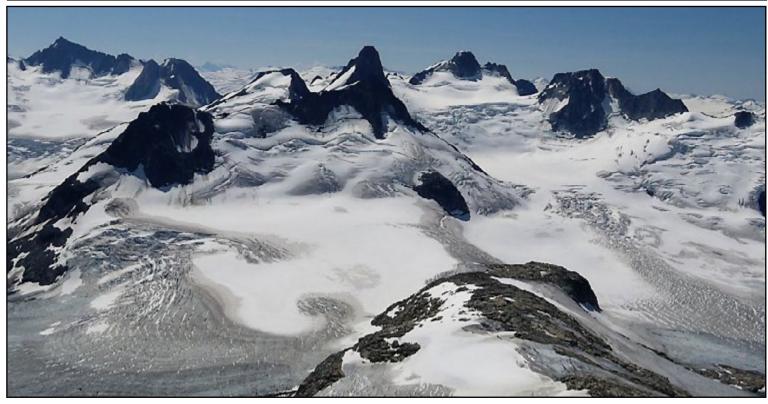
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Views from the Dugong Peak area - home of the 2018 ACC-VI Summer Camp. Photos courtesy of Nick Matwyuk

#### ACC VANCOUVER ISLAND SECTION

#### **Social Events**

The club has a monthly slide-show presentation at the Swan Lake Nature House, 3873 Swan Lake Road, Victoria, BC on the second Thursday of each month, except in July and August. The doors open at 7:00pm, and the show starts at 7:30pm.

#### Web Information

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#### **Executive Meeting Minutes**

Available on our meeting archives.

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#### **Annual Membership Dues**

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#### The Island Bushwhacker Newsletter

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Advertising shall be accepted at the discretion of the editor. All advertising shall be for products or services of direct interest to our membership.

#### Our Motto

- 1. COME BACK ALIVE
- 2. COME BACK FRIENDS
- 3. RESPECT THE LAND
- 4. HAVE FUN
- 5. GET TO THE TOP (IN THAT ORDER!)

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Slideshow, Thur, Mar 8. Ethiopia Treasures & Challenges. Join Tamara Plush for an amazing journey through Ethiopia - from Lalibela's monolithic rock-cut churches to the Simien Mountains National Park to the outer reaches of the country in the Somali Region and Borana Zone.

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Special thanks to Nick Matwyuk for allowing us to use his photos from Dugong Peak and area. All images in this edition showcasing the Dugong location courtesy of him.

#### **Reminder to Members:**

Keep your <u>membership</u> up-to-date, so to as to be covered by the ACC's liability insurance. Keep your <u>contact information</u> current on ACC National's site, as it's from this master list that we download our email addresses for mailouts.

Join the ACC-VI's <u>Facebook group.</u> You don't have to be a Facebook member to see this page.



# Upcoming Slideshows, Presentations, Meetings and Get-togethers

# Slideshow, Thu, Mar 08, 2018. Tamara Plush presents Ethiopia Treasures & Challenges

On this amazing journey, Tamara Plush will take Alpine Club members on a trip to Ethiopia – from Lalibela's monolithic rock-cut churches to the Simien Mountains National Park to the outer reaches of the country in the Somali Region and Borana Zone. Tamara will not only share her experiences trekking and traveling, but provide insight into the climate challenges facing the country through clips from a film she made with CARE and Save the Children.

# Slideshow, Thu, April 12, 2018. Stefan Gessinger and Evan DeVault present Two Traverses: The MacKenzie Range and Bedwell Lake to Bedwell Sound

Two Vancouver Island multi-day, multi-terrain traverses. From sea level to alpine with a frequent mix of logging roads, bushwhacking, rock climbing, skiing, steep snow/nevee work, and minimalist bivies - sometimes all in the same day. Tour the MacKenzie range and Bedwell Lake to Bedwell Sound with Evan and Stefan.

Victoria Slideshows are at Swan Lake Nature House. Doors open at 7:00 pm, the show starts at 7:30 pm. Tea and goodies by donation. Everyone is welcome!



Hiking in the sweeping terrain around Dugong Peak - the area where our Section's 2018 Summer Camp will be held. See Pg 12 of this newsletter for more info.

# **Upcoming Trips**

Full information for all trips is located online at <u>ACC-VI Trip Schedule</u>. Each trip listed here links to the <u>Trip Schedule</u>. Click trip titles for links to full info.

Check the Trip Schedule often for new offerings!

Date	Trip
Mar 01, 2018	Crag-X (A5)  Join fellow Alpine Clubbers at the gym for some top roping/lead climbing in downtown Victoria's best climbing gym.  Contact: Martin Hofmann <a href="mailto:mhofmannskis@gmail.com">mhofmannskis@gmail.com</a>
Mar 03, 2018	Mount Manuel Quimper (A1)  Hike to the lookout atop Mount Manuel Quimper in the Sooke Hills. There are some portions where care is needed when walking on exposed rocks. This is a slower paced hike, with time for photos and/or lounging in the sun.  Contact: Walter Moar, walter@waltermoar.com
Mar 03, 2018	Trailrider Outing at Swan Lake  Trailrider Outing – Saturday March 3rd – 2pm – Swan Lake. The ACCVI Trailrider program is a group of volunteers that helps folks with disabilities venture out to many different parks within the CRD No experience is necessary!  Contact: Caroline Tansley, trailrider@accvi.ca or call 250-886-8038
Mar 10, 2018	New Immigrants program: Swan Lake  We will make an easy hike around Swan Lake in Victoria and enjoy the early signs of spring. Individuals, youth and families all welcome. This is a chance to meet fellow new-comers and learn together about our beautiful natural environment.  Leaders: Caroline Tansley, Lisa Lockerbie and Catrin Brown @ immigrants@accvi.ca
Mar 16 - 18, 2018	Skiing with Kids and Youth at Mount Cain  A great way to spend spring break 2018, including Mt. Cain's Kidsfest.  Contact <a href="http://band.us/@accvikidsandyouth">http://band.us/@accvikidsandyouth</a>
Mar 17, 2018	Mt. Arrowsmith via Main Gulley (B4)  Perfect intro to steep snow gully climbing. We will be going up Mt. Arrowsmith via the main gully route and down Bruggers. May have to repel down Bruggers depending on the conditions. Need to be comfortable with an ice axe. Helmet, harness, prussik\ascender, crampons and ice axe required.  Contact: Tim Turay, tim.turay@nanaimo.ca
Mar 24 - 30, 2018	Bow-Yoho ski tour  A 5-6 day ski tour across the Wapta icefield,, Yoho and des Poilus glaciers. We will stay at the Bow, Guy and Stanley Mitchell huts. For experienced back country skiers with AST1 and crevasse rescue experience.  Contact: Catrin Brown, catrin@shaw.ca

Mar 31 - April 07, 2018	Backcountry lodge ski week  Heli in and out Campbell Icefield Chalet. Self-guided and self-catered. For experienced back-country skiers with AST 1.  Contact: Catrin Brown, catrin@shaw.ca
Apr 21, 2018	Arrowsmith Main Gully (B3)  Drive up and meet at the trail head for the Climbers Trail by 7:00am. Head up to the Upper Cirque. Then climb a three-pitch couloir to the col between the main summit and Peter's Peak, then traverse to the east in a shallow gully up to the main summit, descending the same way. Then hike back down the Climber's Trail to the cars. Contact Colin Mann, colin.mann.accvi.trips@gmail.com
May 04 - 07, 2018	Shepherd – Flower Ridge ski traverse (C4)  An Island classic, loop linking Shepherd Ridge and Flower Ridge. Glaciers, mountains, ridges should make for a superb ski trip. Advanced ski mountaineering experience essential. Max 4 people.  Contact Martin Hofmann, <a href="mailto:mhofmannskis@gmail.com">mhofmannskis@gmail.com</a>
May 18 - 22, 2018	May Long Weekend in Leavenworth Wa  Come to Leavenworth Washington for an extended long weekend based out of the Eight-Mile Campground in Icicle Canyon. The Leavenworth area is known for it's fantastic climbing on great-quality granite, featuring mostly trad climbing with numerous moderate multi-pitch adventures. The area also has fantastic hiking (and is the access to the Enchantment Range), mountain biking, and white-water kayaking.  Contact Alois Schonenberger at alois.accvi.trips@gmail.com
June 10 - 17, 2018	City of Rocks Idaho  Last year, 16 ACC members made the trip down to City of Rocks reserve in Idaho for a fantastic week of climbing in the sun. Back by popular demand, another trip is being organized this year! A number of participants in 2017 were not climbers and enjoyed a week of hiking in the area, enjoying beautiful trails and scenic views. This included the opportunity to summit a few nearby non-technical mountains.  Contact Alois Schonenberger at alois.accvi.trips@gmail.com
Four weeks to pick from Jul 22 - 29 Jul 29 - Aug 05 Aug 05 - 12 Aug 12 - 19	ACC-VI Summer Camp 2018  Incredible alpine hiking terrain (lakes, flowers, marmots, etc; grizzlies optional), easy glacier traverses, many summits of varying difficulty. Fly up to a broad saddle in the Coast Mountains at the head of the Pemberton Valley, located at 1,750m elevation between Dugong and Polychrome Peaks (Lat: 50° 35' 52"N, Long: 123° 39' 20"W). Contact: <a href="mailto:summercamps@accvi.ca">summercamps@accvi.ca</a>
Aug 17 - 19, 2018	Youth Hike up Kings Peak Via Hiker Trail  This will be a family-oriented trip, participants under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Meet on August 17, hike in to the meadows and set up camp. August 18 - attempt to hike to the Kings Peak, then head back to camp and stay one more night at the meadows. Finally, on August 19 pack up camp hike back down to the trail head. 15km round trip from trail head to trail head.  Contact: Colin Mann, and Natasha Salway, colin.mann.accvi.trips@gmail.com

# **Mountain Education**

 $\mathbf{A}^{\text{CC-VI}}$  offers a wide variety of courses aimed at giving our members the technical and safety skills to get out there in the mountains. Courses are open to ACC members in good standing only. You are welcome to join the section if you would like to enroll in one or more of these courses.

Full information for all courses is located online at <u>ACC-VI Trip Schedule</u>. Each course listed here links to the <u>Schedule</u>. Click individual course links for full info.

Check the <u>Schedule</u> often for new educational offerings!

Date	Course
Mar 3-4 and	Click for info: AST Level 2 Mt. Cain (Full)
Mar 10 -11, 2018	The Avalanche Skills Training Two is an advanced avalanche course which takes a closer look at how avalanches form and how to manage more complex terrain.
Mar 10, 2018	Click for info: AST Plus at Mt. Washington  For many people, taking the step from avalanche skills training to actually getting out touring in the backcountry can be a bit daunting. This course bridges the gap from theory to practice. IAG course - make sure to mention you are an ACC-VI member for the 10% discount.
Mar 30 - Apr 02 2018 (other dates and WFA courses available too - see web link)	Wilderness First Responder Bridge Courses  UVic Campus, classroom portion in HHB 116 and outdoor portion in various areas on/around campus Cost: \$434.65 (this includes tax and a 10% discount from our group booking). Prerequisite: AWFA 40hr within the last year — if someone has not taken their AWFA in the last year they need to come to a refresher day on March 25th (same location and time)  Contact: ejmcleod839@gmail.com or education@accvi.ca for more info
Apr 07, 2018	Crevasse Rescue Course  Get ready for glacier travel with a focused day of crevasse rescue training. The course starts with basics of ice axe self arrest and building T-slot anchors, route finding on glaciers and when to rope and when not to, preparing the rope for glacier travel and moving roped. The full process of a crevasse rescue from arresting the fall up to and including a drop loop haul and a z-drag system are covered. We can accommodate participants with experience or without so the course can act as an introduction to these skills or as a refresher. This course will be taught by Island Alpine Guides. There will be a cost of \$126, to cover the cost of the guide's instruction.  Contact: Alois, alois.accvi.trips@gmail.com for more info
May 15: classroom session Jun 1 - 3: Crest Creek Crags	Intro to Rock Climbing Course and Workshop  Intended to introduce beginners to outdoor rock climbing. Course participants will learn the basic skills needed for a day of top roping at the crags including belaying, rappelling, and anchor building. The May 15 session is mandatory in order to prepare for the Jun 1 - 3 weekend. \$149/person paid to Island Alpine Guides to pay for the day of instruction on June 1.  Contact: Alois, alois.accvi.trips@gmail.com for more info

# **Memorial Fund - Youth Grant Awards for 2018**

A record number of people applied for Youth Grants this year, so many in fact that the Section executive doubled the total amount available to \$2,000. These are the projects that we are supporting:

- 1. A three-day ski tour of Liberty Bell, Washington, by the ACC-VI Youth group (Derek Sou)
- 2. A Strathcona traverse including the first winter ascents of Mariner Peak and Tom Taylor (Evan DeVault)
- 3. A hike of the entire VI Spine Trail from Victoria to Cape Scott (Isobel Glover)
- 4. An expedition by 17 Scouts from Nanaimo to climb the highest peaks of the UK (Andy Chapman-Coombs)

Read more about the Fund and how you can contribute:

Memorial Fund - Youth Grants

# \*\*Deal Alert\*\*

The great folks at Ski Tak Hut in Courtenay have offered us a deal of 20% off all backcountry ski rentals for all ACC-VI members with a valid membership card. Membership card must be available at time of rental to receive this discount. Great for all the folks who are thinking about getting into backcountry touring this winter.

# Things To Rent:

- Touring Skis (skins and poles)
- Touring Boots
- Avalanche Transceivers
- Probes
- Shovels
- Snowshoes

# **Executive Episodes:**

A quick update of ACC life from the chair's chair.

# Spring has sprung

The grass is riz

I wonder where the birdie is

Some say the bird is on the wing

But that's absurd, cos I say the wing is on the bird.

Forgive the childhood doggerel which came to mind when I was reflecting on this being the spring issue of our newsletter - the first in our evolution from monthly to seasonal publications. We hope you enjoy this new schedule, which will allow us to publish newsletters evenly throughout the year, and provide a saner pace for our ever creative editor, Mary Sanseverino.

# Website updates

Following the January 2018 AGM and the various new initiatives, our website has been updated and extended. Check out the new sections on:

Specific groups
 <a href="http://accvi.ca/programs/groups/">http://accvi.ca/programs/groups/</a>

• Vancouver Island 6000' ers <a href="http://accvi.ca/programs/vancouver-island-6000/">http://accvi.ca/programs/vancouver-island-6000/</a>

Mentorship <a href="http://accvi.ca/trip-leaders/mentorship-program/">http://accvi.ca/trip-leaders/mentorship-program/</a>

And of course our schedule is continually being updated with new offerings, so it's worth checking in regularly, or subscribe to updates from Facebook so you don't miss out.

#### Access denied

If only it was just a computer glitch. But sadly we know that the restrictions on access to the backcountry and provincial parks on the Island by private landowners are causing enduring problems. As frustrations rise, it seems the issue has at least been heard by some politicians. We were pleased that MLA Scott Fraser (mid Island-Pacific rim) called a private meeting last week to meet with representatives of affected organisations including ACC-VI, in the hope of working to find possible solutions. Unfortunately, our plans to be there were derailed by dangerous driving conditions, so our contributions had to be made through others. Nonetheless, preparing for the meeting has strengthened our network and given us a channel for ongoing communication. We will discuss how best to capitalise on this and will report back to the membership on next steps.

#### Member news

Congratulations to Janelle Curtis who was a 2018 Fearless Women's Summit Vancouver Award Winner. Nominated by our very own Vivian Addison, Janelle's award "fearless in overcoming adversity", reflects the extraordinary journey she has taken in her recovery from her serious injuries following a fall in Strathcona Park in July 2016. In Vivian's words:

"When I heard of the 'One Woman' Fearless Woman summit I immediately thought of Janelle and how she has fearlessly overcome the obstacles set in her way. She has always been an inspiration for Lyle and me since our first alpine club hike many years ago. Her sunny encouragement and personality went a long way to our continued pursuits in the mountains. Her personality has been a huge attribute to her recovery and I am always impressed with the positivity of everything she shows me. Janelle rejoices in each step of her recovery and is a great inspiration to remind us of all we have to be grateful for."



Janelle Curtis (centre) receiving the Fearless Women's Summit Vancouver Award. On the left is her nominator Vivian Addison, and on her right the organiser Sharla Brown. Photo by Madelene Daniel

Thank you Vivian for putting into words what many of us have felt over the last 18 months.

# Section legacy and future





Following their track in the Coast Mountains: Ian Brown (section chair 1989 – 1996 : longest serving chair in recent memory) and Claire Ebendinger (section chair 1997 – 2000 : first woman chair).

Photo by Catrin Brown

Never too young to start: Sonia Langer introduces Sofia to the beauty of Mt Cain on family weekend.

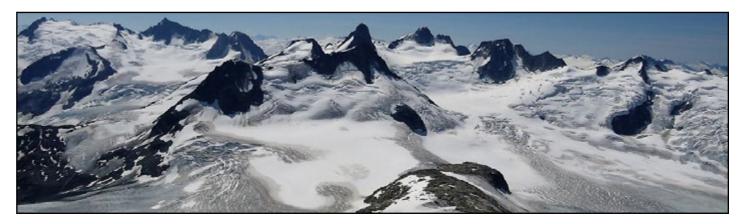
#### **Executive events**

Minutes of executive meetings and AGMs are posted on our website <u>here</u>. The new executive will meet on 14 March. Please let me know of any items for discussion by 10 March.

See you back here on 1 June. Has anyone got any doggerel to celebrate summer?!

# Happy trails Catrin Brown

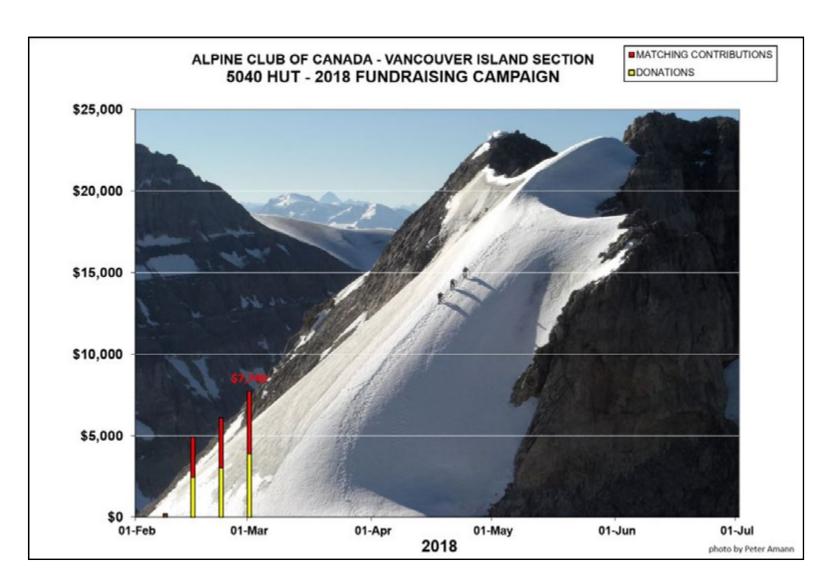
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 $More\ views\ from\ the\ Dugong\ /\ Manatee\ Peak\ area-location\ of\ the\ 2018\ ACC-VI\ Summer\ Camp.$ 



# 5040 Hut: the 2018 Fundraising Campaign

During the recent AGM at Mount Washington, members kick-started a new round of fundraising. We're delighted to announce that in the past three weeks, 28 generous people have sent in \$3,870. The total now stands at \$7,740 including matching contributions from the Section. If you are one of the remaining 500 members, you can earn bragging rights too!

This is your hut. Please help us reach our goal by clicking on this link today: www.huts.accvi.ca

Donations of \$20 or more will get a tax receipt from the ACC. We need to buy materials before the snow melts.





# **WHERE**

Fly up to a broad saddle in the Coast Mountains at the head of the Pemberton Valley, located at 1,750m elevation between Dugong and Polychrome Peaks.

Lat: 50° 35' 52"N, Long: 123° 39' 20"W or click the map for an interactive view.





All photos are from the Dugong Peak area.

#### WHEN

- Week 1: July 22 29 Regular summer camp (Max 15)
- Week 2: July 29 Aug 5 Regular summer camp (Max 15)
- Week 3: August 5 12 Family Week (Max 15)
- Week 4: August 12 19 Regular summer camp (Max 15)

# **COST**

Regular summer camp: \$600 per person.

Family Week: Bursaries are available.

Contact Catrin Brown: catrin@shaw.ca or

Derek Sou: <u>derek\_sou@yahoo.com</u> for more

Family Week information.







#### **INTERESTED?**

Registration and Payment options, along with lots more info at *The Summer Camp 2018 web page:* accvi.ca/programs/summer-camp

**The Summer Camp General Guide** has full details on reservation and refund policies, camp format, and much, much more.

Questions? Email summercamps@accvi.ca

# e-Trails: Mountain News and Stories

The ski season is upon us. Club Avi gear is available for rent at two locations:

In Greater Victoria 8 sets from Mike Hubbard. Contact him at <a href="mailto:jmhubbard@telus.net">jmhubbard@telus.net</a>
In Parksville 2 sets from Clarke Gourlay. Contact him at <a href="mailto:clarke@cheeseworks.ca">clarke@cheeseworks.ca</a>
For more info on rentals check out the <a href="mailto:ACC-VI gear rental page">ACC-VI gear rental page</a>.

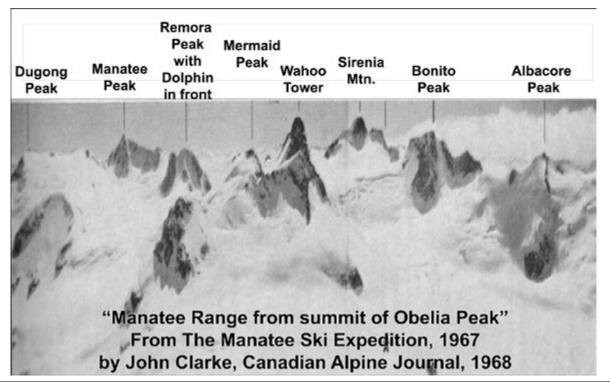
t's time to start keeping an eye on the Island Avalanche Bulletin again! Set your browser to <a href="http://islandavalanchebulletin.com/">http://islandavalanchebulletin.com/</a> and keep informed.

**Travelling further afield for winter activities?** The Avalanche Canada interactive map is a handy resource: <a href="http://www.avalanche.ca/map">http://www.avalanche.ca/map</a>

Search the Canadian Alpine Journal -- yes, all of it -- from 1907 until 2016!! Check out this amazing resource at <a href="http://library.alpineclubofcanada.ca/">http://library.alpineclubofcanada.ca/</a>

A CC's Aspects - the ACC Blog - is featuring a month-by-month review of alpine hut maintenance. This might make interesting reading for our section as we get ready to launch the 5040 Hut in 2018!

ountains 101 - the hugely popular mountain information course by University of Alberta and Parks Canada is still available online for free. Check out <a href="https://www.coursera.org/">https://www.coursera.org/</a> learn/mountains-101. A new course starts each month. 19,000 people worldwide have taken this course since its inception in January 2017!



A bit of history to "Peak" your interest in the 2018 ACC-VI Dugong Peak Summer Camp. This image is from the *Manatee Ski Expedition 1967* by John Clarke. The full story can be read in the <u>1968 edition of the Canadian Alpine Journal</u> (or click the image to open the article).

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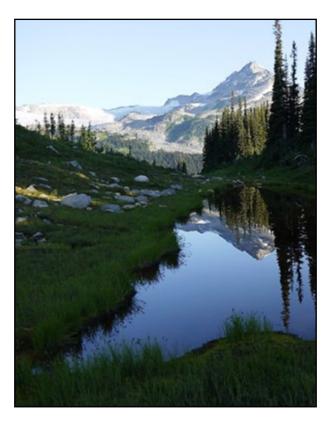
\*Derek Sou

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More examples of the hiking and mountaineering possibilities in the Dugong Peak area - home to this year's ACC-VI Summer Camp. Details at <a href="accvi.ca/programs/summer-camp">accvi.ca/programs/summer-camp</a>







More photos from the Dugong Peak area at the head of the Pemberton Valley.

This year's ACC-VI Summer Camp will be held here.

Thanks again to Nick Matwyuk for allowing us to use these photos to showcase the beauty of this outstanding area.

Thank you to this month's contributors: Jeff Beddoes, Geoff Bennett, Catrin Brown, Rick Hudson, Nick Matwyuk, Peggy Taylor and Liz Williams.

Well done everyone!



