

Hi Everyone:

After a brief hiatus, we are resuming Burnaby Outdoor Club activities June 1.

1. Su-Jane has got the ball rolling by reaching out for June activity leaders. Su-Jane has noted safely measures recommended by the Public Health Office (PHO). PHO stated groups up to 6 are fine with some distancing. Carpooling with those in your “bubble” are fine, but not as a general practice for those outside your “bubble”. Outdoors there is little evidence that the virus transmission occurs easily, however a car is indoor space, and there are concerns about transmission in any indoor space. The operative words here are: common sense.
2. As far as overnight activities go throughout the summer: “know your team”. If you’re sharing a tent you certainly want to know you have confidence in the other parties. We may see a lot of people sleeping under the stars this summer, with the travel restrictions in place, though we currently have no trips planned yet.
3. We are continuing to hold off on group activities line “spring pot luck” until such time as larger indoor groups are acceptable. We will advise later when these can resume, but for now, it’s outdoors only in small groups.
4. Over the break, we changed our insurance coverage by switching to insurance from the Federation of BC Mountain Clubs (FMCBC). In order to obtain FMCBC coverage, we were required for each BOC member to be a member of FMCBC. FMCBC insurance starts June 1, and as of that date, we have full insurance coverage. Our old insurance was costing us \$30 a member, whereas the new coverage along with FMCBC membership will cost us \$19 a member.
5. There are some benefits to each BOC member also being a member of FMCBC. I am attaching a summary of these as provided by FMCBC. As well, you will get access to “Cloudburst”, an FMCBC publication full of a wealth of information pertaining to the greater mountain community.
6. There is an opportunity to get involved in the wider hiking community through FMCBC. For example, Davide Cater has volunteered to participate in park management planning process for Mount Seymour Provincial Park under FMCBC's SWBC Recreation & Conservation Committee. David will get our voice heard in future Mount Seymour planning. Thanks, David, for stepping up!

To wrap up, BOC is back, while continuing to exercise caution. That’s all for now.

John Holmes, President BOC

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### Insurance

Member clubs qualify to participate in our liability insurance program which includes comprehensive Third Party Liability coverage and Directors and Officers coverage. We also provide assistance and advice regarding risk management, waivers and incident reporting.



### Project funding

Member clubs qualify to apply for project funding through our annual FMCBC Member Club Grant Program, which supports club-initiated projects around the province. We're also on hand to help with outside grant applications and to alert you to any additional funding opportunities.



### Member discounts

FMCBC member clubs receive special discounts on outdoor products and equipment, including reflective trail markers and climbing equipment.



### Be heard

The province is vast and we depend on our member clubs to be our eyes and ears in the backcountry. Clubs can bring forward concerns from their regions; alert us to potential access restrictions, changes in trail usage, and new or increased user conflicts; and seek support and advice for positive resolutions.



### Get involved

All members have the option of getting directly involved in the future of backcountry recreation in BC by joining our regional and/or provincial committees, taking part in our events, spearheading initiatives and contributing their unique skills.



### Stay informed

Members are the first to know about the latest news and issues concerning non-motorized outdoor recreation in BC, including updates from the BC government, public comment periods, educational opportunities, and so much more. Members also have the option of receiving our monthly e-newsletter as well as our semi-annual Cloudburst publication.