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Annual Report 2021

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*Cover: First place photo contest winner for the 2021 GMC.
Photo Christopher Candela
Left: Mount Poland 2021 GMC. Photo Robert Duke
Right: John Lauchlan Award Recipients on a new route by Mt Logan.
Photo Peter Hoang*





Message from the President

Fiscal 2021 was certainly a roller coaster ride that kept us guessing. The fall of 2020 was a dark time. While we had been able to experience some freedoms over the summer months of 2020 from the lifting of some COVID restrictions, by year end we found ourselves once again riding a wave of increasing cases, hospitalizations and restrictions. Of course, this was all while days were getting shorter and colder. It was mentally a heavy period.

Winter did come, as did spring and summer.

For the most part, our biggest struggle was the continual guesswork that came with gathering restrictions in multiple jurisdictions as we tried to keep up with ever changing rules and regulations. While we never had to close down our hut system completely, like in early 2020, we did have to limit numbers and abide by other requirements. This led to a lot of confusion with exclusive booking rules and where it applied and what numbers were allowed.

Of particular difficulty was what to do with reservations with deposits and refunding policy. Admittedly, we made some mistakes. It was a very difficult time trying to balance members wants and wishes with the health and safety of staff and financial health of the club. By the fall of 2021, we found that despite another rising wave of COVID cases and restrictions, we had at least figured out proper policy in how to manage this process.

Luckily, some things did get back to normal and we had a change to bring back the General Mountaineering Camp at Mummery Glacier in addition to a number of other camps and courses. The Canadian Alpine Journal and the State of the Mountains Report provided excellent content to occupy our minds

through periods of isolation. Sadly, the Mountains Guides Ball had to be cancelled yet again and the scheduled hosting of the annual General Assembly of the UIAA was postponed to 2022.

Despite the ups and downs of 2021, we managed through what was easily my most difficult year as President. As my second term ends this May, this will be the final report that I write as ACC President and it's hard not to get a little emotional as I type away. I will not be disappearing from the ACC, but it is hard not to get a little nostalgic about stepping away from my position. I have spent 18 years now on the board and have seen a lot of change over the years. I started as the National Representative for the Edmonton Section for three years, which then led to nine years as Treasurer before becoming the first elected President of the ACC for two three-year terms.

As I wind down my term, I do feel very confident in the future direction of our club. In my mind, our board of directors has never been stronger and has shown their intelligence, commitment and resilience time and again, none more so than in the past year. I cannot thank them and the staff of the national office enough for their resolve and dedication. You will soon elect a new President who will work with the staff and board to determine the next steps in our strategic direction. I am very excited to see where this ship will sail. I am very proud of what The Alpine Club of Canada means not only to members but also to all Canadians.

We are the stewards our amazing alpine environment.

Thank you for everything. I hope our paths cross somewhere beautiful.

Neil Bosch, Edmonton Section

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Message du président

L'année fiscale 2021 a certainement été un tour de manège qui nous a tenus dans l'incertitude. L'automne 2020 était une période sombre. Même si nous avons pu profiter de certaines libertés pendant les mois d'été 2020 grâce à la levée de certaines restrictions dues à la COVID, la fin de l'année nous a confrontés de nouveau à une vague croissante d'infections, d'hospitalisations et de restrictions. Le tout, naturellement, dans un climat éprouvant où les jours raccourcissent et la température refroidit.

L'hiver est passé, comme le printemps et l'été.

Pour l'essentiel, notre plus grand défi était d'avoir à deviner continuellement comment agencer les restrictions de nombreuses juridictions, tout en restant à jour avec des normes et des réglementations en constante transformation. Si nous n'avons jamais dû, comme au début de 2020, fermer entièrement notre système de refuges, il a fallu limiter l'affluence et respecter d'autres exigences. Beaucoup de confusion en a résulté concernant les règles de réservation exclusive, leurs lieux d'application et les nombres autorisés.

Déterminer un mode d'action concernant les versements et les politiques de remboursement des réservations s'est avéré particulièrement difficile. Avouons-le, il y a eu des erreurs. Savoir équilibrer les besoins et les désirs des membres avec la santé et la sécurité du personnel et des finances du club a été très difficile en cette période. À l'automne 2021, nous avons compris, malgré une nouvelle montée de cas et de restrictions dues à la COVID, que nous avons au moins conçu une politique adéquate pour gérer ce processus.

Par chance, certaines choses sont redevenues normales et nous avons pu ramener le Camp général d'alpinisme au glacier Mummery, en plus d'autres camps et de formations. Le Journal alpin canadien et le Rapport sur l'état des montagnes ont fourni d'excellents contenus pour nous

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occuper l'esprit durant les périodes d'isolement. Hélas, il a fallu encore renoncer au Bal des guides de montagne et repousser à 2022 l'accueil prévu de l'Assemblée générale annuelle de l'UIAA.

Malgré les hauts et les bas de 2021, nous avons su traverser ce qui a été mon année la plus difficile comme président. Comme mon second mandat achève ce mois de mai, ce rapport sera le dernier que j'écris, non sans émotion, comme président du CAC. Je ne vais pas disparaître du CAC, mais il est difficile de ne pas être un peu nostalgique en quittant mes fonctions. Voilà 18 années maintenant que je suis au conseil et j'ai assisté à de nombreux changements. J'ai commencé en tant que représentant national de la section d'Edmonton durant trois ans, avant d'être trésorier durant neuf ans et devenir le premier président du CAC à être élu pour deux mandats de trois ans.

Alors que j'achève mon mandat, la future direction de notre club m'inspire une grande confiance. À mon avis, notre conseil d'administration est plus fort que jamais et ses membres ont prouvé leur intelligence, leur engagement et leur résilience à maintes reprises, et jamais plus souvent que l'année dernière. Je ne peux les remercier assez, ainsi que notre personnel, pour leur détermination et leur dévouement. Bientôt, vous élirez un nouveau président qui travaillera avec le personnel et l'administration pour établir les prochaines étapes de notre direction stratégique. Je suis très fier de ce que le Club alpin du Canada représente pour ses membres et pour tous les Canadiens.

Nous sommes les gardiens de notre magnifique environnement alpin.

Je vous remercie pour tout, et j'espère que nos chemins se croiseront quelque part où c'est beau.

Neil Bosch, section Edmonton



Message from the Executive Director

Like its predecessor, 2021 became one of those years that many people were pleased to see end. The difficulties that came with a global pandemic stayed with us through the year. Despite lifting of regulations in some jurisdictions and vaccines becoming available, The Alpine Club of Canada was not able to, once again, have anything like a normal operating year. It's too easy though, to speak of what didn't go well. Instead let's think of what did.

We have an amazing staff at the ACC and an amazing network of volunteers across Canada. Everyday these people continue to put forth an effort so that our members and guests are given the opportunity to create memories in the outdoors. Sometimes it's the excitement of leading a trip and other days it's a less exciting task like doing administrative work at the section level or taking hut bookings at the Clubhouse. No matter what you are doing for this club, we all say thank you.

One thing COVID couldn't dampen was our desires to get outdoors. Canadians from coast to coast to coast got out this year in record numbers and even though we couldn't accommodate them at our facilities in a usual manner, those who could take advantage of our exclusive booking model, did so. We had enough positive feedback on how well the exclusive model worked during the pandemic that we will continue using it for the immediate future.

Crevasse rescue training. Photo Mile Kenyon-Sloney

I came into the position of Interim Executive Director late in 2021. I have only been here a short time but if there is one thing I am in awe of, it's the unbelievable generosity of our mountain community. In my short tenure I have seen people give of their time, their talents, and their resources to this club to support what it stands for and what it believes in – because they also truly believe. Club members come with ideas and resources to make amazing things happen here at the ACC. It's because of this spirit of giving that we can do many of the things we do. Thank you to everyone who is, and has been, a part of this great club.

Our annual report highlights many of the accomplishments through the past year. It is an honour to be a small part of what The Alpine Club of Canada has done.

*Keith Sanford
Interim ED*

Message du directeur général

Comme sa prédécesseure, 2021 est devenue une de ces années que bien des gens ont vue finir avec soulagement. Les épreuves venues parmi nous avec la pandémie sont restées. Malgré le soulagement des contraintes dans certaines juridictions et la disponibilité croissantes des vaccins, le Club alpin du Canada n'a encore pas pu connaître quelque chose qui ressemble à une année d'activité normale. Mais il serait trop facile de parler de ce qui s'est mal passé; tâchons de prendre le point de vue inverse.

À travers le pays, nous avons, au CAC, un personnel et un réseau de bénévoles formidables. Chaque jour, ces personnes continuent de s'efforcer pour que nos membres et nos invités aient la possibilité de créer de bons souvenirs en plein air. Certains jours, c'est l'excitation de diriger une expédition, et certains autres, ce sont des tâches moins stimulantes telles des travaux administratifs au niveau des sections, ou la prise de réservations de refuges au Clubhouse de Canmore. Mais quoi que vous fassiez pour le fonctionnement du club, nous vous disons tous merci.

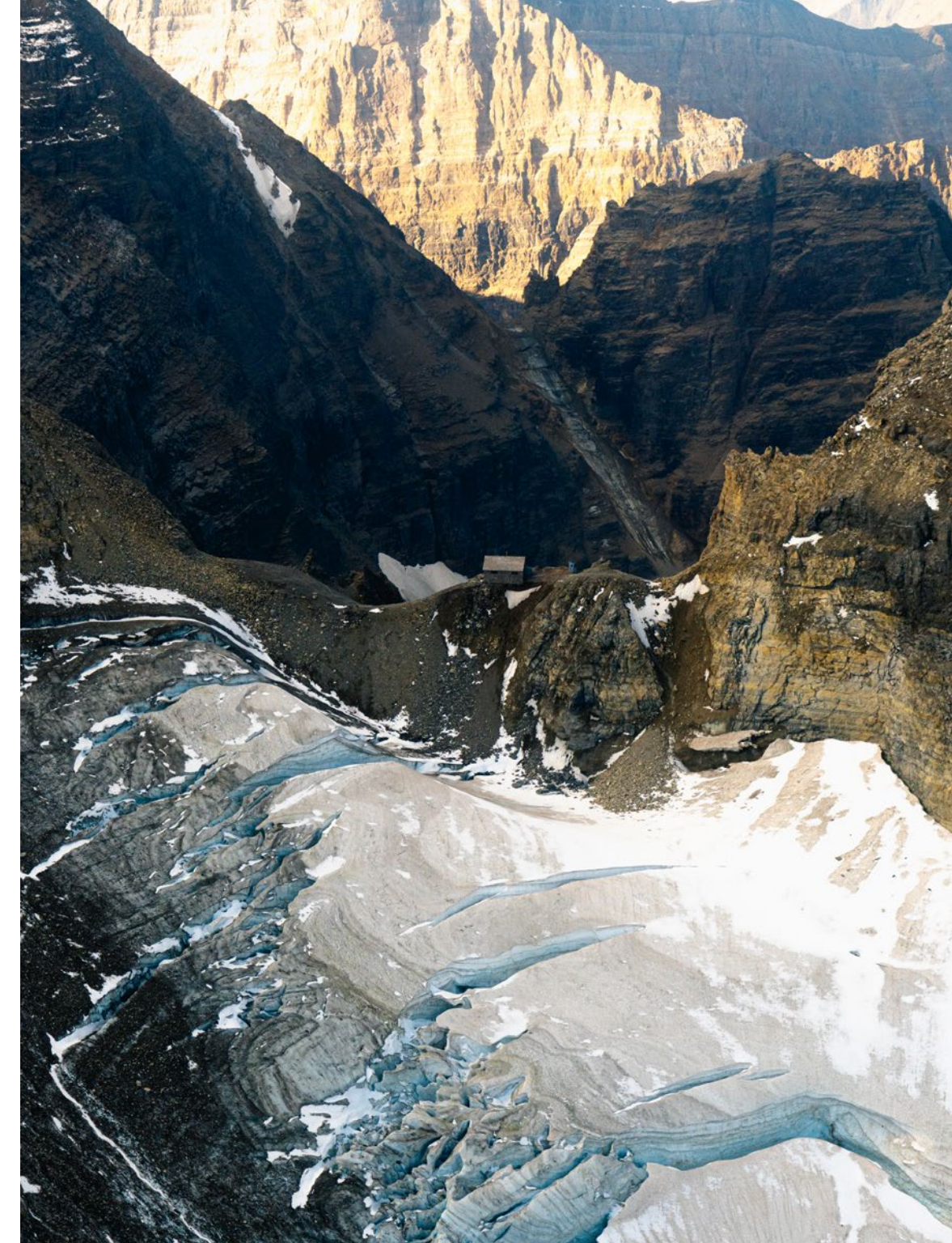
Notre désir de faire du plein air est une des choses que la COVID n'a pas pu atténuer. D'un océan à l'autre, un nombre record de Canadiens sont allés à l'extérieur, et même si nous ne pouvions pas les recevoir à notre façon habituelle dans nos installations, ceux qui ont pu profiter de notre mode de réservation exclusif l'ont fait. Nous avons eu suffisamment de retours positifs sur le bon fonctionnement du modèle exclusif durant la pandémie que nous continuerons de l'employer dans le futur immédiat.

J'ai accédé au poste de directeur général par intérim quand l'année 2021 était déjà avancée. Il y a peu de temps que je l'occupe, mais s'il y a une chose qui m'impressionne, c'est l'incroyable générosité de notre communauté alpine. Durant mon bref mandat, j'ai vu des gens consacrer de leur temps, de leurs talents et de leurs ressources à ce club pour soutenir ses valeurs et ce qu'il représente, car ils y croient vraiment eux aussi. Les membres du Club apportent leurs idées et leurs ressources pour réaliser des choses extraordinaires, ici au CAC. C'est grâce à cet esprit de générosité que nous pouvons faire beaucoup de ce que nous réalisons. Merci à tous ceux et celles qui font ou qui ont fait partie de ce grand Club.

Notre rapport annuel met en valeur plusieurs accomplissements qui ont eu lieu cette dernière année, et c'est un honneur pour moi d'être une petite partie de ce que le Club alpin du Canada a réalisé.

*Keith Sanford
Directeur général par intérim*

The now retired Abbot Pass Hut.



Membership and Services

Membership

- ACC membership in 2021 increased over membership in 2020. However, overall membership numbers remained lower than in previous years due to COVID-related restrictions on events and outings offered at the section level as well as the exclusive booking model for huts, which only required one membership for a group to receive a discount for the booking.

Events

- The 2021 Mountain Guides Ball, to have been held at the Banff Centre and in partnership with the Banff Mountain Film and Book Festival, was cancelled. The Ball is planned to resume in 2022.
- The club's participation in the Banff Mountain Film and Book Festivals remained at a minimal level as the festival ran a hybrid schedule with in-person and online events for 2021.
- The Mountain Guides Ball is scheduled to return in 2022, with an event held in conjunction with the Banff Festivals and the UIAA General Assembly.
- The Summit Bid charity auction that is usually run in conjunction with the Mountain Guides Ball ran for the second straight year as an online-only event. ACC corporate and community partners donated mountain art, gear and experiences to the ACC that were auctioned off with the proceeds benefiting the ACC Greatest Needs Fund.

Volunteers

- Volunteers continued to play a major role in the ACC at our sections across Canada as COVID restrictions began to ease and some outdoor group activities resumed.
- Fourteen Volunteer Awards will be given to ACC members for 2021: nine Don Forest Service Awards, one Eric Brooks Leader Award, three Distinguished Service Awards and one Silver Rope for Leadership. The recipients will be announced at the 2021 Annual General Meeting.

Environment and Access

- The fourth edition of the State of the Mountains Report was published in the fall of 2021. After a one-year absence of a French version in 2020 to reduce costs, the report was produced and printed in both languages in 2021.

- The print run for the English version was increased over previous years and the report was mailed directly to members along with the fall/winter issue of the ACC Gazette

Grants

- Jen Higgins: \$6,300 was awarded to Katee Pederson and team for Canoe and Climb Saskatchewan. \$2,100 was awarded to Brooklyn Rushton and team for Traverse Through Time. The two trips that were awarded funds in 2020 were both postponed to 2021 due to COVID.
- Jim Colpitts Scholarship: \$435 was awarded to Julien Bergeron for a rock climbing course. \$500 was awarded to Sydney Whiting for a mountaineering course. \$500 was awarded to Zachary Chomchuk for a hiking guide course.
- Karl Nagy Award: Meghan Buisson and Will Hotopf will be attending the GMC this coming summer as recipients of the Karl Nagy Award. Meghan was the 2020 recipient.



Maintenance trip to Stanley Mitchell.

Twin Falls Teahouse scout.





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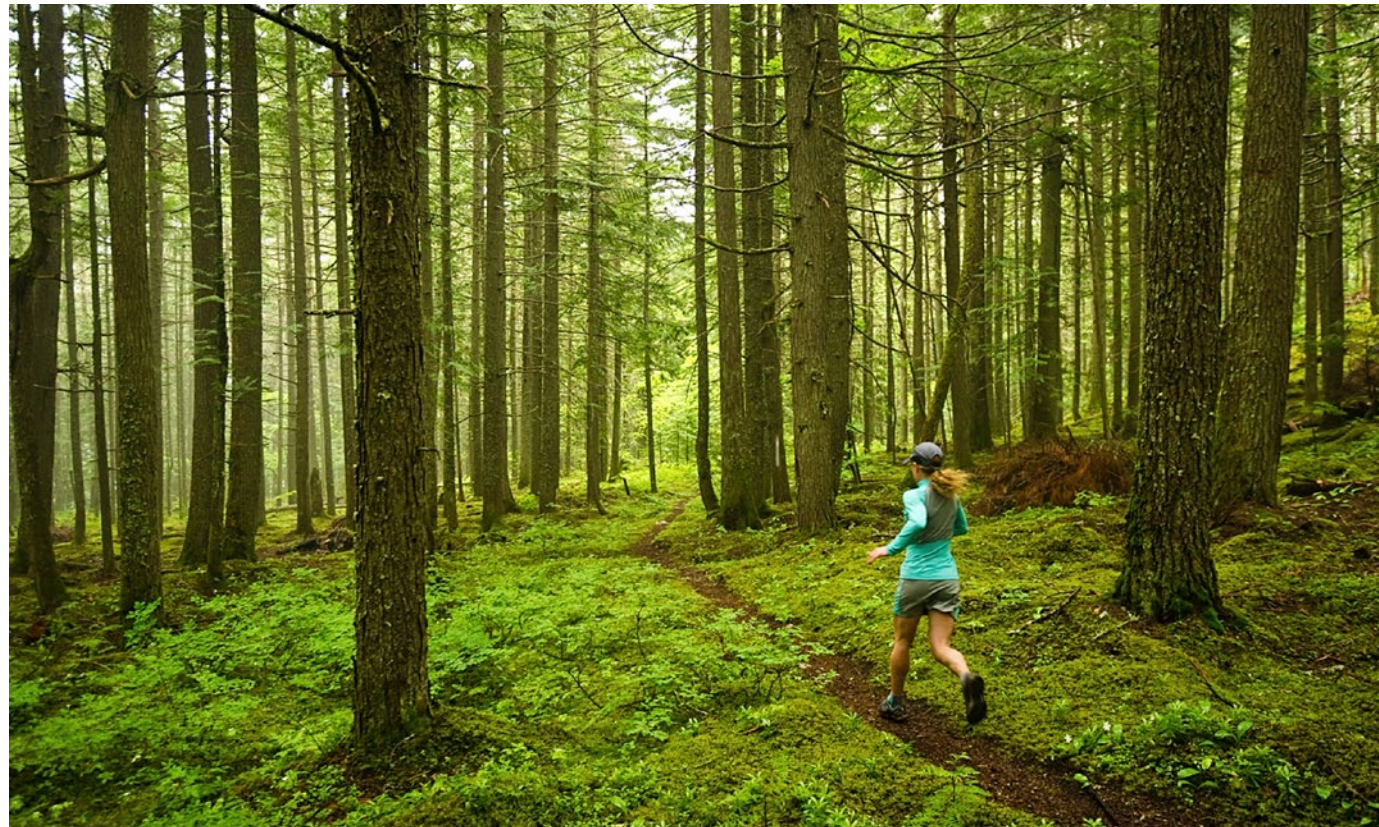
State of the Mountains Report

The fourth annual State of the Mountains Report was published in 2021 with a theme of resiliency in the scientific and mountain communities in the face of the COVID pandemic.

This annual mountain report highlights the changes in Canada's alpine environment by compiling and sharing the best available knowledge about our mountains from coast to coast to coast.

As with past years, contributed stories included knowledge highlights on people and mountains, life in the mountains and physical mountains.

This year's report was printed in English and French and the English version was mailed along with the fall issue of the ACC Gazette magazine to ACC member subscribers.



All of the stories from the 2021 report were published on the State of the Mountains Report website and blog, and all were promoted through the ACC's newsletter and social media channels throughout the year which continued to bring awareness and visibility to the report.

Environment Grants

\$4,500 was awarded to Rockies Repeat to support the recreating of the original paintings of Catharine Robb Whyte to demonstrate the scale of climate and cultural change on the Canadian Rockies in the past century.



\$4,500 was awarded to Y2Y for Planning for a Wild Future, which will map future scenarios for grizzly bear movement in Alberta's Bow Valley, using local plans and growth projections in human population, visitation, and activity.

\$2,900 was awarded to the Mt. Logan Ice Expedition, a multi-disciplinary scientific initiative that seeks to preserve, share, and advance knowledge about climate change on Canada's highest peak.

\$500 was awarded to Sounds Wild for a sound-monitoring program and implementing natural soundscape conservation through education and citizen science.

Top left: from the article "Coal Policy and Surface Mining in the Rockies" in SOTMR 2021. Photo Lorraine Hjalte.

Left: from the article "Resilient Revelstoke: Four Seasons of COVID-19 in a Canadian Mountain Town" in SOTMR 2021. Photo Bruno Long courtesy of Tourism Revelstoke

State of the Mountains Report highlights

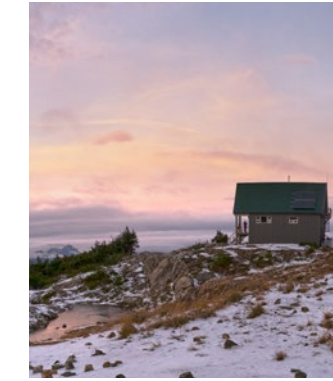
People

Hišimýawił: A Naming Story

by Mary Sanseverino and Geoff Bennett

In mountain communities, as elsewhere, names carry significance. When gifted to a location, they help us understand and shape meaning for that place. In Nuu-chah-nulth traditions, names are celebrated in actions, ceremonies, songs, and stories.

In early 2016, Project Leader Chris Jensen presented a plan to members of the Alpine Club of Canada – Vancouver Island Section (ACC-VI) to build an alpine all-season hut below 5040 Peak. But long before this, he consulted with local First Nations to discuss potential sites.



Life

The Changing Colours of Mountain Lakes in the Twenty-First Century

by Rolf Vinebrooke

When viewed from above or in a postcard, the mosaic of different colours of lakes in the Canadian Rockies appears serene – but their pristine and idyllic looks can be deceiving. Multiple novel and extreme environmental changes related to human activities are increasingly altering many of these lake ecosystems. Some of these “stressors” date back to the mid-twentieth century while others have more recently become pronounced, such as those arising from global warming.

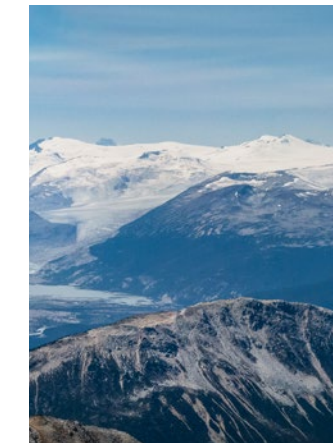
Physical

Remote Sensing Strategies to Monitor British Columbia's Glaciers

by Brian Menounos

British Columbia is blessed with an abundance of glaciers, or about 16,428 individual ice masses based on the last provincial inventory. These glaciers act as important buffers for many mountain ecosystems since they provide cool, plentiful water to mountain rivers during late summer when the seasonal snowpack is depleted. This buffering capacity is especially important during years of drought.

Variations in winter snowfall or temperatures during the melt season lead to changes in ice thickness, area, and volume.



Wellness at Moses Falls from SOTMR 2021. Photo: Vicktoria Haack



Facilities

The facilities portfolio continued to operate on a COVID footing, with all accommodation facilities operating as they had for the second half of the 2020 fiscal year.

- The club operated all facilities throughout the 2021 fiscal year under the exclusive booking model that had been implemented at the beginning of the COVID pandemic. This applied to all backcountry, front country and lodge facilities, in both the summer and the winter seasons.
- The Canmore Clubhouse continued to operate under COVID restrictions, including exclusive room bookings, distancing and mask requirements.
- 2021 saw the first year of winter operations at Shadow Lake Lodge. Winter operations were very successful with excellent feedback from customers.
- Late in the year, through a competitive bidding process, the ACC was selected by Parks Canada to become the new operator of the historic Twin Falls Tea House in Yoho National Park. The club plans to operate the tea house as an overnight accommodation facility as well as provide simple meal and drink service to day hikers. The tea house will require substantial investment and renovation in 2022 and could begin welcoming guests as early as late summer (see facilities feature, next page).
- The Mt. Robson hut project, which had received approval by BC Parks, has been put on hold due to extensive flooding in Mt. Robson Provincial Park.
- The Abbot Pass Hut remained closed in 2021 as Parks Canada continued slope stabilization efforts.
- The facilities portfolio in 2021 was characterized by fiscal prudence and minimal expenditure on capital projects and hut improvements.



Left: Shadow Lake Lodge winter season.

Right: Twin Falls Teahouse scout.



Twin Falls Tea House photo courtesy of Ryan Van Veen Photography

ACC facilities offerings grow with Twin Falls Tea House

At the tail end of the ACC's 2021 fiscal year, the club was able to announce to our members the fantastic news that we had been selected by Parks Canada to become the next operators of the historic Twin Falls Tea House.

Tea House history

Built in 1908 by the CPR, Twin Falls has a unique history as part of Yoho National Park's backcountry. The building was used as a trail ride cabin in the early 20th century and improved over the years. In 1992 it was designated as a National Historic Site of Canada. It was operated by Fran Drummond for 57 years and has sat vacant for the past two years. Beginning in 2022, the ACC will renovate, and then operate the tea house with accommodation and food service offerings.

Place in the backcountry

The tea house is very conveniently located in Yoho National Park's backcountry: it is a three-hour hike from the popular Takkakaw Falls area and sits very close to the base of the spectacular Twin Falls. It can be accessed by day hikers as well as by those staying at the Parks backcountry campgrounds in the area and guests at the ACC's Stanley Mitchell Hut in the Little Yoho Valley. From the hut, there are several trails that make pleasant day hikes to the tea house and the falls.

"Its heritage value lies in its physical illustration of the rustic design tradition and in its use as a stopping place on a busy hiking trail in Yoho National Park of Canada."
— Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada

Plans for renovations

The first order of business for the club in taking over the running of the tea house will be to make improvements to get it into shape so that we can begin welcoming back visitors. The building is in need of insulation, a new kitchen, a new wood shed and a patio area. All of these improvements will be made with the oversight of Parks Canada.

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Welcoming guests

Renovation timelines can be hard to forecast, but we're hopeful that we can be welcoming visitors to the tea house by the end of the summer of 2022. We'll begin work in the spring, with an eye toward completing the kitchen upgrades first so that we can offer food service to day hikers, with overnight accommodations to follow.

"We are pleased to work closely with The Alpine Club of Canada to help Canadians discover and connect with history and nature at the Twin Falls Tea House National Historic Site." — Parks Canada

Second full-service facility

Twin Falls will be the second backcountry facility in the ACC network that will offer food service and accommodation that doesn't require guests to bring their own sleeping bags. Shadow Lake Lodge, which was acquired by the ACC in 2019, has shown that there is a demand for such offerings by ACC members. The Twin Falls Tea House will be run closer to the European refugio model with hearty dinners and breakfasts for our overnight guests and lunches, snacks and cold drinks for day users. Everything will be served with one of the most unique and awe-inspiring views in the Canadian Rockies.



The weight of snow on the Twin Falls roof.

Stanley Mitchell Hut.



Adventures

After a difficult 2020, the ACC Adventures portfolio recovered significantly during the second year of the COVID pandemic. This was largely due to the availability of vaccinations and the ability to plan camps and courses around pandemic needs.

- The club ran 32 skills courses, including instructional courses for avalanche skills, introductory ski mountaineering, ice climbing (winter season) and rock climbing, intro to mountaineering, crevasse rescue (summer season).
- The club was able to include 440 individuals on 45 separate outings, including six full weeks of the General Mountaineering Camp.
- Winter courses were limited to skills courses only, with all planned overnight ski trips cancelled due to COVID concerns and provincial gathering restrictions.
- Overnight camps were re-introduced in the summer season and courses were run for mountaineering, trekking, and trail running. Highlights included the 55+ camp at the Campbell Icefields, trail running the Rockwall, hiking at Shadow Lake Lodge and our first BIWOC mountaineering camp.

- The BIWOC (Black, Indigenous, Women Of Colour) Intro to Mountaineering Camp was held in August at the club's Bow Hut. The ACC has run women-only programs for many years, but 2021 was the first year that we have catered specifically to visible minorities. The camp was very well received and will become an annual event.
- The biggest news for Adventures in 2021 was the return of the GMC after its postponement the previous year. 2020 was the first year that the ACC had not run our annual summer camp since the club was formed in 1906. The location of the Mummy Group was held over from 2020 and was well attended with most weeks being sold out. Many of the images in this Annual Report were submitted by our members to the GMC photo contest.
- The Summer Leadership Development Course was run successfully at the summer GMC, with 10 amateur leaders from sections across Canada attending the course.

Left: ACC ice camp. Photo Alex Popov
Below: Summer Backpacking. Photo Judy Brown



Summer Backpacking. Photo Judy Brown



BIWOC Intro to Mountaineering Camp, Summer 2021. Photo Sylvia Forest



John Lauchlan Award recipients on a new route. Photo Peter Hoang



Wapta Traverse camp. Doug Latimer

Mountain Culture

The ACC celebrates the club's relevance to Canadian culture through the presentation of literature, art, history, heritage and mountain-related science.

History: The biggest Mountain Culture story of 2021 was the news that the club had commissioned celebrated mountain author Chic Scott to write a comprehensive history of the ACC. Chic will write and produce the book over the coming five years with an eye toward it being in print in time for the 2026 Mountain Guides Ball.

The book will be a complete telling of the club's story, from its formation in 1906, through the hard times and World Wars, to the post-war years and the modern ACC.

CAJ: The Canadian Alpine Journal's volume 104 was published in July and mailed to subscribers in Canada and around the world. The issue features female athletes on the front and back covers for the first time in its history and is one of the most visually stunning issues to date.

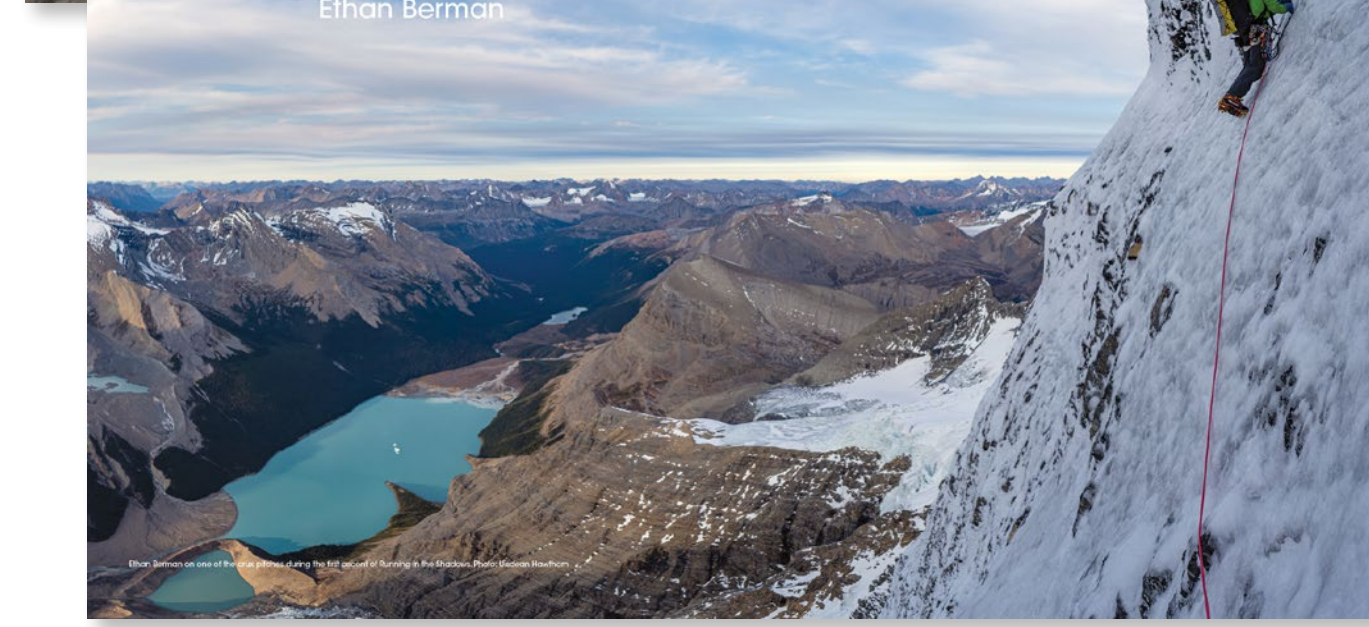
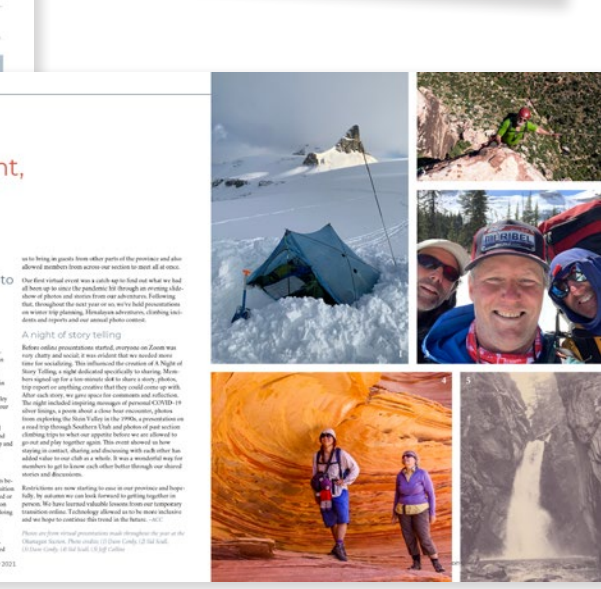
Gazette: After a redesign to the ACC members' magazine in 2020, the Gazette grew significantly in 2021. By the third issue of the year, new departments featuring club camps, mountain safety and mountain art were included and will continue into future issues.

The Gazette will continue to grow in the coming years while striving to represent all areas of the country and all of the activities that our members pursue in the mountains.

Section features: Once again the Gazette issues included stories about the club activities at local sections. In 2021 the Yukon, Manitoba and Okanagan Sections were featured.

State of the Mountains Report: This report continues to be published annually, and the 2021 report was produced and printed in both English and French. The English version was mailed to ACC members with the fall issue of the ACC Gazette. Individual stories from the report were published periodically on the State of the Mountains blog, allowing the club to promote important science stories across all of the ACC's marketing channels throughout the year. Complete reports are available free for download at stateofthemountains.ca.

ACC blogs and Newsletters: The club continued in 2021 to tell the ACC story through blog posts, email newsletters and on social media. The ACC community continues to grow and engage through these channels.





Operations

Human Resources

- As they did the previous year, ACC staff worked a combination of in-person and remote work, as restrictions on gatherings continued.
- In 2021 the ACC accessed substantial funds from the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy that allowed the club to continue running all operations.
- The wage subsidy, plus rent subsidy and the Canada summer jobs grant program all played a major role in keeping the ACC operating.
- The club's Shadow Lake Lodge was able to hire permanent managers for the lodge, the lodge kitchen and lodge administration. All of these positions moved from contract or hourly employment to permanent.

Publications

- *CAJ*: The club published volume 104 of the annual journal and featured female athletes on both the front and back covers for the first time.
- *Gazette*: After missing a printed issue in 2020 to save costs, the ACC members' magazine saw all three issues published and printed in 2021. The magazine also continued to grow, with new regular departments featuring mountain safety, highlighting ACC camps, and celebrating mountain art.
- *Shadow Lake Lodge*: Our lodge received a new, modern and inspiring website where new and returning guests are able to plan and reserve their trips to Shadow Lake. The lodge also initiated a new, regular newsletter for our guests: the SLL Insider brings regular lodge news and inspiring images to our guests around the world.



Left: ACC Clubhouse. LCR Photos

Right: Shadow Lake Lodge's first winter season.



Finances

Despite the lingering impacts of the COVID pandemic, the ACC successfully managed through the negative influences on its operations in 2021. Following the substantial efforts undertaken in 2020, the club continued to be diligent with expenses while benefiting from a modest recovery in revenue and strong gains on its investment portfolio. Our members, staff and management can be confident that the club is in a strong financial position and is positioned to serve its purpose for many years into the future.

Highlights of 2021:

- Total revenues were up 21% over last year driven by Shadow Lake Lodge, which delivered its first full year of contributions. Additionally, the Activities portfolio revenues posted a 37% increase, as members were increasingly able to engage with the club on our camps and courses.
- The club's annual Summit Bid charity auction raised significant funds from donations and from prizes donated by our corporate and community partners.
- Total expenses increased in order to accommodate the increased activity levels but only by 12% over 2020, as the club remained disciplined in the face of pandemic-related uncertainty.
- These operational gains were supported by Government of Canada wage subsidies that, when combined, resulted in an improvement in Net Income before contributions.
- The wage subsidies the club qualified for in 2021 were a significant benefit enabling the maintenance of staffing levels and the integrity of its assets.
- The club's balance sheet is strong with ample liquidity to maintain a high level of service to its members and a robust investment portfolio that will support huts, activities and its legacy well into the future.



Left: 2021 GMC. Photo Christopher Candela

Right: 2021 GMC. Photo Andrew Dunlop



Donor Recognition

The Alpine Club of Canada is extremely grateful for the generosity of its members, friends and partners for their gifts of time, energy and funding.

The following pages list contributors for the 2021 fiscal year, which runs from Nov. 1, 2020 through Oct. 31, 2021. We would also like to thank all those donors who wish to remain anonymous.

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