

# The Snow Walkers' Gazette

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❄ Next Meeting: April 9, 5-9 PM at Bower Kin Community Hall  
85 Boyce Street. Please see below for details.



## “True Stories” From Blanket Glacier!

A Pineapple Express may sound delicious but this warm Pacific airflow created some interesting weather conditions for our week up at the Blanket Glacier Chalet from March 8-16.

We arrived in Revelstoke Friday evening to Spring like conditions which had many of us worried about skiing but the flowers were a good distraction! Saturday morning Marion, our host, started a mad dash to meet the helicopter when she informed us that we had our departure times wrong

and where an hour late. We were soon whirling our way from the muddy valley through blue skies into the snow zone surrounding the Blanket Chalet.

Everyone quickly sorted their food and gear in the chalet, grabbed a quick lunch and headed out the door for some avalanche rescue practice. We left the recovered beers for Alex, our co-host for the week, to resuscitate while we skinned up to Caribou Ridge to get our bearings and check out the

***The Year End Roundup and AGM will be held at the Bower-Kin Community Centre  
April 9, 5:00 pm. 85 Boyce Street, Red Deer***

***There will be a pot luck supper so please bring a dish from the following  
list based on your last name:***

***A - H Bring a Main Dish***

***I - R Bring a Salad***

***S - Z Bring a Dessert***

***Please bring your own plate, cup and cutlery. Coffee, tea and ice will be supplied.***

## Parkland Ski Club Executive 2012/2013

The activities and affairs of the Parkland XC Ski Club are managed by elected club volunteers, usually for a minimum term of two years. All club members are expected to take a turn at these leadership positions.

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### Contact the Tour Leader to join a trip

#### Cost of a Trip

##### Cost per Weekend

Hostel or Hut Cost noted in Tour Schedule. This is typically \$54 for people that require a beacon, probe and a shovel.

\$8/weekend for safety equipment :  
\$5 for an approved avalanche beacon + \$2 for an approved snow shovel + \$2 for avalanche probe.

#### Car Pooling

The passengers share car-pooling costs.

The driver's share consists of the use of his car and the driving.

#### Longer trips

Longer trips and those on the icefields cost more. Contact the Tour Leader for information.

## Tour Leaders 2012/2013

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snow conditions. We did a few laps and found some good snow before heading in for the first of many great meals.

We had a bit of everything throughout the week including snow, strong winds, sun and rain which made for a challenging snow pack. Cabin fever set in on the rainy days which led to the first annual "Wet Blanket Special Games" which was won by Kelly (K1) who cleaned up in - Axe Sticking, Doodling and Snow Carving with runner up prizes going to: Vance - Back Country Luge, Andy & Steve D - Cricket and Kelly (K2) - Loud Drinking. Due to the loud drinking competition running late some participants were relegated to sleeping in the wood shed.

Even with the damp weather most of us had a good time and the week ended too early. Our host Marion injured her Achilles tendon and had to be helicoptered out early so we hope she has a speedy recovery and can get out on her new skis soon.



*Top: The Blanket Crew*

*Right: Andrew checking out the snow conditions*

*Below: Kelly (K1) competing in the Axe Sticking and Snow Carving Events during the "Wet Blanket Special Games"*



*Left: Derry climbing the skin track with Caribou Ridge and Blanket Peak in the background*

*Right: STD putting in some turns on Pollox*





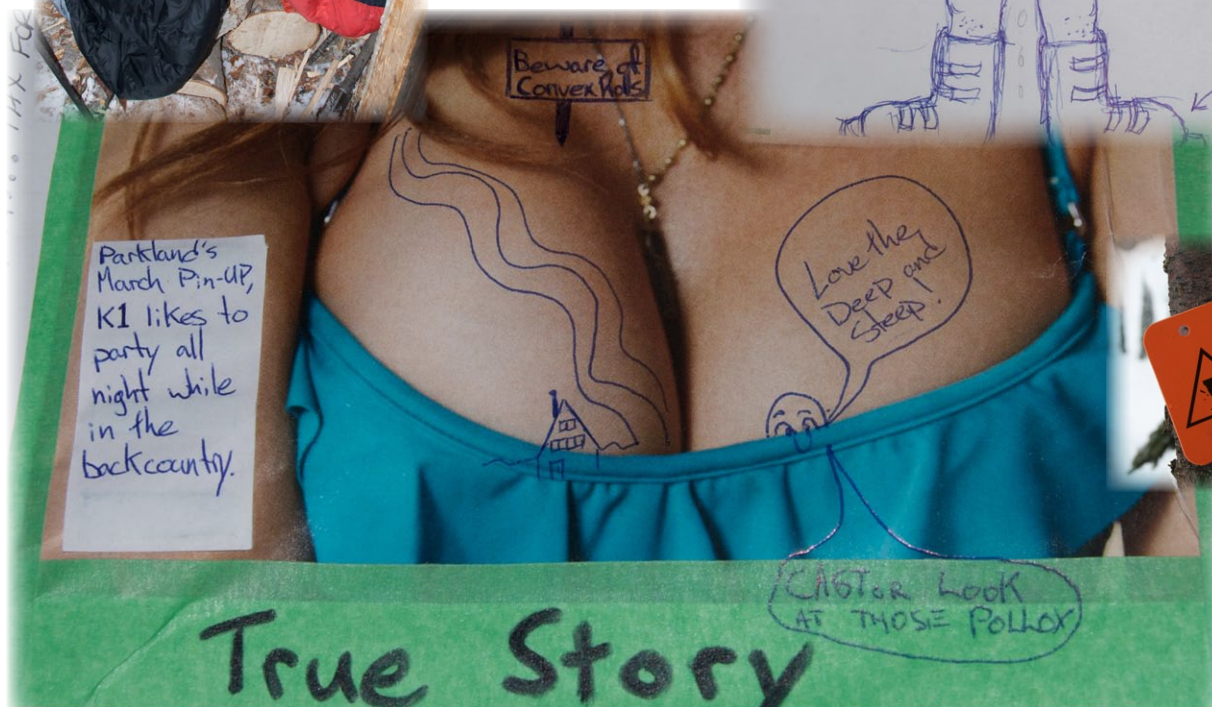


*Top: Marion tries to figure out how to attach her ski to her cast*



*Left: Loud Drinkers deluxe accommodations*

*Right & Below: A few of the entries for the Guest Book Doodling Competition*



### **Kerry Wood Nature Centre Geared Up**

**Friday to Sunday, April 12 to 14, 2013 - - 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday & Sunday**

You can feel good supporting the Nature Centre and the environment when you participate in this consignment sale/fundraiser. Bring your gently-used or excess gear for sale, and 20% of the proceeds will go to our continuing environmental education initiatives. The rest goes to you! Drop-off begins at noon Friday. Money and un-sold items may be picked up Monday during regular business hours.