



the **BREEZE**
February 2011

ACC Edmonton Section

The club meets for general meetings at the Strathcona Center for Performing Arts unless otherwise noted. Club events are organized through the on-line trip listing, which can be found on the section web page:

<http://alpineclub-edm.org>

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The BREEZE

The BREEZE is a monthly Edmonton Section publication (except summer months and December) containing trip reports, mountain articles, photos, and club events.

Instructions to sign-up for our newsletter and copies of current and past editions of the BREEZE can be found online at:

<http://alpineclub-edm.org/breeze.asp>

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Tonquin Trail Project:


See the proposed project for trail construction – consider Lawrence Grassi and his efforts when he built many now famous and well-used trails including Grassi Lakes Trail, as well as around the Skoki area. This is an opportunity for ACC members to provide for future hikers and ourselves! See the [excerpt](#) in this issue of the BREEZE on page 3.

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Message from the Chair

There are some exciting developments in the preparations for the Centennial celebrations. Further details will be forthcoming in next months BREEZE.

Ernst Bergmann Chair,
Edmonton Section, Alpine Club of Canada 

Blurb from the editor:

The snowpack is risky these days. The lure of fresh, deep snow – even where it isn't wind blasted – can be hazardous to one's health. There have been a number of back-country avalanche incidents since the last BREEZE. Details are at:

<http://www.avalanche.ca/cac/library/incident-report-database/view>

So, be extra conservative if you do go out there. Our membership has been growing and we would like to keep it that way.

March 24, 2011 is a night at the Museum. However, this does not involve displays coming to life and chasing you – it is the *Nepal Trekking and Travel Adventure Documentary*. See the details in this issue.

And, there has been *very* significant progress in the Centennial celebration preparations for 2012.

'nuff said. ed. 

About Canada's First World Cup Climbing Competition in 2011

The Alpine Club of Canada (Competition Climbing Section) will host a World Cup climbing competition sanctioned by the International Federation of Sport Climbing (IFSC) on May 27 and 28, 2011.

Project Detail:

The 2011 World Cup Bouldering Competition Canada is part of the IFSC (International Federation of Sport Climbing) 2011 calendar, and is one of nine events to be held worldwide. This will be the first time a World Cup climbing event has been held in Canada. In the longer-term, this first-of-its-kind competition in Canada will provide a critical step towards the dream of getting competition climbing named as an Olympic sport. See more details at:

<https://admin.alpineclubofcanada.ca/link/to/3450-27131-160-02>

ACC EMERGENCY MOUNTAINEERING FIRST AID

April 9-10, 2011

Edmonton

This two-day course is specially designed to address common traumatic and environmental injuries encountered by climbers and skiers.

The curriculum was developed through research of outdoor mountain injuries and realistically evaluating the information and techniques that could best serve the average recreational mountain or wilderness traveler.

For details see <http://rescuedynamics.ca/courses/fa/EMFA.htm>

Cost: \$220 (\$110 for active trip leaders)

Contact: leadership@alpineclub-edm.org

Winter on Ice

Introduction to ice climbing course. Starts February 22nd.

See website <http://alpineclub-edm.org/coursesIntro.asp#WinterInMountains> for more details, contact vicechair@alpineclub-edm.org

Mark Your Calendar:

General section meeting Tuesday, February 15th, 2011:

Topic: New Zealand climbing destinations.

Date: Tuesday Feb. 15th, 2011 7:30 pm

Location: Old Strathcona Performing Arts Centre 8426 Gateway Boulevard NW

Open to: All ACC members.

Centennial Planning – As many are aware, there is some very ambitious work for the upcoming Edmonton section Centennial. Lend your expertise and abilities to this cause – further details will be forthcoming. Activities include fund raising, building activities of a proposed wall and the gala festivities themselves in 2012!

Contact Neil Bosch, *Centennial Committee Chair*
or Ernst Bergmann, *Section Chair*.

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2010-2011 General Meeting Schedule

<i>Date</i>	<i>Speaker</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Location</i>
February 15 th , 2011 (Tuesday)	Alexander Faid	New Zealand climbing destinations. www.ateamnz.blogspot.nz	Old Strathcona Performing Arts Centre 8426 Gateway Boulevard NW Edmonton
March 15 th , 2011	TBA	TBA	

Announcements:

The Edmonton Section ACC The Edmonton Section has a great selection of leadership courses offered for 2011. Included are **Ski Leadership, Rock Rescue, Mountain Navigation, Scrambles Leadership**, (back by popular demand!) **Rock Solid Leadership, and Emergency Mountaineering First Aid**. For more information see our website at: <http://alpineclub-edm.org/>

Contact: leadership@alpineclub-edm.org for information and applications.

Level 1 Avalanche courses are offered by Peter Amann in Jasper, with courses offered in December and beyond. These are listed on Peter’s website at: <http://www.incentre.net/users/pamann/courses.html>

Summer in the Mountains starts March 22! See website for details:
<http://alpineclub-edm.org>

ACC AVALANCHE SAFETY TRAINING COURSE (AST) LEVEL 2

February 19-22, 2011

The Avalanche Skills Training Level 2 Course will provide an intermediate level decision-making framework that is suitable for people with a moderate degree of training and experience.

The course includes 8 hours classroom time and three days in the field.

At the end of the course, students should be able to:

- * Use the Avaluator™ as a filtering tool to determine when additional planning and travel techniques are required to travel safely.
- * Be familiar with Avalanche Danger Ratings verification techniques for personal use on a local scale.
- * Be familiar with the ATES technical model as a means to develop personal, local terrain ratings.
- * Use route finding to take advantage of nuances in terrain to manage personal risk.
- * Use travel techniques in avalanche terrain appropriate to the avalanche conditions.
- * Proficiently carry out a companion rescue.
- * Understand the limits of their training.

Cost: \$400 (\$200 for active trip leaders)

Number of Participants: Max. 8

Contact: leadership@alpineclub-edm.org

Please return the waivers from all winter trips to the Safety Director Duncan McColl. We need to archive the waivers from the section trips. *Turning in your waivers is also required to be eligible for the draw prizes for trip leaders at the annual November Awards night.*

Ken advises he has two spots for the **Durand Glacier through Selkirk Mountain Experience** that he can't use because of an injury. The trip date is March 5th to 12th. Web site: <http://www.selkirkexperience.com/index.html>

Contact Ken at: kestratton@shaw.ca

Wall bookings for 2010 & 2011 (6:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.)

Sundays - Feb. 20, Mar. 6, Mar. 20, 2011. We have exclusive use of the wall from 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm on these nights. There is no charge to Edmonton section members other than belay test fees that are required at Urban Uprising. Complete information is posted on the ACC Edmonton section website. These nights are a great time to get some exercise and meet other members, not to mention plan the odd outing.

For additional information, please contact Duncan McColl ****Please check the website for complete, updated details:** <http://alpineclub-edm.org/climbingFacilities.asp#cnauu>

Tonquin Trail – Here is an excerpt of the e-mail seeking YOUR assistance. A call to arms! Lawrence White has passed this onto the Edmonton ACC for proposed trail maintenance and construction. Greg Horne of Parks Canada writes:

Date: December 20, 2010 12:35:34 PM MST

To: Lawrence White lwhite@alpineclubofcanada

Subject: Re: Tonquin Trail

Hi Lawrence,

... Horse and hiker traffic heading directly to the Tonquin Valley would cross the Astoria and head west on the north side of the river.

The new section, if built, would be a hiker only route.

The general concept of shared construction would for Parks Canada to lay out the route, fell and buck trees and possible do some mechanical brushing. The ACC would provide labour to toss bucked bolts, toss cut brush, hand cut missed brush or brush sections not touched by mechanical brushers, grub/define tread, install markers, build cairns. I don't expect critical foot bridges will be required for the new section. I think we'll need a few season to see if particularly bad wet sections come to our attention and re-routes or other solutions are needed. ...

Greg Horne

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Parks Canada | Parcs Canada

Nepal Trekking and Travel Adventure Documentary - the Premiere of the Forgotten Himalaya



March 24 2011 – Royal Alberta Museum 7pm – 9:30pm Photo D. Hallet (Mt. Dhaulagiri L-center frame)

You are invited to come along and experience an incredible journey to one of the most remote regions on the planet. Follow the journey of 10,000 baseball hats as they make their way from homes in Edmonton to the people of remote Humla, Western Nepal.

The screening of this documentary featuring the work of Edmontonian Wanda Vivequin and narrated by CBCs Shelagh Rogers is supported by Seva Canada.

The event is sponsored by Louie Eye care in Edmonton www.larrylouie.com

Tickets are \$10 at the door. All proceeds and tax deductible donations will go towards funding a cataract surgery camp in Humla in 2011. Spread the word! - We are trying to raise over \$5000!

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jz2CzBx-nGE&feature=player_embedded

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Celebrating A Century of the Alpine Club in Edmonton

Celebrate. Connect. Commemorate.

Almost 100 years ago, a small burg on the vast Plains became home to the eighth "local committee" of the Alpine Club. The seven before were Winnipeg, Toronto, Calgary, Vancouver, Vancouver Island, New York and London UK. They were renamed sections and eight are listed in 1913 with E. Fuller listed as the first Chair of Edmonton. Today, the ACC- Edmonton Section proudly boasts a membership of over 400, a diverse roster of learning opportunities and a calendar offering trips across the full spectrum of ages, abilities and interests.

1912



2012

Gala Dinner and Dance

Take a break from your technical, all-weather wear and step into something more celebratory. Join fellow members – old friends, new friends and soon-to-be friends - as we applaud the achievements of the Edmonton Section and honour past and present leaders and members for their contributions to the club and the community.

Silent Auction and Tasting

Plan to do your holiday shopping, or pick up one of the always popular to-me-from-me gifts, at a live and silent auction featuring merchandise and services donated by ACC-Edmonton Section members and supporters.

Commemorative Publication

Club historian PearlAnn is researching and verifying the club evolution, trip journals and captured interviews to bring them together and preserve them for them for the future.

Celebratory Camps

Plans will be laid to hold special section camps and at settings that offer access to some of the finest classic hikes, sport climbing and mountaineering routes in the Rockies.

Mount Edmonton "Expedition"

Nearly 350,000 names are recognized by the Geographical Names Board of Canada (GNBC) for official Canadian use. Mount Edmonton is not one of them! The unofficial Mount Edmonton is among the outstanding peaks in the Canadian Rockies that cannot be seen from a road. ACC-Edmonton Section Executive will seek commemorative naming from the GNBC to honour and memorialize the Section in the official geographical names record.



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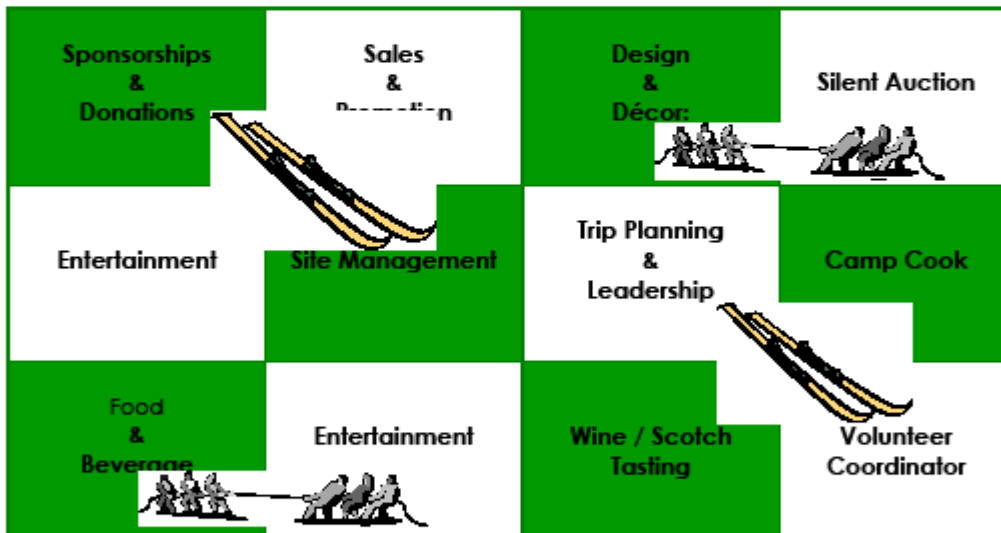
Celebrate. Connect. Commemorate.

Help your club celebrate 100 years of mountain passion on the prairies and share your personal enthusiasm for outdoor adventure with members by becoming an active member of the Centennial Gala subcommittee.

Whether you are a hiker, backcountry skier, snow-shoer, ice climber, rock climber or mountaineer, you already have core competencies needed to help make the Edmonton Section Centennial Celebration memorable . . . your enthusiasm and your energy.

Get Involved. Add Value. Volunteer.

It's a year to look forward to, and it will take more members to co-ordinate and deliver a Centennial Celebration that remembers the past, rewards the present and leaves a legacy for members in the years ahead.



If you have any questions about how you can get involved, or you want to volunteer early to lead, follow or have the pick of the job jar, please contact:

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