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FMCBC NEWS

Southwest BC Recreation and Conservation Committee Update - Brian Wood (SW BC Rec & Con Co-Chair)

The SW BC Rec & Con Committee members have been continuing discussions on snowmobile infractions in the 21 Mile Creek area, a trail to Madeley Lake proposed by Whistler Olympic Park, the Spearhead Hut concept and volunteers working in BC Parks. [Click here](#) to view a summary of the SW BC Rec & Con Committee meeting on January 23, 2012 to learn more about these topics and ways to get involved in the discussions.

Mt Seymour Parking

As many people have noticed, there have been some new restrictions imposed to the parking at Mt. Seymour this season. The FMCBC through our Trails Committee Co-Chair Alex Wallace and FMCBC President Scott Webster has been in contact with Mt. Seymour's General Manager, Eddie Wood and BC Parks to understand these new restrictions and why they have been implemented. [Click here](#) to learn more.

FMCBC Insurance Update

Good news! The FMCBC has negotiated with our Commercial General Liability Insurer for a reduction to the fee for guests participating in club sanctioned trips. [Click here](#) for details.

FMCBC and Mountain Biking

Mountain biking is an activity that many FMCBC members participate in, but is not one of our core activities. There are diverse views amongst our membership and the public on the relationship between mountain biking and other non-mechanized activities such as hiking. [Click here](#) to view some recent info and a historic document on FMCBC's policy towards mountain biking provided by Scott Webster (FMCBC President).

IN THE NEWS

[Celebration of powder proportions](#) - Nelson Star, February 17, 2012

[A day with CMH Kootenays](#) - Arrow Lakes News, February 11, 2012

[Club to vote on future of mountain biking in Nanaimo](#) - Nanaimo News Bulletin, February 11, 2012

[Making the case for huts in the backcountry](#) - Whistler Question, February 9, 2012

[Whistler Backcountry The Ultimate Escape](#) - Vancouver Sun, January 31, 2012

[How to avoid - or survive - an avalanche](#) - Vancouver Sun, January 25, 2012

MOUNTAIN MATTERS

[Tommy and Lawrence: The Ways and the Trails of Lake O'Hara](#) - Review by Ron Dart (ACC-Vancouver)

[8 Newbie Mistakes Made While Backcountry Skiing or Splitboarding](#) - some good tips from the [Whistler Alpine Guides Bureau](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FMCBC 2012 Annual General Meeting preparations are underway. The FMCBC's AGM will take place in Squamish on Saturday, June 2nd from 10am - 4pm with social activities planned for Friday and Saturday evenings and a group hike planned for Sunday morning. This year's AGM is being hosted by the [North Shore Hikers](#). If you are interested in attending please [contact us](#) for more details.

The FMCBC would like to thank Ken Rodonets for this dedicated volunteer service as FMCBC Director for the [Comox District Mountaineering Club](#) for the past 10 years.

The FMCBC would like to thank Don Hay for his service as the FMCBC Director for the [Chilliwack Outdoor Club](#) and welcomes Sam Waddington into this position. Thank-you, Sam for volunteering for this position and we hope to hear from you at the next Board of Directors Meeting on March 12th.

The FMCBC would like to thank Judy Carlson for volunteering as Co-Director for the [Alberni Valley Outdoor Club](#).

Submit your experiences with snowmobilers in the [21 Mile Creek](#) area via our [online survey](#).

For trail construction and maintenance, the FMCBC Trails Committee recommends the [Appalachian Trail Design, Construction and Maintenance](#) manual.

[Click here](#) to view a recent letter written by Karl Stevenson on behalf of the interests of the [Friends of Strathcona Park](#) about a high-impact commercial operation proposed for the Bedwell Valley.

Check out the [Friends of Cypress Provincial Park](#) newsletter for [February 2012](#). And to view the [Knee Knacker](#) report on the Black Mountain Boardwalk project [click here](#).

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.

EVENTS AND PLACES TO VISIT

[Friends of Rossland Range](#) are hosting the [Winter Wildlands Alliance Backcountry Film Festival](#) on February 26th.

If you are planning to attend the [Outdoor and Adventure Travel Show](#) in Vancouver on March 3 & 4 you can download a 2-for-1 admission ticket [here](#).

Check out [Dakota Ridge](#) on the Sunshine Coast for cross country skiing and snowshoeing.

Check out [summer camps](#) being offered by the [Skyline Hikers of the Canadian Rockies](#) in Sunset Pass in Banff National Park for July and August.

[Click here](#) to view the Fall/Winter 2011 issue of Cloudburst. The deadline for articles for the next issue is April 15, 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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