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The Newsletter of the Tetrahedron Outdoor Club

Spring 2024

Upcoming Events and Notices

- Potluck BBQ at Mission House, Friday May 31, 5:30pm
- Day trip to Mount Halliwell, July 13
- Overnight trip to Panther Peak, Aug 20-22
- Tetrahedron Peak – early Sept, TBD
- Whistler early season trip, Dec 10 - 13
- Discovery cabin, Wells Gray – Mar 16-22, 2025

Solar PV at McNair Cabin

McNair cabin now has a small solar photovoltaic system with lights and USB chargers. Last fall the club, under difficult conditions, hauled in two 100 W solar panels, a battery, and other materials to install at the cabin. The panels are at the south end of the cabin and we built a small cabinet upstairs to hold the battery and charging equipment. Lights and charging plugs are on a spring timer to save power and ensure they don't get left on accidentally. Although McNair doesn't get a lot of sunshine in the winter, it is also the least used cabin so the system can be fairly small. We're monitoring the system to see how well it works and whether to expand to other cabins.

Chapman Bridge Update

Work continues on the replacement bridge for Chapman Creek. We are in the process of receiving quotes for the bridge fabrication and hope to have that underway soon. We have received a number of donations towards the bridge and want to thank all of you who have contributed. A

special thanks to Sunshine Coast Search and Rescue who donated $1000 towards the bridge replacement.

If you would like to donate, donations of $25 or more can be made through the Federation of Mountain Clubs of BC and are eligible for a tax receipt. Donate through their website HERE. Make sure to select TOC Chapman Bridge Fundraising Campaign as the Fund when making your donation.

Alternatively, donations (without tax receipt) can be made by cheque (mail to Box 545, Gibsons, BC, V0N 1V0) or by e-transfer (send to tetoutdoor@gmail.com). Please note on your cheque or e-transfer that the money is for Chapman Creek bridge.

Banff Mountain Film Festival

We had another very successful Banff Mountain Film Festival this year. This year was our best year ever in terms of funds raised! Thanks to Ellen and Margaret for all their work as this year's coordinators and thanks to everyone who helped out.

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We are in need of a new -co-coordinator for next year's festival, as Margaret needs to step down after doing it for two years. Ellen has kindly agreed to stay on but we need a second coordinator to help her out. The club provides an honorarium to the coordinators for all their time. If you are interested let us know.

Trips and Meetings

It was a pretty slow winter for outdoor activities this year, thanks to the record low snowfall and terrible ski season. Our planned trip to Emma Lake had to be abandoned. We did manage a couple of somewhat sparsely attended trips to Edwards and McNair cabin, and we had a successful early season trip to Whistler to take advantage of the free skiing that comes with 5 and 10 day Edge cards. Although conditions were a bit marginal, it turned out they were pretty good in comparison to what was to come! In March a number of club members went on a trip to Manning Park and we were lucky enough to get a dump of snow just beforehand, so conditions were much improved over what they might have been.

We have a number of upcoming trips planned for this summer and next winter. More information will be coming as we get closer to these dates, but let us know if you are interested so we can get an idea of who might be coming.

- Mt. Halliwell day hike, July 13. We plan to hike to Mt. Halliwell and check out the condition of the old fire lookout that is there. There is some interest in potentially fixing it up as a club project. Contact Drew Standfield at drewstand@gmail.com for more info.
- Panther Peak hike, Aug 20 - 22. The plan is to overnight at McNair cabin for two nights, climbing Panther on the middle day.
- Tetrahedron Peak hike, early September. Tetrahedron is a challenging hike/scramble. This could be a day hike or overnight, TBD. Contact Reece Armstrong at reecesa1998@gmail.com for more info.
- Whistler early season. Dec 10 - 13. We have booked three units for a total of 12 people at Whistler for early season skiing. This will primarily be of interest to those with Whistler season passes or Edge cards that include free early season skiing. Contact Michael Wilson at mwilson@enerficiency.ca for more information.
- Discover Cabin, Wells Gray, Mar 16 – 22. This trip was previously announce at the last club potluck and is now tentatively full. If you are interested please let us know and we can put your name

on a waitlist. Contact Danny Fleishhacker at flydannyfly@gmail.com for more info.

If anyone has any other ideas for trips they'd like to organize, please let us know.

Our last potluck dinner meeting of the year will be a BBQ at Mission Hall in Davis Bay, srating at 5:30 pm. Bring something to bbq and a dish to share, as well as plates and cutlery, etc.

Gear Swap

Marj McDougall has an Outbound Tallaroo 65 travel backpack for sale. 65 litre capacity with a zip off daypack and detachable rainfly. You can contact her at 604-989-4633.

Urs Paeffli has some climbing gear he is willing to donate. Contact him at ursp@telus.net.

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