

# *Island Bushwhacker*

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*A starry night on 5040  
Photo by Chris George*

## 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.

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### Executive Meeting Minutes

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### The Island Bushwhacker Newsletter

A monthly (except July and August) publication of the Vancouver Island Section.

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We encourage submissions of items of interest to our membership, including news items, announcements, and short articles, along with photos. Email your submission by the 25th day of the previous month.

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 on Thur, Nov 9.** Alois Schonenberger & friends presents *ACC-VI Climbing Camp Highlights from the City of Rocks*.

Join Al and friends for an evening of stories and photographs from this year's trip to Idaho's City of Rocks. Get inspired to join next year's trip!

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### Reminder to Members:

Keep your [membership](#) up-to-date, so to as to be covered by the ACC's liability insurance. Keep your [contact information](#) 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 [Facebook group](#).

You don't have to be a Facebook member to see this page.





## Upcoming Slideshows, Presentation, Meeting and Get-togethers

**Slideshow. Thur, Nov 9.** Alois Schonenberger & friends presents *ACC-VI Climbing Camp Highlights from the City of Rocks*.

In June 2017 a group of 16 ACC-VI members made the trip to City of Rocks in Idaho to climb, and hike. The area didn't disappoint, with fantastic granite, great trails, and beautiful scenery. Join Al and some other participants from the trip for an evening of stories, photographs, and get inspired to join next year's trip!

*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!*

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**Mark your calendars** - the holiday season approaches!

Nov 25th. ACC-VI and Island Mountain Ramblers Christmas Party at Morningstar Farm, 403 Lowry's Rd., Parksville. More info on the [ACC-VI Schedule](#) or contact Clarke Gourlay at [clarke@cheeseworks.ca](mailto:clarke@cheeseworks.ca)

Dec 15th. ACC-VI Christmas Party in the Victoria area. Keep the date - more info coming soon.

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**The Banff Mountain Film Festival** - Nov 26th 7 pm at UVic's Farquhar Auditorium in Victoria. Get your seats now at [tickets.uvic.ca](https://tickets.uvic.ca) or by calling 250-721-8480. Tickets are going fast!

Can't make it to the Victoria screening -- check out the rest of the BMFF Canada Tour here: <https://www.banffcentre.ca/mountainfestival/worldtour/canada>



*5040 hut at night. Photo by Chris George*

## Upcoming Trips

*Full information for all trips is located online at [ACC-VI Trip Schedule](#). Each trip listed here links to the [Trip Schedule](#). Click individual trip links for full info.*

*Check the [Trip Schedule](#) often for new offerings!*

<i>Date</i>	<i>Trip</i>
Nov 4, 2017	<p><a href="#">Click for full info: The Third Annual GORE-TEX Challenge on the Kludahk Trail (B1) - Waitlisted</a></p> <p>Join us on what will likely be the soggiest (type 2 fun!) ACC-VI day trip of the year, the third annual Fall Kludahk Hike.            Event organizer: Co-leaders: Jes Scott &amp; Krista Gooderham.            Contact <a href="mailto:jessica.scott@gmail.com">jessica.scott@gmail.com</a>.</p>
Nov 4, 2017	<p><a href="#">Click for full info: Climb Night at the Romper Room, Nanaimo BC.</a></p> <p>Come out and enjoy a fun night of climbing at the Romper Room. Free entry for Alpine Club members with an active membership number. Must contact event organizer to get your name on the list for entry.            Event organizer: Natasha Salway - please contact to get on the entry list:  <a href="mailto:natasha.accvi.trips@gmail.com">natasha.accvi.trips@gmail.com</a></p>
Feb 25 - Mar 03, 2018	<p><a href="#">Click for full info: Skiing the Bow Hut to Balfour Hut</a></p> <p>Ski touring to and around the Bow and Balfour Huts. Spend four nights at the wonderful Bow and Balfour Huts on the Wapta Icefields. Nov 1st, 2017 deadline to get on the trip.            Leader: Colin Mann, <a href="mailto:colin.mann.accvi.trips@gmail.com">colin.mann.accvi.trips@gmail.com</a></p>



*Mt. Russell - Oct 28th. Laurence and Carl Philippsen on the summit.*

*Photo by Laurence Philippsen and number 189 in the [Vancouver Island 150 Challenge](#).*

## Mountain Education

**A**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 [ACC-VI Trip Schedule](#). Each course listed here links to the [Schedule](#). Click individual course links for full info.*

*Check the [Schedule](#) often for new educational offerings!*

<i>Date</i>	<i>Course</i>
Dec 02 -03, 2017	<p><b><a href="#">Click for full info: Intro to Backcountry Skiing (B2). Full</a></b></p> <p>Learn the basics of backcountry skiing in this workshop. Open to telemarkers, alpine tourers and splitboarders. We will cover equipment, snow travel and unique features of winter in the backcountry. Participants should have at least AST1 (or be enrolled in an AST1 course). Saturday we will go over the basics and then Sunday we will go for a tour into Strathcona Park. Accommodation at Vancouver Island Mountain Centre included. Contact: <a href="mailto:mhofmannskis+bcski@gmail.com">mhofmannskis+bcski@gmail.com</a></p>
Dec 16 - 17, 2017	<p><b><a href="#">Click for full info: AST Level 1 Mt Cain</a></b></p> <p>The Avalanche Skills Training One is an introductory avalanche course designed for individuals with little-to-no avalanche related experience. Students will learn to recognize avalanche terrain, gain the skills to initiate and manage a self rescue, have a basic understanding of how weather contributes to avalanche hazard, be able to understand and interpret avalanche bulletins and the hazard scale, be able to interpret and utilize the Avaluator card, and learn basic analysis of layers in the snowpack.</p>
Jan 13 - 14, 2018	<p><b><a href="#">Click for full info: Intro to Winter Camping C3</a></b></p> <p>This is a Introduction in to winter camping. This workshop will teach the skills you will need to spend a night in the back-country during the winter. This workshop is welcome to all forms of transportation, from AT skiers, to splitboarders, and snow shoeing. Contact: Colin Mann (Trip Leader) Natasha Salway (Co-Leader) Email: <a href="mailto:colin.mann.accvi.trips@gmail.com">colin.mann.accvi.trips@gmail.com</a></p>
Jan 27 - 28, 2018	<p><b><a href="#">Click for full info: AST Level 1 during the AGM at Mt. Washington</a></b></p> <p>The Avalanche Skills Training One is an introductory avalanche course designed for individuals with little-to-no avalanche related experience.</p>
Feb 17, 2018	<p><b><a href="#">Click for full info: AST Plus</a></b></p> <p>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.</p>
Mar 3-4 and Mar 10 -11, 2018	<p><b><a href="#">Click for full info: AST Level 2 Mt. Cain</a></b></p> <p>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. We delve deeper into the snow pack and learn how to apply different tests to help gain an understanding of snow stability and strength. Transceiver training moves into the realm of multiple beacon searches and how to solve these sometimes complex searches. AST1 or equivalent required. Participants should be intermediate skiers.</p>



## Kids and Youth Program

The ACC-VI Kids and Youth Program was founded by Harry and Nadja Steiner in 2008 as a way to introduce the mountains to their kids. Trips included many gummy bear breaks and friends. Over the years the original cohort matured into youth leaders that led the younger kids and adults alike.

Over these nine years 56 trips/events were offered of which 21 were mountaineering trips, 11 climbing, 11 skiing, and 9 hiking. Members of the group summited Mount Albert Edward three times, Jutland twice, Kings Peak twice, and Cokely, Becher, Tom Taylor, and Sutton Peak once.

The tradition continues, and recently we've been building quinzhees, climbing, and skiing. During these trips we teach the kids about safety, trip planning, route finding, and mountaineering. To find out what the group is up to, please check the [trip schedule](#). The Kids and Youth Program uses the Band app: <http://band.us/#!/band/63347796>.

Please contact [kidsandyouth@accvi.ca](mailto:kidsandyouth@accvi.ca) to request an invite to Band or ask any questions. The current Program Coordinator is Derek Sou.



*Mt. Romeo, Oct 29, 2017. A stellar day for the end of October!*

*Party: Sandy Briggs, Steve Millar, Brian Vezine, Ron Quilter, Rob Heron, Peter Ravensbergen, Lindsay Elms. Photo by Lindsay Elms and number 190 in the [ACC-VI 150 Challenge](#).*

# Vancouver Island 150

## A 2017 ACC-VI Project

*In celebration of Canada's 150th birthday can we collectively climb 150 Vancouver Island peaks and hills during this year, and record our summits online? The answer is a resounding YES WE CAN and WE DID! Now let's keep going!!*

The definition of a summit seems to be endlessly contestable, so let's try to avoid controversy and follow these guidelines. A recorded peak can be any Vancouver Island or Gulf Islands peak that is:

- listed in: "A Guide to Climbing and Hiking in Southwest BC" Bruce Fairley
- listed in: "Island Alpine" or "Island Alpine Select" Philip Stone
- listed in Lindsay Elms' island peaks data base, which can be accessed from:  
<http://islandmountainramblers.com/resources/vancouver-island-peaks/>
- listed in [www.summitpost.org](http://www.summitpost.org)
- a named wilderness summit on a topo map (i.e. excluding those that are developed)

So this what you do:

1. Choose a peak to climb that has not yet been recorded in the project  
(Check out the [Vancouver Island 150 Google Map](#) to see what's been recorded so far)
2. Go out and climb it..... and have a happy time
3. Take a summit photo of the summiteers
4. Record the date, name and lat/long coordinates of the summit, names of the summiteers, a few notes about your trip (say a max of 250 characters for the notes).
5. Follow the upload instructions at [Vancouver Island 150](#) and you are away to the races.
6. Repeat steps 1 – 5.

Simple and fun - keep an eye on the evolving interactive [Vancouver Island 150 Map](#).

### Stats as of Nov 1, 2017

Summits in January: 2

Summits in February: 12

Summits in March: 11

Summits in April: 23

Summits in May: 27

Summits in June: 35

Summits in July: 32

Summits in August: 33

Summits in Sept: 10

Summits in Oct: 6

**Total as of Nov 1: 191 Summits**

Thus far the [Van Isle 150 map](#) has been viewed 5817 times!

As of Nov 1 there are 258 photos in the [ACC-VI Van Isle 150 album](#)!

(Technical note: don't forget to refresh your browser to see the latest map - not sure how to do it - check out "[how to force refresh your browser](#)".)

# The Ten Essentials

*The first in a series by Walter Moar*

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## *The Ten Essentials*

1. *Hydration*
2. *Nutrition*
3. *Insulation*
4. *Sun Protection*
5. *Illumination*
6. *Navigation*
7. *Shelter*
8. *Fire*
9. *First Aid Kit*
10. *Repair Kit*

The *Ten Essentials* should be carried on all hikes, even if you're heading out for a day hike. You never know when you – or someone else – will end up in a situation where these items suddenly become very important. A twisted knee or some bad navigation can quickly turn an easy hike into a challenge.



**3. *Insulation*** is the clothes that keep you warm and dry, and protect you from discomfort at best and hypothermia at worst. Even the warmest summer days are followed by cooler nights, and a strong wind will chill even more. The higher you climb the colder it gets, and snow flurries on the Island in the summer are rare but not unheard of. The temperature doesn't have to drop below freezing for hypothermia to happen, so be sure to stay warm.

Avoid cotton for hiking clothes, as it absorbs water and does not insulate when wet. This is also true for most bamboo clothing, which is rayon and also doesn't insulate well. Down, wool, and synthetic fibers are the common materials for hiking clothing, and each has its pros and cons such as cost, durability, smell, and environmental impact. Dressing in layers is important, as they allow you to add and remove insulation when there are changes in temperature, slope, sun, or wind. The selection of the best layers is dependent on the season, weather, and activity. It takes some practice to get it right.

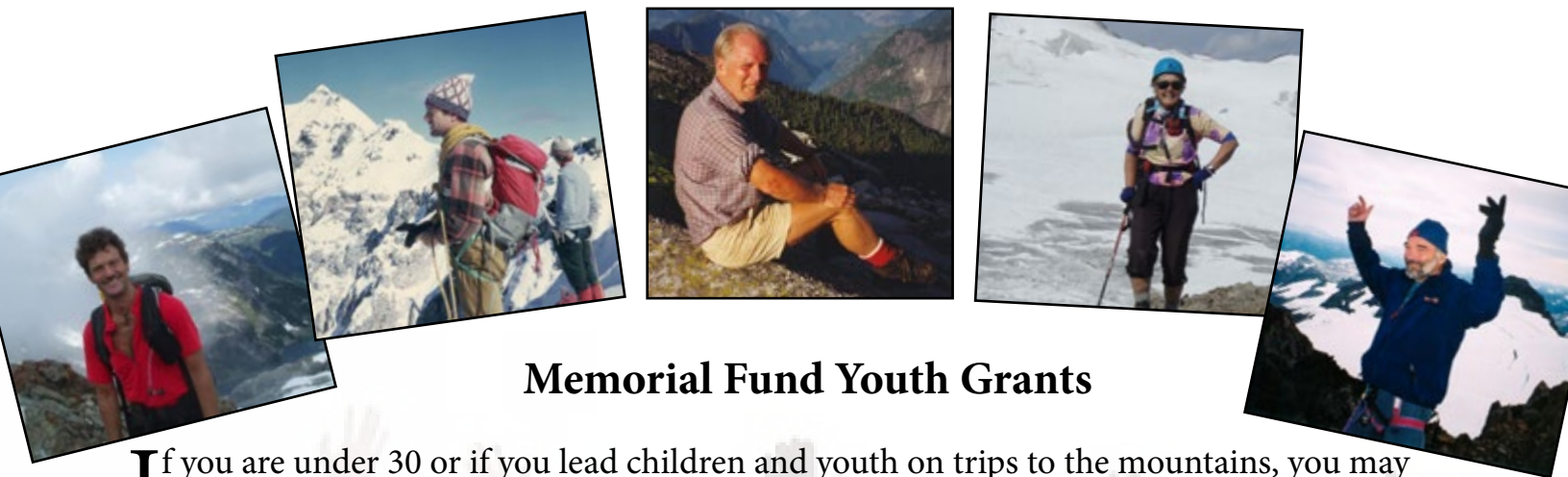
You may want to always carry a spare set of clothes in a waterproof bag, including warm hat and gloves. Accidents never happen at a good time, and being injured is bad enough without also being wet and cold. If you need to unexpectedly overnight somewhere, they will be very valuable.

**4. *Sun Protection*** is of course much more important in the summer, when the sun is high in the sky and much more intense. A bad sunburn, sun blindness, or sun-induced headache can all get in the way of enjoying a hike.

When staying in the shade isn't an option, clothing and sunscreen are the best ways of avoiding a sunburn. Use a sunscreen that is strong enough for the combination of your skin and the intensity of the sun. If you're traveling somewhere equatorial it's better to have too strong of a sunscreen, as the sun is much more intense than back home. Also don't forget a hat, particularly if you're prone to headaches from sun exposure.

Sunglasses are a must for snow travel, whether it's in the winter or summer. The added sun exposure from reflected light can cause snow blindness, a temporary but painful and incapacitating condition. Also, don't forget your SPF-rated lip balm, particularly when skiing or on snow early in the hiking season.





## Memorial Fund Youth Grants

If you are under 30 or if you lead children and youth on trips to the mountains, you may qualify for a \$1,000 grant to undertake alpine expeditions. Check out the “[Memorial Fund/Youth Grants](#)” page on the ACC-VI website and apply before January 31, 2018.

Since it started in 2009 the Fund has disbursed \$5,875 to six different youth groups in the alpine:

- 2010 - \$1,200 for the Brooks Peninsula Expedition (**Gillian Nicol, Cory McGregor, Cody Gold, Derek Cronmiller**)
- 2012 - \$250 for first ascents on the SW Buttress of Mount Arrowsmith (**James Pierzchalski**)
- 2013 - \$1,400 for a General Mountaineering Camp for youth at Mount Matchlee (**Harry Steiner**)
- 2013 - \$600 for a first ascent of North Needle Peak in the Great Bear Rainforest (**Christina Service, Laura Grant, Vernon Brown**)
- 2015 - \$925 for a study of weather conditions and climate change at 20 remote fire lookouts in the Rockies (**Kristen Walsh**)
- 2016 - \$1,500 to purchase climbing gear for a First Nations youth rock climbing camp near Ucluelet (**Carlos Mack**)

The Memorial Fund welcomes donations in honour of mountaineers such as those whose lives are celebrated on the website. Donations are tax-deductible and are matched by the Vancouver Island Section. Please see the Donations section of the “[Memorial Fund/Youth Grants](#)” page and consider making a donation before the end of the year.

For additional information please contact [geoff.bennett@shaw.ca](mailto:geoff.bennett@shaw.ca).



### *In Memoriam*

*Top row - L to R: Charles Turner, Dave Tansley, Viggo Holm, Gerta Smythe, Herbert Harzan*  
*Bottom row - L to R: Richard Eppler, Roger Neave, Sydney Watts, Larry Talarico*

## Trailrider Program

### *ACC-VI Trailrider Program Volunteers Needed!*



*The Vancouver Island Section's  
Trailrider Program assists people with  
disabilities to enjoy the outdoors.*

To volunteer please contact  
Caroline Tansley, Coordinator.  
Tel. 250-886-8038.

Email: [trailrider@accvi.ca](mailto:trailrider@accvi.ca)

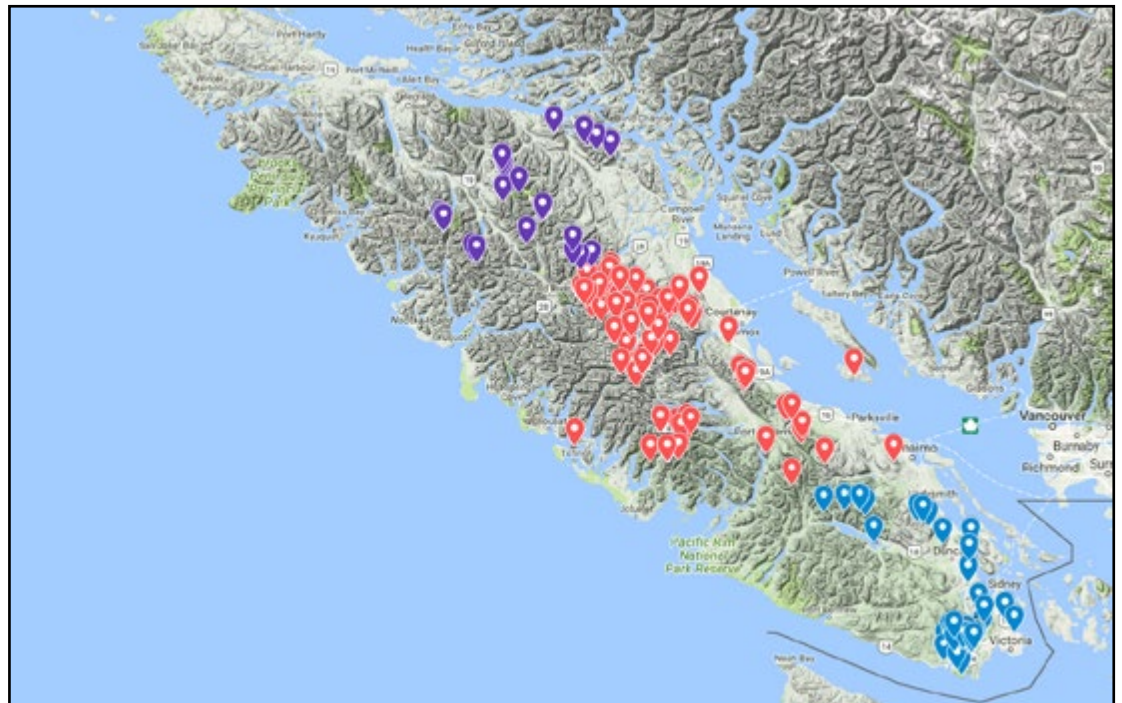
More info at:

[www.facebook.com/groups/  
trailrider.accvi](https://www.facebook.com/groups/trailrider.accvi)

ACC-VI Vancouver  
Island 150:

*Click on the map  
to see where people  
have been going!*

*Lots of places to  
check out!*





## Executive Episodes:

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

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### More of a beehive than a hut

In terms of energy that is. I think it fair to say that the volunteer investment of time, expertise and enthusiasm in the construction of the 5040 Peak hut over the last two months has amazed everyone. People have made their way up to the site from near and far, working away with their particular skills and interests, and contributing to a terrific atmosphere of fun and productivity. The results speak for themselves – the hut is on schedule to be weather tight for the winter months, with plans to restart the operation and work on the interior in the spring.



*First view of the hut from the Cobalt Lake trail. Photo by Catrin Brown*

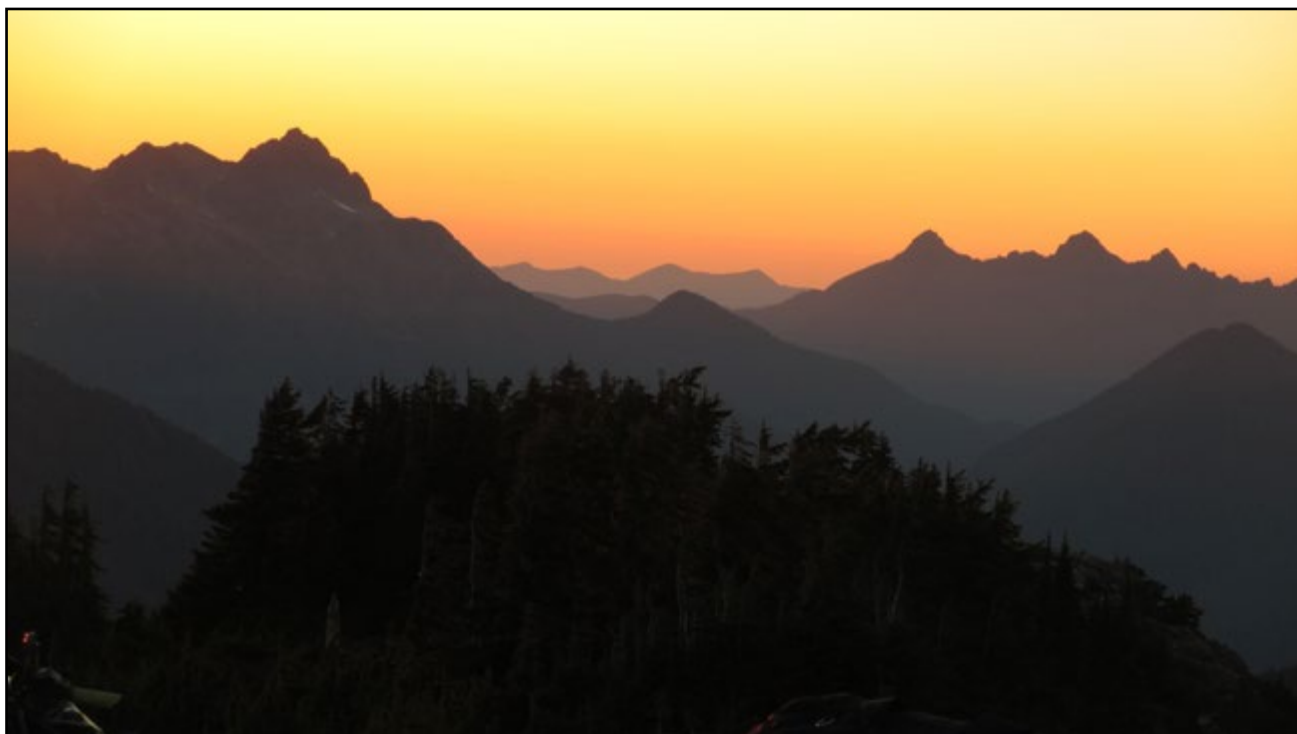
As construction manager, Chris Ruttan has been the mainstay of the project, and has led with his unique know-how and can-do spirit. It is hard to know the real figures, but estimates suggest well over 2000 volunteer hours have been given from over 200 volunteers. This last weekend was the final push before winter and saw a record 32 people at the site.



*Part of the industrious crew.  
Photo by Catrin Brown*



Word of the hut has been spreading. Chris Jensen, our indefatigable hut project manager, gave an excellent interview for Shaw TV, which you can see [here](#). And a feature in the Alberni Valley News, [read here](#), gives a good introduction to the position and purpose of the hut (despite the apparent squaring of Triple Peak to make it Nine Peaks).



*Sunset from the hut 28 October. No Photoshop required. Photo by Catrin Brown*

And in case you think it's just our section who is basking in the excitement of this project, I'd like to share a message I received from Toby Harper-Merrett, Vice-President for Sections of the national ACC (who made a significant donation to the hut fund):

*"I've been reading the reports and seeing the images of the new hut under construction.*

*Please pass my congratulations to the team, partners and all the VI Section folks involved. From the proposal and planning phase to the present, the project seems to have advanced as smoothly and positively as I could ever have imagined.*

*Strong work everyone!*

*Toby"*

For more information, photos, videos and comments, go to the [5040 Peak hut Facebook page](#). Although things will be quieter now for the next few months, do feel free to keep in touch with the volunteer coordinator, Nadja Steiner, via [huts@accvi.ca](mailto:huts@accvi.ca)

### **Vancouver Island 150**

Our new website, with thanks to Jes Scott for her ongoing work, gives easy access to our VI-150 map from the home page <http://accvi.ca/programs/vancouver-island-150/>

Although we are well over our target of 150 summits this year (yay, well done us), with two months left in 2017 let's see what additional heights we can claim. There are some goodies still for the taking – but I'm not going to tell you what they are, get out there and claim them!

### Another set of winners

Our annual photo contest is one of our long-standing traditions and has morphed through several changes over time. But the lightly competitive spirit, emcee Sandy Briggs' appalling puns and the mixed reaction of the winners ("where am I going to store that trophy?") seem timeless. Many thanks to Roger Taylor for again collating and displaying the photos with such cool competence, and to Peggy Taylor for helping organise the event and getting those infamous trophies engraved.



2017 winners left to right: Natasha Salway (with Colin Mann supporting her 3rd trophy). Chris George, Rick Hudson and Mary Sanseverino. Congratulations all.

Special congratulations to Natasha for winning a hat-trick of trophies from 3 submissions. As someone commented, this represents a small proportion of the trips she has led this year. Her feat is only surpassed by Reinhard Illner's win of 4 trophies back in the day of 4 submissions in 1997, as Reinhard was present to confirm. Yes, there is good history here.

### North Face Winter Leadership course

There is still time for members who have been leading trips for our section and are interested in improving and updating their skills, may want to consider applying for the North Face Leadership course which will run out of the Lake Louise Alpine Centre from 23 February – 3 March 2018. The deadline for applications is 24 November. Note this course is eligible for our usual education [course subsidy policy](#).

Please check out the details:

<http://www.alpineclubofcanada.ca/adventures/leadership-training/mountain-leadership-course-winter-2018/>

Applications need to be supported by references and endorsement from the section executive, so please let me know as soon as possible if you wish to apply.

### Member news

Our warmest congratulations to Jas Fredette and Claire Lipke on the birth of their daughter Maika, to Sonia Langer on the birth of her daughter, and to Albert and Penny van Citters on the birth of their grandson from Stephanie and Mark. Looks like a strong generation of skiers coming up!



*Jas, Claire and Maika 8 October 2017*



*Sonia says "the perfect name for this beautiful girl is yet to emerge".*

(Note: I am conscious that I am not in touch with all such news from all members, so please do let me know of omissions and member news items that would be good to include in the next newsletter. Thank you.)

### Dates for your diary

The days they are ashortening. So here for your evening pleasures are some upcoming events, details of which are on the schedule.

*25 November up-island Christmas party*

*26 November Banff Mountain Film Festival in Victoria*

*15 December south-island Christmas party*

And in the new year, our **6th annual AGM weekend at VIMC** Mt Washington will be held on 26 – 28 January 2018. Details about this will be circulated later.

### Executive event

The executive will meet again in early November. The administration page of the new website is being updated and will have copies of the minutes of executive meetings and AGMs. As we move into the late part of the year, now is a good time to consider whether there is a role you might like to play in the executive in 2018. Some members have already approached me about this, which is most welcome. Please feel free to speak to any of the executive about your potential interest, and there will be a nominations process announced next month.

**Happy trails  
Catrin Brown**

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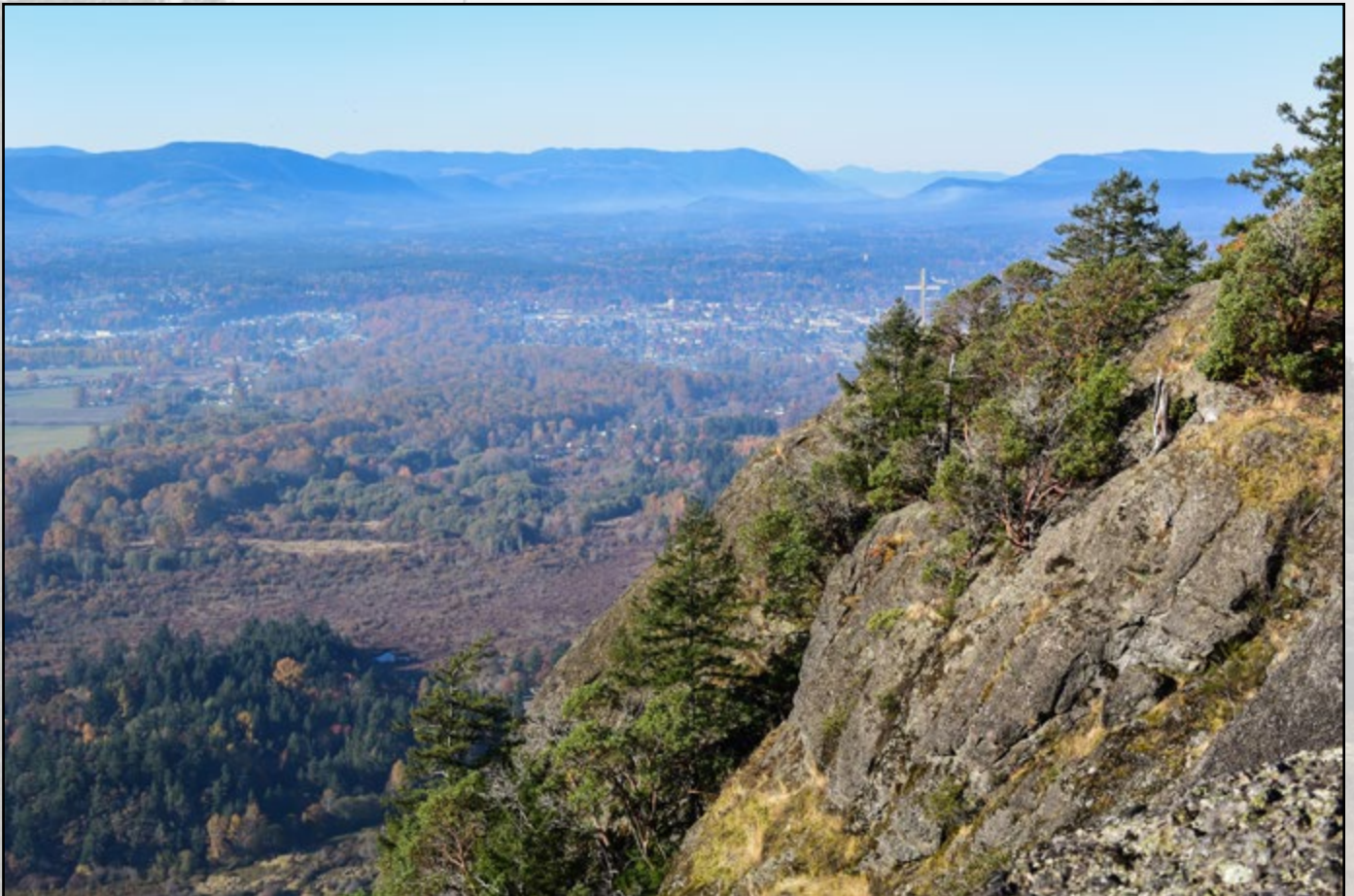


## Keep your eyes on the Schedule!

<http://accvi.ca/events/>

Some of you may have noticed how busy the Schedule has been over the past few weeks with many trips geared for everyone to get out on. They have been very successful with lots of people new to the Section joining in. But, things look a bit thin on the ground so far this month – fear not – leaders from up and down the Island are planning some interesting trips. They will be posted shortly. Keep your browser tuned to <http://accvi.ca/events/> or the [ACC-VI Facebook Page](#) (don't worry - you don't have to be a Facebook member to see the posts - just ignore the login prompt and scroll down).

This is also a clarion call to those of you who have considered putting a trip on but haven't gotten around to it yet – what about something for November or December? Check out <http://accvi.ca/trip-leaders/> for more info.



*ACC-VI Mt. Tzouhalem hike on Oct 14, 2017.*

*Photo by Natasha Salway. Check out more photos and stories from this hike on the [ACC-VI FB Page](#).*



# ACC-VI

## Photo Competition and the winners are .....

### Alpine Summer Activity category

Winner: Natasha Salway

Honourable mention: Lise Gagnon

### Alpine Winter Activity category

Winner: Natasha Salway

Honourable mention: Catrin Brown

### Humour category

Winner: Rick Hudson

Honourable mention: Mike Whitney

### Mountain Scenery category

Winner: Chris George

Honourable mention: Phee Hudson

### Nature category

Winner: Mary Sanseverino

Honourable mention: Dave Suttill

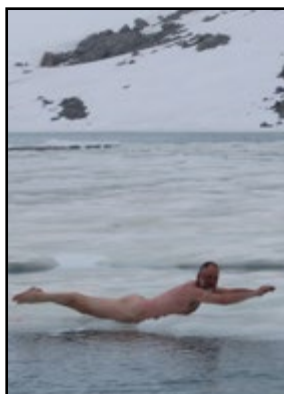
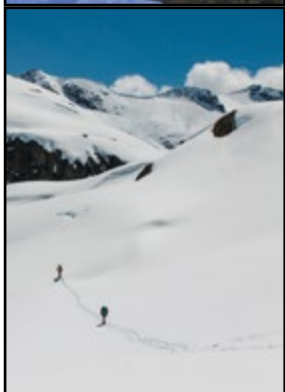
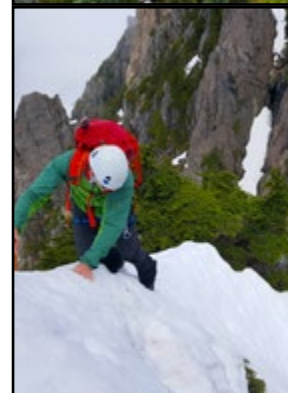
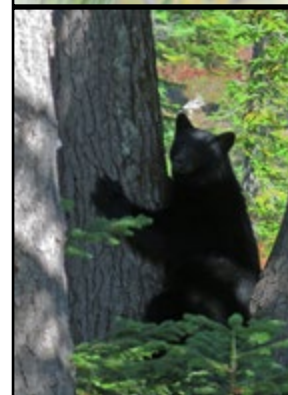
### Vancouver Island category

Winner: Natasha Salway

Honourable mention: (tie): Jes Scott and Chris George

Last year we started a tradition of showcasing the winning photos on the cover and back pages of the Island Bushwhacker Newsletter. A tradition that continues on, starting with Chris George's Mountain Scenery winner in this issue.

Good news for those who couldn't attend – all of the images in the 2017 slideshow will be coming soon to the ACC-VI webpages!



## e-Trails: Mountain News and Stories

**I**t's not too late to celebrate another 150 event – Canada's mountaineering history. The Canada 150 centennial film "[Expedition Yukon – 50 years later](#)" (a reminiscence of the 1967 centennial project to climb peaks for each Canadian province and territory) filmed by Chic Scott and Glen Crawford is available online at [vimeo.com](#). ACC-VI's own Don Morton and Port Alberni's Jim Ferguson were part of this historic mission, which remains the largest Canadian Mountain Expedition ever!

**M**ountains 101, the hugely popular free online mountain studies course from the University of Alberta and Parks Canada is still running. A new session of the course starts at the beginning of each month. 19,000 people worldwide have taken the course since its inception in January. Check it out at <https://www.coursera.org/learn/mountains-101>

**B**arb Baker has a pair of Zamberlan leather mountaineering boots, size 9.5/10, used and well maintained that she would like to sell. They have a Vibram sole, are crampon compatible, and have Thinsulate lining. Contact Barb via email at [mtbaker1@shaw.ca](mailto:mtbaker1@shaw.ca) with offers.

**L**egendary mountain climber Fred Beckey, who is credited with more first ascents than any other American mountaineer, has died. He was 94. The [obituary in the Washington Post](#) gives just a taste of Beckey's many accomplishments.

**T**he [October e-news](#) from the Federations of Mountain Clubs of BC features a photo of the 5040 hut from our own Chris George and an article (scroll down on the page when it opens) from Nadja Steiner.

**S**upport the Vancouver Island Avalanche Bulletin – attend the 10th annual Party for the Bulletin on Nov 18th at the Riding Fool Hostel in Cumberland. More info: <https://www.facebook.com/VIAvalanche/>



*Last month we learned that Phee Hudson was selected to do the painting that will go on the 2018 Alpine Club of Canada General Mountaineering Camp tee-shirt. As well, Phee was named as the official Artist in Residence for the 2018 GMC Artist's Week.*

*She promised us all a sneak pre-view of the commissioned painting when it was finished and here it is:*

***Hallam Peak in the Northern Monashees!***



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*Repeat photography in Assiniboine Provincial Park with the Mountain Legacy Project. Read about it on the [ACC's national website](#). B&W 1916 images courtesy of Library and Archives Canada.*



***From the cover:  
A starry night on  
5040.***

**Photo by Chris  
George.**

**Winner of the 2017  
ACC-VI Photo  
Completion:  
Mountain Scenery**

Chris says "At ~1300m elevation, on the west facing plateau of 5040 Peak, the Alpine Club's basecamp is set up beneath the stars to accommodate generous and motivated volunteers (ACC and non-ACC members) while we build our first hut on the Island.

To our donors: your assistance is truly appreciated.

To our volunteers: your dedication and camaraderie has been exceptional".

**Thank you to this month's contributors: Barb Baker,  
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Christine Fordham, Chris George, Phee Hudson, Laurence and  
Carl Philippsen, Walter Moar, Natasha Salway, and Peggy Taylor.  
Well done everyone!**