delayed approval for proposed park could be costly](#)
Vancouver Sun, May 25, 2011

[London Boy breaks Seven Summits record with Everest climb](#)
BBC News, May 27, 2011

MOUNTAIN MATTERS

[Hans Gmoser: Mountain Vagabond to Patriarch](#)
by Ron Dart, ACC Vancouver Section



[Haute Route Reflections](#)
By Jay MacArthur



ANNOUNCEMENTS

FMCBC AGM—FMCBC's Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday, June 4th in Surrey. This year's AGM will include a Strategic Planning session on Saturday afternoon based on results from interviews conducted by Terje Vold who is facilitating this process. The results of this session will be shared with all clubs later in June in a final report which will be used to help direct the FMCBC over the next several years. Thank you to all those who have already participated in this process and we look forward to sharing the results soon.

CLOUDBURST—The next issue of Cloudburst will be coming out early in June by mail and email. Not as many articles were received for the upcoming issue and we encourage Directors and Club members to send in your interesting trip reports, club activities and photos for the next issue by October 15th. If you receive an email version of Cloudburst, but would like to receive a hardcopy please [email us](#) to request one.

The FMCBC would like to welcome the [Friends of Strathcona Park](#) as our newest member club.

With the late Spring, avalanches and washouts of access roads are a real possibility. Visit the [River Forecast Centre](#) to stay informed and stay safe in the backcountry.

BC Parks—100 Years of Adventure—[Click here](#) for a list of upcoming events

ACC-Vancouver would like to share an upcoming event for June 28th:
[John Scurlock: Mountain Aerial Photography Presentation](#)

For those who are interested there is a new [Hiking Guide](#) available for the Gulf Islands.

The Canadian Institute of Forestry and the UBC Faculty of Forestry are sponsoring a **Community Dialogue Session on Thursday, June 23, 2011** at 7pm at the Forest Sciences Centre room 1005 2424 Main Mall at UBC to discuss views and concerns over the long term health of BC forests, our environment and our economy.

The mission of the FMCBC is to foster and promote self-propelled activities, such as hiking, mountaineering and backcountry skiing in British Columbia through leadership, advocacy and education. By working together with outdoor recreation organizations, industry and government agencies, the FMCBC protects British Columbia's mountains and forests for our future generations to experience.



ACC-VI and Strathcona Nordics ski tour to Mount Brooks near Mount Washington

Andrew Pape-Salmon



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