

THE ALPINE ECHO



THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE BOEING EMPLOYEES ALPINE SOCIETY

*"The summit is what drives us, but the climb
itself is what matters."*

Conrad Anker



Photo provided by Priti & Jeff Wright, 2022

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A word from your editor:

Hello all,

Welcome to another edition of The Alpine Echo.

We have some new board members this year that we would like you all to meet. And as usual, we have user-submitted trip reports and general club announcements.

Thanks all.

Climb on!

-Lexter Tapawan

Spring President's Corner

Hello BOEALPS Community!

This will be my first year as the club President and the year is already off and running. We've sorted out class contracts, worked our way through running a successful WFA and Ski Seminar, and our classes are starting up. Exciting! It's been great seeing the community step up when the club and classes need help; this is one of the reasons I chose to run for President. Even through all of the team sports that I have been a part of, this climbing community has been welcoming, sharing, and fun. We've had a few rough years there, but now it's time to get the train back on track. I'm looking forward to it with our new board. Always feel free to reach out with any questions or comments. We are here to serve you, the club.

My first year with BOEALPS was taking BCC in 2015. I took the class with the desire to push my split-boarding to new heights. While it did do that, it really pushed me more into climbing and ignited my passion for teaching. In 2016 I came back to instruct BCC, then 2017 and 2018 I was a team lead. In 2019 I decided to sign up for ACC (while continuing to instruct BMC) and helped out with BRC. This year I will be back again in the instructor game. I truly appreciate the experience I gained through BOEALPS as it has allowed me to climb many peaks in this state and in the world. It's hard to choose just one climb, but if I had to choose one of my favorites it would have to be the Paisano-Burgundy Link-up back in 2020. Alex Chiu and I set out early on a Saturday in August for a one day grab of this North Cascades Climb. Every time I hike the steep trail up towards Burgundy Col I always state I will never do it again (mostly on the way down). However, there I was for the 2nd time that year gaining 3000' in 1.5 miles. Alex and I made it to the base of the climb in an hour and a half. As we approached the start of the climb, we saw 2 people roping up. We anticipated other parties, as it was a summer weekend in the North Cascades. However much to our surprise the pair roping up were 2 of our old BMC Students! We ended up having the whole route to ourselves never seeing anyone else, which was also surprising. During the climb a small cold front moved in on us making me wish I didn't leave the puffy in the car to conserve space. It was August and we were climbing in the 40s! Oh how the mountains show their dominance! The route was 12 pitches of solid climbing. Alex and I swapped leads working through the beautiful cracks on Paisano finishing it off with a fun off-width on Burgundy. The clouds had cleared for a beautiful view. Summits in the north cascades are some of my favorites, as it's littered with little points from the hundreds of peaks that surround you, with steep ridges and massive valleys. We are indeed spoiled. Much to our surprise another team was summiting the neighboring Chianti Spire! Approving chants were shared then we started our 9 rappel descent (we did single rope rappels to reduce hang-ups and move more efficiently). Fun fact that I had read: "*Burgundy Spire is often considered one of the 10 most difficult peaks to climb in Washington by its easiest route,*" with its easiest route being 5.8. The hike down the steep trail was annoying and dark, but the high from the climb kept us positive. It was the *pinnacle* (ha ha) of my short climbing career and certainly a highlight that brings me back for more.

-Dan Berdel

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BOEALPS welcomes new VP!

Hey fellow climbers!

My name is Katie and I'm so excited to be the BOEALPS VP for 2022! I started my journey with BOEALPS at the beginning of 2019 shortly after moving here from Alaska during August of 2018 to work for Boeing. At the time I considered myself a daily experienced hiker and backpacker and had been rock climbing at indoor gyms regularly for about a year and a half. So when I heard about the Basic Mountaineering Course it seemed like a great next step in developing my outdoor experience and continuing to challenge myself. I assumed that with my outdoor and climbing experience a lot of the BMC class would be review for me. I was very wrong! If anything it just made me realize how much I didn't know. I don't think I even really knew what mountaineering was! I learned so much from BMC and it's safe to say that after taking the class I was hooked. The thing I really love about BOEALPS more than anything is the community and desire to not just climb but to also take the time to teach and share that desire with others. This prompted me to come back to teach BMC as a junior instructor in 2020... but we all know how that went! Since then I have spent more time developing my mountaineering skills and even teaching those skills on my own. So maybe the shutdowns of 2020 were a blessing in disguise?



My favorite climb since taking BMC has been Mount Hood. It is a challenging climb in many ways but also very rewarding. I climbed it at the end of March in 2021 with 3 other friends. At the time, I wasn't really sure if I was in good enough shape to enjoy doing that much vertical gain in a day but was encouraged by the stoke of my friends and decided to give it a shot. Avy danger was moderate the day we went so we decided to start at around 12 AM to give us the best chance of summiting in favorable snow conditions. We ended up being the 1st party on the mountain and broke trail the entire way up including through a section of knee high snow drifts up the steep section to the hogsback. I was very grateful for the weekends of BMC trudging through

similar snow conditions at that moment. The skies were clear that night and the moon was out so we could see the top the entire climb up. We made it through the pearly gates and to the summit around 7 AM just as the sun was coming over the peak, the first party on the top that day! Several people thanked our efforts for breaking trail whilst we were milling around on the summit. We had intended to take the old chute down but chickened out going over the catwalk due to wind and exposure (it was me, I was the one who chickened out). Instead, we down climbed the pearly gates during a lull in people coming up. On the way back down it was very hot and the snow had gotten quite

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soft. I was very happy to not be going up the mountain in those conditions! Overall I think it was my favorite trip because it was very scenic, not too physically challenging, but still challenging enough to keep things interesting! I can honestly say that the whole trip felt like type 1 fun to me.

This year I intend to finally go back to instruct as a junior instructor for BMC. I'm excited to get more involved in the club through the role of VP and hopefully make some positive impacts for bringing together our community and allowing members to better connect with one another. I think having tools that allow us to connect and grow as a community in an environment that is moving more and more virtual these days will be necessary to ensure our success as a club in the future. On that note if anyone has any questions, suggestions, complaints about club communications please reach out to me! I would love to hear your opinions.

-Katie Aikens

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From your Secretary



Welcome to 2022, BOEALPS friends and family! I am returning for a second year in the club's secretary role, where I lead our membership, equipment, and marketing chairs in their functions (Currently searching for a librarian chair if you're interested). I also have the pleasure of documenting board meeting minutes and maintaining club archives. This year I am looking forward to the return of the club's major courses and membership engagement – both from new and long-term contributors – after a quieter 2021. I'm keen on continuing to outfit our gear inventory and ensure we have good connections with our local partners.

I joined the club after moving to Seattle in 2017 and took on WFA, BMC, and BRC in rapid succession before instructing BMC. In 2021 I had several great climbing experiences, but two that stick out. In May, I was able to tackle a grade V rock climb up Mount Wilson of the Red Rock National Conservation Area with a fellow club member and mentor, Howard Yen. As my first visit to Red Rocks, it certainly set the standard and made me hungry for another trip there. I also had a foray into the Enchantments Core for four days and three nights, entering from the Stuart Lake TH and thru-hiking, with time for climbing Aasgard Sentinel and strolling up Enchantment Peak. The early fall season trip was complete with high winds, some wet snow, and plenty of solitude. It quite possibly was a once-in-a-lifetime experience given the sheer desperation in accessing core zone permits in these modern times! When I am not out and about, I am working for the Boeing Research & Technology group in Boeing's Everett factory and enjoying the wet, dark winters with my partners in crime, Mary Kate and Toby.

I'm looking forward to another year serving our community, exploring our beautiful local high points, and participating in the fantastic experience that is BOEALPS. Come to me for any comments, opinions, and questions!

-Alex Strait



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From your Treasurer



Hi there! I'm Chris Rinauto, your Treasurer for 2022.

I've lived in the Seattle area and worked as an engineer at Boeing since 2011 when I moved here from Upstate NY. I got into hiking in the Cascades right away, and over time that desire to spend more time in the mountains slowly snowballed to me taking BCC (now BMC) in 2018. While I regretted waiting so long to seriously get into mountaineering, I ended up with the greatest team of instructors and fellow students in the history of the club: Team SOS. It was such an amazing experience I was compelled to come back and instruct BMC the next year in 2019. I was also fortunate to take BRC that year, and after two long years of waiting I'm excited to finally take ACC this Spring.

I always struggle to name a favorite climb so instead I'll share a few memorable highlights in no particular order:

1. Having the worst experience trying to climb El Dorado in July 2020: losing the trail after crossing the river in the dark, realizing how out of shape I was after not having BMC conditioning me all spring, trailhead break-ins, fender bender on the drive home... then the very next weekend returning to summit in perfect weather and forgetting all the problems of the week before.
2. Joining friends for a week in Patagonia to tackle some moderate objectives, returning home with unforgettable memories of the most incredible views and a lifetime worth of inspiration.
3. Topping out on the South Early Winters Spire after climbing the Southwest Rib for my BRC grad climb in 2019. Not only was it a fun route in great conditions but it also represented so much growth after just a couple months.

As the club has provided me with so many opportunities to learn and grow in climbing, I want to give back as Treasurer to help ensure that the club remains financially healthy and able to continue to provide those opportunities to current members and new climbers alike.

If you're interested in discussing club financials, or if you want to talk about the role of Treasurer because you might want to serve in the future, feel free to reach out. I'm also currently looking for a volunteer to organize the end-of-year banquet, so if that sounds like something you'd be good at, let me know!

See you out there,

-Chris Rinauto



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TRIP REPORTS

Patagonia - El Chaltén

By: Priti & Jeff Wright

Jeff and I had previously been to El Chaltén four times to climb. In 2019, we watched Patagonian weather forecasts every day from our home in Seattle USA, waiting for a big weather window, then we rushed to Patagonia successfully climbing Fitz Roy in 10 days Seattle-to-Seattle. We were not watching the weather this year, but Rolando Garibotti posted that a huge weather window was soon approaching, and within 48 hours we were on a plane flying to El Chaltén. We call this the “Smash and Grab”.

This trip in February 2022, we would spend 11 days Seattle-to-Seattle, summiting and traversing Aguja Standhardt, Punta Herron, and Torre Egger (three of the four summits of the Torre Range). As we boarded the plane, we didn't even have firm plans, flipping through the pages of Garibotti's “Patagonia Vertical” guidebook while on the flight to Buenos Aires. Our primary objective was to summit Torre Egger, but since the weather was good for so long, we decided to also try to summit Cerro Standhardt and traverse.



We chose the route Festerville (a 13 pitch rock climb, 6c, along the North Ridge, First Ascent 2000) to reach the summit of Cerro Standhardt since the standard Exocet route (an ice chimney) was not in condition. Unfortunately, we did not bring the large cams required for this route, so we borrowed some cams from climbers in town when we arrived. We certainly couldn't have done the climb without the help of our friends!

After arriving in El Chaltén and staying the night at the Aylén-Aike hostel, we hiked in to Niponino and camped, leaving our tent and bringing only a tarp and sleeping bag for the traverse. We encountered a party who bailed from Festerville due to icy conditions while we waited another day as the ice melted from the cracks. With wet conditions and route-finding difficulties, we were forced to bivouac near the summit with another party of two who had started at the same time as us (Michał from Poland and Agustín from Chile).

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After summiting Cerro Standhardt via 30 meters of 90° ice and rime, we made seven rappels down the South Face of Cerro Standhardt which took us 30 meters below the Col de los Sueños, climbing the Tobogán route up to reach the col. The traverse continues up to Punta Herron via Spigolo dei Bimbi (5 pitches, 6b, First Ascent 1991) and another two pitches of beautiful, vertical ice and rime to the summit. A single rappel from the summit of Punta Herron leads down to Col de la Luz. Spigolo dei Bimbi is some of the most beautiful rock climbing we have ever done in Patagonia!

From Col de la Luz, we continued up Thomas Huber and Andi Schnarf's route Espejo del Viento (3 pitches, 6a+, First Ascent 2005, often simply known as the

"Huber-Schnarf" route) which ends in a long, run-out, technical slab traverse under the summit mushroom. We continued through the night, climbing two more pitches up the mushroom, on easier 70 degree snow and ice to the summit of Torre Egger at 2:00AM, becoming the first to summit the peak this season.

Priti Wright became the third known female to summit Torre Egger (after Steph Davis and Brette Harrington).



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We continued through the night without a bivouac, descending the 27 rappels and down-climbing along the route Titanic which follows the East Pillar of Torre Egger. Upon reaching our tent at Niponino in the Torre Valley, we realized that we would not make it back to town in time to catch our shuttle so we collapsed into our tent. Unfortunately, we neglected to notify anyone that we would not be back to make our early-morning taxi.

When the taxi arrived at our hostel, the taxi driver woke up Korra Pesce who was sleeping in the room where we had previously slept. Korra notified the hostel owner and Rolando Garibotti who were all quite worried and notified the rescue team, the Park Service,

and sent queries to France and Seattle as the weather was forecasted to be quite bad that day. Rolo was able to reach us finally on our inReach so everyone knew that we were safe, but it was a major lesson for us. We will never let that happen again! We were grateful to Korra and Rolo for getting everything set up for a rescue if needed, unfortunately it was Korra who would be needing the rescue the following week. He will be greatly missed.



Backcountry Ski Seminar

After a two-year gap it was so exciting to host the Backcountry Ski Seminar again this year. It really felt like a fantastic start to the 2022 climbing season and got people out for a sunny day on the snow.

The goal of this seminar is to provide that first exposure to backcountry skiing and crack the door to all the amazing terrain and objectives that are made possible when you have skis for the up and the down. Eventually for those students who choose to continue building their backcountry skill set, it could lead to the extensive array of multiday ski traverses, like the Haute Route, the Wapta, and the Spearhead to name a few, with the main objective being to get into big, beautiful mountain terrain that is often completely inaccessible to the non-skier during the winter months. The seminar offers a brief technical introduction to that world, with a few of the key take aways being: Learning to put your skins on (the uphill traction devices); how your bindings work (these are not your standard downhill bindings); terrain selection; identifying avalanche risk; when to engage your thunder levels (aka use risers); and the personal favorite of instructor Kala ZK... Kick Turns (those sharp cornered zigzags you see up a snowy slope)! The seminar also expands each students' network of other likeminded people, which is truly one of the best facets of Boealps and a big reason why we all love this club and community so much.



The seminar kicked off with an in-class evening session and then got into the fun part of a full day outing to snow lake divide at Snoqualmie pass. This year the weather had been going through a pretty intense freeze/thaw cycle and while the sun was shining and the views were amazing, this made for very challenging ski conditions. There was a wide range of skill sets in the group, but in typical Boealps style, everyone was up for an adventure. While learning how to travel uphill and stay balanced on

steep skin tracks, the group was able to successfully navigate a spicy creek crossing and made it up some steep, icy kick turns.

Traveling through the old growth forest with sun shining through the trees provided the students many opportunities to identify some of the varied micro terrain on the way to source lake and how this needs to be avoided (imagine doing this in a white out), as well as scouting old avalanche slide paths to better understand the extremely complex terrain above the up track.

Avalanche safety was a major topic of discussion and while the group was enjoying a quick break, instructor Russell Keck surprised everyone with a pop quiz avalanche drill emphasizing the need to always be ready for anything. This

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got everyone thinking about selecting where you stop for breaks and how fast they could transition into search mode.

The group finally made it up the steep push toward snow lake divide and transitioned right at the sun/shadow line. This meant that Instructor Eddie Ressegue was able to rip skins and cruise down some almost corn snow with half the group, while the rest of the group had to suffer through some good old cascade chunder skiing a short five minutes later. A few of the students commented that they never knew conditions could change so fast, so while this was by no means fun...it did provide a great learning opportunity.



The return from Source Lake was also a new experience for many of the students, who got to experience the challenges of an icy luge track for the first time and learn about yet another key backcountry ski staple...survival skiing. However, everyone made it out safely and ended the day with smiles and a number of plans for next steps in their backcountry ski journey.

One of the great things about this seminar is that it really highlights what you don't know and gives a good push into areas of focus for continued education (AIARE, navigation, ski skills, etc.), and gear selection and set up (types of bindings/skins, DIN settings, transition techniques, etc.). These are all important factors in backcountry skiing and getting your base knowledge solid and your gear dialed is a lifelong process. This seminar was filled with positive attitudes, smiles, interesting terrain, good conversation, learning new skills, a few fun turns, a few not so fun turns, awesome views and over all a great day in the mountains. AKA everything

you could ask for and expect during a day backcountry skiing!

Notes:

The class this year was led by Cheryl Chan (BoeAlps Social Media Coordinator) and Kala Zimmermann-Keck (ACC Co-Head Instructor), and assisted on the outing by Russell Keck (ACC Co-Head Instructor) and Eddie Ressegue (ACC/BMC instructor).

Trip Report Contest!

To encourage more club participation in submitting trip reports, the club will be hosting a Trip Report Contest this year! The lucky winner will receive a \$100 gift card. More information on the contest guidelines and criteria will be coming soon but in the meantime keep climbing and keep submitting those reports!

Board Meeting

The next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday April 12 @ 6:30 PM. See Google Calendar for more info.

**For more information, please refer to the club calendar : <http://boealps.org/calendar/>*

Membership - New or Renew?

If you are (or were) a Boeing employee or someone in your immediate family is, consider supporting BOEALPS by becoming a member or renewing your membership this year!

Signing up for membership helps us raise the funds we need to keep supporting the great activities and events you enjoy throughout the year. The membership also gives you access to negotiated discounts at several Seattle-area stores, and other benefits - including borrowing gear (see details at <http://boealps.org/members/gear-locker>)

The 2022 BOEALPS membership form - as well as a list of membership benefits - are available on the website at <http://boealps.org/members>.

If you have any questions about membership, contact us at membership@boealps.org

Safe and happy climbing!

You also get a really cool (virtual) membership card!



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MEMBERSHIP

Online forms can be found at: <http://boealps.org/members/>

MEMBERSHIP RATES:

- Individual Member / Associate: \$30
- Individual Retiree: \$25
- Family Membership: \$35

BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- Subscribe to the Club Mailing List at <http://boealps.org/publications/mailling-list/>
- The Basic Mountaineering Class (BMC) offered each spring is a fantastic, fun way to learn safe climbing or a great opportunity for graduates to volunteer as an instructor.
- The Basic Rock Class (BRC) offered each summer helps you hone your rock skills.
- The Alpine Climbing Class (ACC) is also offered each spring. Protection, leading, ice climbing, aid climbing taught with a great instructor/student ratio and an emphasis on safety.
- The Wilderness First Aid (WFA) certification courses are available to teach you how to respond to an emergency in the backcountry.
- General meetings and social activities throughout the year such as campouts, picnics, photo contests, and organized climbs.
- A winter and summer climbing series to keep the blood flowing.
- Seminars on rock climbing, leading, ice climbing, avalanche awareness, backcountry skiing, etc. are offered as a great way to continue learning throughout the year.
- A quarterly newsletter "The Alpine Echo," featuring the club calendar, events, activities, trip reports, outdoor topics, and more.
- Great exercise with wonderful people in the beautiful Cascades and beyond!

DISCOUNTS:

- Feathered Friends: 10% discount
- Outdoor Research: Selected discounts.
- Pro Mountain Sports: Selected discounts.
- Mountain Hardwear: 15% discount.
- Mazama Lodge: Affiliate pricing.

****NOTE:** A valid BOEALPS membership card is required at the time of purchase!!

MORE INFORMATION:

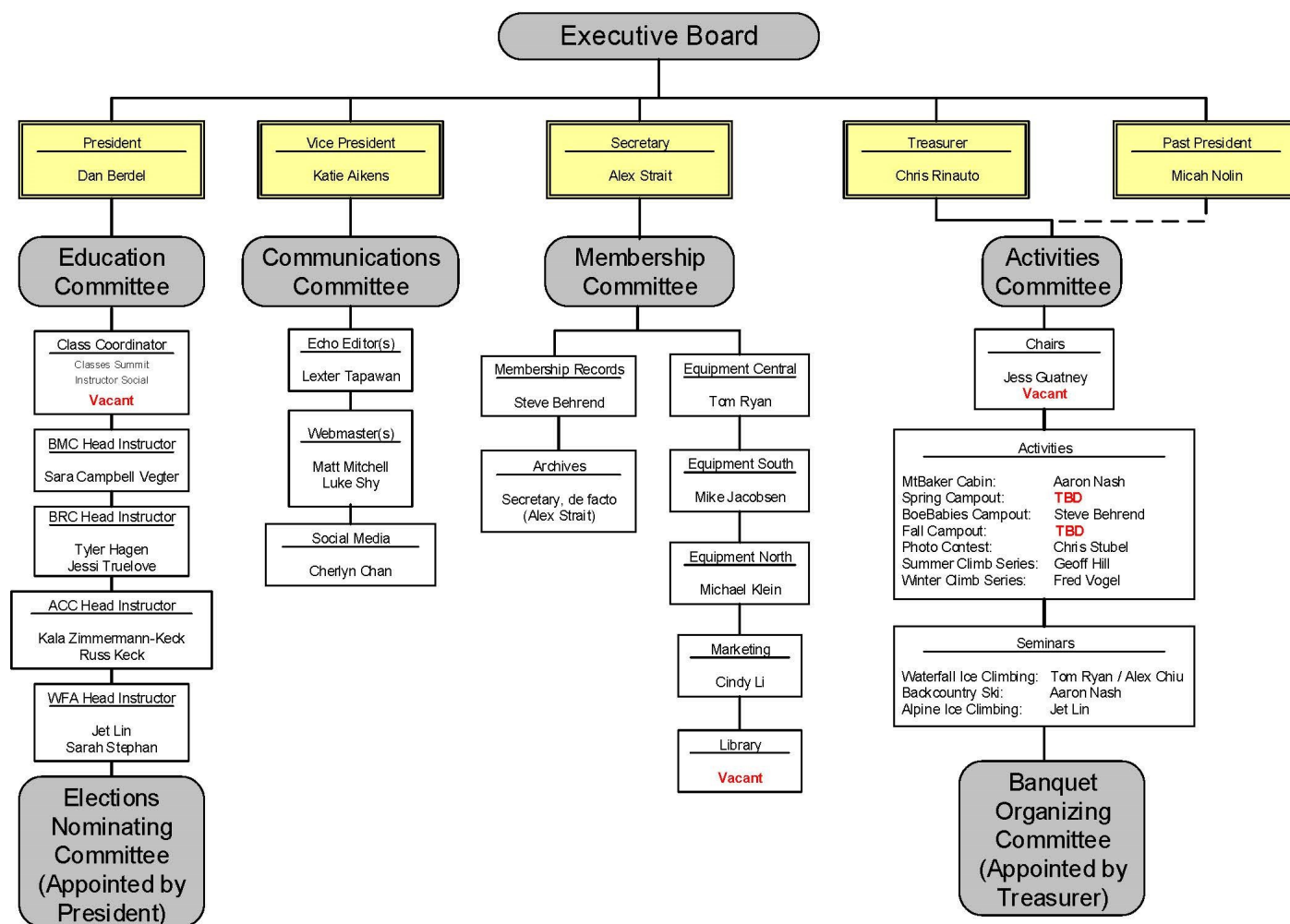
More information on the membership types as well as club documents including PRO-99, BOEALPS Constitution and Bylaws, and BOEALPS Operating Procedures can be found online at <http://boealps.org/members>

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EXECUTIVE BOARD TREE

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2022 BOEALPS Organization Chart



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"Giving up is not in the blood, sir."

-Nirmal "Nimsdai" Purja



Photo from Cindy Li & Andrew Kehl, 2022.

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A word from your editor.

Hello,

Welcome to the July 2022 Issue of the Alpine Echo. We have a few trip reports from your colleagues and some club announcements. Hope you stick around to see what the club and your fellow climbers are up to this summer.

Also, remember that if you have any content that you would like to share with the club, just send them over to me at:
echo-editor@boealps.org

Thanks, and stay safe climbing, hiking, or whatever outdoor activity you all enjoy this summer.

Lexter

BOEALPS Discord Reminder

The club recently rolled out a BOEALPS Discord server as a new tool to enhance our community collaboration! If you have never used Discord it is very similar to other collaboration tools such as Microsoft TEAMS or Slack. Many members that participated in the Basic Mountaineering Course are already using the BOEALPS Discord with great success. Our hope is that this will provide members more opportunity to join and plan climbs, connect with other members, and generally build our community up as we move more and more toward virtual environments.

Some features you can look forward to using include:

- Subject based channels and threads to keep conversations organized
- Voice channels & screen sharing for integrated group trip planning sessions
- Visibility on member climbing education (BMC Grad, BRC Grad, ACC Grad, ect)
- Direct message ability amongst members
- Emoji reactions
- Link sharing for google photos or drive documents

Note that the BOEALPS Discord will not be replacing any of our current community communication tools. You can still expect club announcements to be shared officially via email.

You can get access to the BOEALPS Discord Server by clicking the link below. This link will expire after 7 days so if you miss it and want to join at a later point you can email vp@boealps.org to get a new link. To protect the privacy of our members and community you will not automatically receive full access to the community chats. You will have to follow the instructions in the Getting Started channel and allow us to validate your affiliation to the club to gain full access to the server.

Discord Server Invite Link: <https://discord.gg/tPyCPGFC>

Trip Report Contest

We will be doing a trip report contest this year to encourage people to submit their reports to the Alpine Echo! The community really likes to see what everyone is up to and climbing, it's good motivation, gives ideas to less experienced climbers, and generally keeps the stoke high! You get one entry into the trip report contest for every trip report you submit to the Alpine Echo. If multiple people contribute to the report then you both get an entry. At the end of the year we will do a random drawing to see who wins the \$100 value prize! There is no limit on the number of reports you submit as long as it is a climb you did this year.

The Return of the Library

BOEALPS friends and family,

I am pleased to announce that one of our members, Jon Schillios, accepted the position of Librarian and has graciously opened his bookshelves to house the club's collection. With easily accessible trip reports online and the halting of in-person events over two years ago, the library has been paused. Now our active members can borrow up to four books at once. Take a look at our up-to-date inventory and begin the loan process on the [new website page](#)! There are plenty of historical archives like the American Alpine Journal, accurate guidebooks for your trip-planning needs in the US and abroad, and some gripping essays and novels surrounding climbing topics. Not sure what you want to borrow? Jon is more than happy for you to stay awhile to peruse and read on-location.

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions to round out the collection, then please contact Jon or myself!

Thanks,
Alex Strait
BOEALPS Secretary
secretary@boealps.org

Enchantment Bulgers: Dragontail, Little Annapura and McClellan Peak

By: *Cindy Li and Andrew Kehl*

The plan was to hike into the Enchantment Core via Stuart/Colchuck Lake trailhead and bag some of the Bulgers in the area in a four day, three night trip from June 10th to 13th.

TL;DR - Bagged Dragontail, Little Annapura and McClellan Peak. McClellan was our favorite, because it had a very cool technical climb near the top. The weather changed dramatically (rain → sun → snow) over the span of the trip, so we were grateful for bringing trash bags and our down parkas!



Dragontail

Day 1:

We started walking from the trailhead at 7am Friday morning, June 10th. It was sunny and we had the entire trail to ourselves. Overall, Asgard Pass still had a solid snow pack despite slushy pothole prone snow due to the warm weather. At the bottom, the stream was visible on climber's left, but as we climbed on the right side of the tree cliff, the snowpack was soft, and well covered throughout the entire pass. There were steps visible heading up most of the pass. Near the top of the pass, there was a huge headwall of ice, so we headed to our right and cut across the snow field and continued climbing. About $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way up, it started raining. After about an hour or so of walking, we reached the Core and found a spot near the base of Dragontail and set up camp in the rain. We were prepared for the rain in the afternoon, but it still led to our mountaineering boots getting wet. By early evening, the rain stopped.



Enchantment Core: Winter Wonderland Edition

Day 2:

We began our bid towards Dragontail peak at 7am with damp boots. The weather was clear and snow conditions were soft, so we did not need crampons for the entire day. We followed a very visible path up to the base of Dragontail. There is a moderate couloir near the top that we used to ascend to the back side of Dragontail and summited around 10am. A cloud came in when we reached the top and we had no view of the Core. On our way back, we had the option to go around the back side, instead heading down the moderate couloir, making it a safer descent. As we were heading down, we set off a

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Towards McClellan!

couple small slides along the headwall. The snow was loose and wet. Next, we trekked east across the Core and headed towards Little Annapurna. It was not steep and we summited around 2pm. By the time we made it down Little Annapurna, our boots were completely wetted out and we decided to return to camp instead of trying to summit another Bulger. There was a lot of postholing as we headed back to camp. We arrived at 4pm and spent the rest of the afternoon, making the most of the sunny day by drying as much of our gear as we could. That evening, we shared a beautiful sunset with a resident mountain goat.

Day 3:

With most of our gear dried from the previous day and good weather, we headed for McClellan Peak at 8am. There was an overnight freeze, so the snow was in fantastic condition and we were able to travel quickly across the Core to Perfection Lake. There, we took a small shortcut over the lake's frozen waterfall and around the southern side of Perfection Lake to reach the west base of McClellan. We kicked steps, traversing the north face of McClellan and headed toward the Prong. Although we used crampons most of the way, there were only a few icy spots near the base of the mountain with tree cover. Otherwise, the snow was soft enough that crampons weren't necessary. We reached the base of the couloir, took off our crampons and scrambled up the rock to the shoulder. There, the peak was visible, but it required a walk around the backside of the mountain to avoid a steep pillar of rock. As we got 100 feet to the top, the climb became more technical (5.2ish) with a short, but difficult slab section at the start. (This section is difficult descending if you are short) About 50 ft from the top, we followed a huge flake on the climber's left to summit at noon. The peak has a very large piece of loose rock, so after we got our photos we headed down as quickly as we could. When we were having lunch, it started snowing! We saw the cloud roll in throughout our climb, but we originally did not see snow in the forecast aside from overnight freezing conditions on Saturday night. On our way back to camp, the snow continued and it was like walking through a winter wonderland. All of the lakes within the Core were mostly frozen and where they were melted out, you can see the crystal blue water underneath.

When we got back to camp, the wind was howling and more snow was falling. Luckily, we wrapped our backpacks and approach shoes in trash bags before leaving in the morning. We prepared hot water bottles and began to hunker in for the night, hoping the weather would improve by morning. During the night, the

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wind was so intense, it blew snow up under our vestibule and into the tent (Note: build rock/snow wall). This created a nightmare scenario where we woke up to find a layer of snow covering everything INSIDE our tent including our sleeping bags and inside our boots. We stuffed our sleeping bags with our clothes and did what we could to stay dry while we waited for morning. With no improvement to the weather, we decided at first light (4:30am) to pack up and leave. The wind was still howling and visibility was poor. After pushing our feet into our cold and frozen boots, we broke down camp, all the while struggling to keep the tent from blowing away. When we first started descending Asgard Pass, the wind was so strong it kept pushing us back uphill and we were struggling to stay upright. There was also nearly 6 inches of snow and lots of icy spots, making descent even more difficult to navigate. After 30 ft down the pass, we finally were able to stand up and made good progress toward Colchuck Lake, reaching it at 10am. We made it back to the trailhead about 2pm.

Advice on Gear:

1. The weather was insane our last night and we were able to stay warm with our down parka (ex. Mountain Hardwear Phantom, Rab Positron Pro, Patagonia Grade VII, etc). Down parkas are expensive, but worth their weight in gold on cold nights like these. Thin down/synthetic jackets (ex. Mountain Hardwear Ghost Whisperer) will not cut it.
2. Bring a couple of trash bags. They are lightweight, extremely waterproof and multifunctional.
3. Bring an extra pair of socks. Mountaineering boots are impossible to fully dry once wet, so having warm dry socks is worth it.



McClellan from the west.

Advice on Food:

1. For this trip, I discovered the pure magical deliciousness of a savory Indian snack called kachori! They are deep fried wheat balls stuffed with a spicy chickpea filling. YUM.

Approach Trail Olympics - W. Buttermilk Trail

By: Paul Tyndall - Solo Venture (because people learn from their mistakes)

The mountains are calling but I had to get past the approach trail first. Objective: An early season summit of Oval. I should have knocked this one off a long time ago. First attempt I tagged Star but heavy smoke started to roll in about the time I got back to the turn off for Courtney and Oval. Called it a day. Second attempt my son Mikey and I turned it into a camping trip and a shot at his first WA top 100. He was 10 at the time and had been wanting to bag his first for several years. I finally let him and after Courtney he was satisfied with the day so we passed on Oval opting instead to camp out at Star Lake and headed home the next day. The time had finally come. Do a quick tagup of Oval and finish off this group to get the climbing season going.

Little Beta. Though a nice area this is not the most impressive set of peaks as far as top 100s go. It is scenic but Bigelow/Martin/Switchback are right next door and with the meadows and lakes offer much better aesthetics in my opinion. In terms of fun scrambling it is pretty much all walkups hence why I choose the area for my 10 year old to get his first top 100 vs something like Easy Mox (his preferred objective). For scrambling HooDoo and Raven Ridge are also next door and have much better scrambling to offer. So why Oval? Only real reason for me to go get Oval is that it is a top 100 that I walked past twice and didn't summit. I hate that. And one of the appeals for this one is that although it has a longish approach trail it is a very nice trail with a pretty consistent low grade climb. Makes for fast travel.

So long weekend with nothing to do. Time to go clean up a loose end named Oval.

This was my first warning sign(s) of things to come.



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So the rest of this trip report will have incredible beta on the approach trail and no valuable information at all if you want to go climb the actual mountain. I will call it “Approach Trail Olympics”.

Warm Up: Stretching Event – High Step



First event. Basic qualifying Round: The step over. Extra points if you step on it and break the branches so future competitors don't have to step over it at all.



Same Event: Qualification Round 2 – Step over but followed immediately by a waist high. Slightly annoying but nothing more.



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Same Event: Final Qualifyng Round – Running Jump?. It's the type of obstical you make really cleaver jokes about like "trails blocked, lets go get a beer" to momentarily distract yourself and then keep going.



The Triple Jump. Getting annoying. Don't mind the occasional but little more frequent than preferred.



More jumping, some swearing. Lots of scratchy crap so wear long sleeves.



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The Scratchy Limbo Event. It is about shoulder high across the trail so no good way over. Obvious way is under and doesn't that look fun. Guaranteed to catch your trekking poles strapped to your pack for extra fun. Bonus points for most creative swearing.



The Peek a Boo Trail Event. Now you see me. Now you don't. Really fun. What a prankster this trail is.



Find the trail in this one. I dare you. Do it. Do it now!



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Gotta have a swimming event. It is about 2 feet deep here with a full creek running on the far side.



Balance Beam Creek Crossing. More sweeper branches please? Trekking poles doing their originally designed purpose of catching everything in sight and trying to put me in the creek.



Hello God, I think you left some trail over on the left. Can you take care of that when you get a chance.



Not even mad about the “trail”. More perplexed how a tree uprooted and then had another large cut log

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attach its self vertically to said root mass. Velcro? I really just wanted to see this one happen. Defies logic.



Belly Crawl? Those are all 12-16" diameter trees BTW. Not a trick of the camera.



This one I like to call "Are you freaking kidding me"



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And in conclusion I highly recommend Oval Peak for all our new BCC graduates!!! It is amazing in every way or so I am told. I went 2.5 miles in (and past that last picture) before my soul cracked into several pieces (one of which was lost in the underbrush, please return if found) and my stoke level went very deep into negative numbers. For many sections it was in fact easier to bushwhack off the trail rather than use the "trail". Most amazing trail conditions I have ever experienced.

I dedicate this trip report to Amy England who thought I took her thru bushwhacking hell coming off the Gardeners.

An Enchanted Experience...

Area: Alpine Lakes Wilderness, the Core Enchantments

Dates: 5/23/22-5/25/22

People: Katie Aikens, Patrick Fiedler, Hannah Horton, Tony DeRoo, Lydon Kersting, Jared Villareal

Peaks Bagged: Dragontail & Enchantment Peak

Written from the Perspective of: Katie Aikens

Myself and 5 others set out May 23-25 for a trip to the highly sought after core enchantments permits area. While we had high hopes that the forest service road up to the trailhead would be open by this point the cards were not in our favor. So alas we started the trek from the Bridge Creek Campground adding an additional 3.7 miles and 2000 feet gain to our day.

The road walk was uneventful, some small branches were strewn across the road and a small patch of snow was hanging on in a shaded area of the parking lot. The trail through the valley was generally in good shape, mostly snow free and easy walking. When we got to the turn off from the main trail up to Colchuck lake we stopped here for some of us to stash our hiking shoes and put on mountaineering boots. From this point on snow cover on the trail was fairly consistent but packed down, typical early spring conditions. Once at Colchuck lake we stopped for a longer lunch. The lake was still frozen but Patrick made sure to probe through the foot of slush on the top to verify the solid state underneath. We put on snowshoes at this point and opted to walk across the lake to save us from forest scrambling around the lake. We also took some time here to top off our water using a filter that I had intended to leave at the car but mistakenly forgot (although this turned out to be a blessing at this point and later on).



Here began the dreaded slog up Asgard pass. The snow at the bottom was very wet and soft and some skiiers that were coming down gave us some good beta that we followed to avoid areas that were most likely to trigger a wet loose avalanche. Around where the tree island starts the terrain was starting to get steeper and we decided that it would be easier to kick steps the rest of the way up vs using snowshoes. Really the rest of this was just a long miserable slog were everyone was generally struggling from fatigue having already come some 7 miles and 5000+ feet with overnight packs. Several false summits gave us hope of a finish then preceded to crush us when we realized we still has a little ways to go. But we persevered and finally made it up to the Core Enchantments area right around 6 PM making our travel time about 10 hours. It was pretty windy on ridge just above Asgard pass and I could spy an area that looked relatively covered below. This turned out to be Isolation Lake which as soon as I realized it was a lake I knew

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it would be the perfect camping spot. Since frozen lakes are inherently flat, we wouldn't have to spend time digging out tent platforms. We also realized later that we could dig up enough slush into a hole on top of the frozen part of the lake to filter water which saved a ton of time from having to melt snow. All in all a great success and a great campsite.



We decided to sleep in a bit on day 2 because people were suffering a bit from lack of sleep the night before but we still were up and about leaving camp around 8:30 AM. Our first Objective of the day was Dragontail. The snow conditions were quite hard early in the morning so we all put on crampons and started up the snow to the gap between dragon tail and the ridge coming off of Witches Tower. There was a nice boot path that we were able to hop on about halfway up which made travel much easier than going straight up the steep hard snow. Once we got up to the saddle we continued right and followed the ridge straight to the top of Dragontail! Everything was snow covered still to the top so we had minimal rock scrambling.

After taking many pictures from this unique and spectacular peak we made our way back down. The snow was starting to soften up a bit and we were able to plunge step some of the way back down to camp. Once at camp we took a quick lunch break before packing up for our next objective. We had debated doing McClellan or Enchantment Peak but ultimately decided on Enchantment Peak. Being the easier of the two we felt it was more likely achievable given the experience of our group. So across the core we went toward Prusik Pass. We had decided to leave our snowshoes at camp but realized very soon that this was probably not a good idea. However, none of us wanted to go back to get them so we suffered through the slog across the quickly softening snow. The up to the base of the Enchantment peak summit block was relatively uneventful. We were able to kick good steps all the way up, most of us I think were starting to feel pretty tired at this point but the peak fever had us continuing on. There was snow all the way up to the final class 3 scramble to the very tippy top of enchantment peak. Weather was coming in right as we got to this point so we quickly scrambled up the solid rock a few at a time and rotated through touching the top before heading back down. At this point we were submerged in a



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cloud with some snow and low visibility. The weather mostly stayed this way for the rest of the way back to camp and the rest of the night so we didn't mingle much (if at all) before hiding away in our tents for the night.

The morning of day 3 some of the clouds from the day before started to lift offering us some peeks into blue sky and peak beyond. We Quickly packed up and heading out around 7:30 AM as we had a ways to go and some of us were trying to make it back to Seattle for the BMC class that evening. We were able to glissade about 50% of Asgard pass with patches of shuffling around rocks and trees and avoiding the notorious waterfall of death route. Colchuck lake was already looking much more thawed out than the few days before and the snowy sections of the trail proved to be post hole galor as the previous packed snow had softened enough to not quite hold our weight over sketchy rocks and trees. The road to the trailhead was still closed adding that extra mileage on the way back down as well. We made it back to the cars around 3 PM, happy to be free of our heavy packs and heading home.



Summer Climb Series

The 2022 Summer Climb series is kicking off! Bag-it Night was a great success and we have lots of great climbs on the agenda. Everything from weekday training hikes to an expedition of Aconcagua so the opportunities are endless!

If you missed Bag-it Night but still want to participate in climbs, contact Geoff Hill at scs@boealps.org. We are also utilizing our BOEALPS Discord and/or Summer Climb Series Facebook page to organize climbs so make sure to join those if you want the most up to date info on what is happening!

To sign up for an available climb, you must:

1. Have signed the BOEALPS Release of Liability. Available here: <https://boealps.wufoo.com/forms/r16owzz60dxa1sc/>
2. Have completed the BOEALPS Basic Mountaineering Class (BMC) or have an equivalent level of experience (contact the Summer Climb Coordinator Geoff Hill if you're unsure).

To organize a climb, you must:

1. Have completed the two steps above and:
2. Have at least one BOEALPS club member with you on your climb as a club rep. (If none sign up, take your climb posting off and organize your climb with the folks who did sign up off-line).
3. Create a Discord thread or Facebook event for your climb. Please include: peak(s), route(s), dates, gear needed, and links to any beta (caltopo map, SummitPost, etc.). Climbs must be approved by the Summer Climb Coordinator.

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Online forms can be found at: <http://boealps.org/members/>

MEMBERSHIP RATES:

- Individual Member / Associate: \$30 • Individual Retiree: \$25
- Family Membership: \$35

BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- Subscribe to the Club Mailing List at <http://boealps.org/publications/mailling-list/>
- The Basic Mountaineering Class (BMC) offered each spring is a fantastic, fun way to learn safe climbing or a great opportunity for graduates to volunteer as an instructor.
- The Basic Rock Class (BRC) offered each summer helps you hone your rock skills.
- The Alpine Climbing Class (ACC) is also offered each spring. Protection, leading, ice climbing, aid climbing taught with a great instructor/student ratio and an emphasis on safety.
- The Wilderness First Aid (WFA) certification courses are available to teach you how to respond to an emergency in the backcountry.
- General meetings and social activities throughout the year such as campouts, picnics, photo contests, and organized climbs.
- A winter and summer climbing series to keep the blood flowing.
- Seminars on rock climbing, leading, ice climbing, avalanche awareness, backcountry skiing, etc. are offered as a great way to continue learning throughout the year.
- A quarterly newsletter "The Alpine Echo," featuring the club calendar, events, activities, trip reports, outdoor topics, and more.
- Great exercise with wonderful people in the beautiful Cascades and beyond!

DISCOUNTS:

- Feathered Friends: 10% discount
- Outdoor Research: Selected discounts.
- Pro Mountain Sports: Selected discounts.
- Mountain Hardwear: 15% discount.
- Mazama Lodge: Affiliate pricing.

****NOTE:** A valid BOEALPS membership card is required at the time of purchase!!

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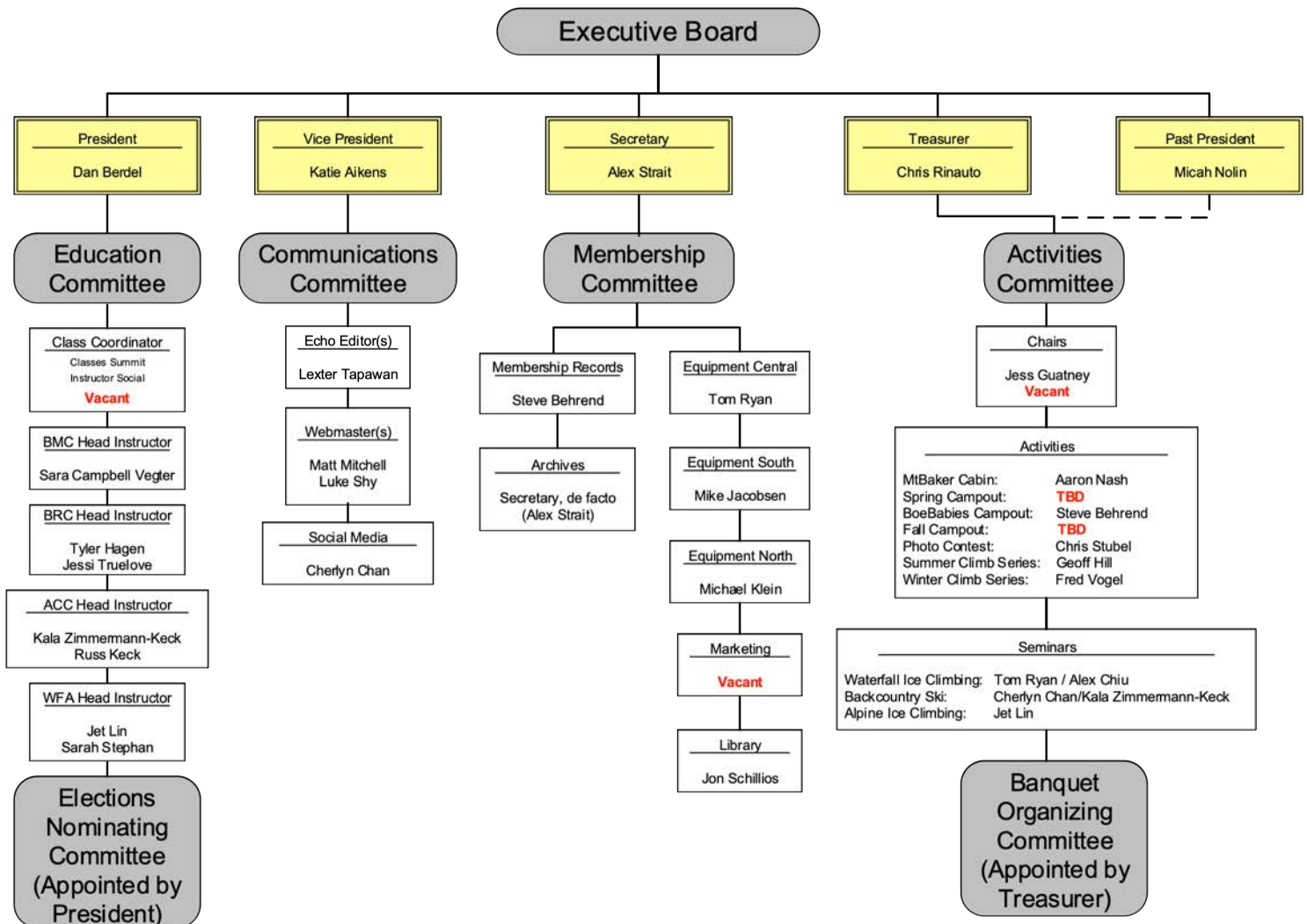
More information on the membership types as well as club documents including PRO-99, BOEALPS Constitution and Bylaws, and BOEALPS Operating Procedures can be found online at <http://boealps.org/members>

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*"The art of mountaineering is knowing when to go,
when to stay, and when to retreat."*

-Ed Viesturs



Photo from Cindy Li & Andrew Kehl, 2022.

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- Trip reports
- Club Announcements
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A word from your editor.

Hello,

Welcome to the December 2022 Winter Issue of the Alpine Echo. We have a few trip reports from your colleagues and some club announcements.

Also, remember that if you have any content that you would like to share with the club, just send them over to me at: echo-editor@boealps.org

Thanks, and stay safe climbing, hiking, or whatever outdoor activity you all enjoy this summer.

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BOEALPS Discord Reminder

The club recently rolled out a BOEALPS Discord server as a new tool to enhance our community collaboration! If you have never used Discord it is very similar to other collaboration tools such as Microsoft TEAMS or Slack. Many members that participated in the Basic Mountaineering Course are already using the BOEALPS Discord with great success. Our hope is that this will provide members more opportunity to join and plan climbs, connect with other members, and generally build our community up as we move more and more toward virtual environments.

Some features you can look forward to using include:

- Subject based channels and threads to keep conversations organized
- Voice channels & screen sharing for integrated group trip planning sessions
- Visibility on member climbing education (BMC Grad, BRC Grad, ACC Grad, ect)
- Direct message ability amongst members
- Emoji reactions
- Link sharing for google photos or drive documents

Note that the BOEALPS Discord will not be replacing any of our current community communication tools. You can still expect club announcements to be shared officially via email.

You can get access to the BOEALPS Discord Server by clicking the link below. This link will expire after 7 days so if you miss it and want to join at a later point you can email vp@boealps.org to get a new link. To protect the privacy of our members and community you will not automatically receive full access to the community chats. You will have to follow the instructions in the Getting Started channel and allow us to validate your affiliation to the club to gain full access to the server.

Discord Server Invite Link: <https://discord.gg/sJpEVJJU>

Aww, Shuksan!

By: Cindy Li & Andrew Kehl

TL;DR: The boot path on the Sulphide glacier avoided most of the crevasses. For Shuksan's gully, we felt there were lots of good solid handholds and footing available when we stayed between the 5-6 existing rappel stations on either side. 30m is fine for rappelling as long as you are willing to down climb between stations.

Day 1: Saturday Sept 3rd

We started at Shannon Ridge trailhead at 9:30am and took our time heading up the well-maintained trail. On the ridge line, we took in the foggy views and enjoyed the abundance of blueberries and huckleberries along the trail. We even took a little cat nap at lunch break. After the ridge went around the base of a mountain, we found several water sources from snowmelt. At 6200 ft, the trail ended, and the Sulphide glacier started. The snow was soft enough to not require spikes or crampons, so we took the easy ridge and then hooked climber's



left to find a great upper base camp. We found a small trickle stream to fill up our water and enjoyed the composting toilet with a fantastic view of Mt. Baker in all its glory. At the basecamp, we met a professional boxer, Patty "Boom Boom" Alcivar! It's cool meeting people from all over, especially on top of a mountain. We watched two groups return to camp and found out they were both part of a guided group that summited that day. They kindly shared beta on the glacier and the summit pyramid.

Day 2: Sunday, Sept 4th

On the morning of our summit day, a heavy fog set in, so we chose to delay our planned 4am departure in favor of greater visibility at sunrise. At 6am, we were treated to a beautiful sunrise with mostly clear skies. We roped and headed up the glacier on soft but

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firm snow and soon found the main boot path that made its way up above the crevasse field. As the climb flattened, the lead climber “postholed” and soon realized it was a small crevasse opening across the path. Later, we crossed an even larger 1 foot wide crevasse on the boot path that we hopped over. We arrived at the bottom of the summit pyramid at 8:30am.

With the summit pyramid melted out, there were lots of good solid handholds and footing available when we stayed in the gully between the 5-6 existing rappel stations on either side. The easier way up was following the rappel stations on the right side of the gully. We made it to the summit after 10am and had the top to ourselves between a low and high cloud layer that surrounded Mt. Shuksan when we started the climb. When we began our descent, a light rain started and made the rock slick.



At the rappel stations, the slings were in good condition. Each station had rappel rings and there were multiple slings all on them except for one, so we rappelled as much as we could on our 30m. A 60m rope would be ideal, because you could go from station to station without down climbing. However, our 30m worked well and there were never sections that were too steep to down climb. All in all, rope management took the most time, because we often had to carry the rope from station to station.

When we got to the glacier, we descended into the lower cloud layer and were socked in with about 30 ft of visibility. We made it back to camp at 3pm and soon after the rain started. We decided stay for another night rather than hike down in the rain. That afternoon, we met some new groups of climbers who arrived at camp and were eager for beta.

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Day 3: Monday, Sept 5th

In the morning, we enjoyed another great sunrise, this time with lots of clouds. We packed up and headed out around 6am, determined to spend more time enjoying the delicious trail side berries.



Sun, Storm, and Salvation - A Snowshoeing Tale

By: Elden Altizer

I wasn't sure what I'd gotten myself into when I started joining the Boealps Snowshoeing outings. The Snowshoe outing series grew out of a few individuals that loved to summit mountains in the winter. Mike Bingle, Doug Sanders, and Tim Hudson were the founding members, with Mike Bingle starting the Boealps winter series in January 2000. It helps to have more people to help break trail!

It was 2004 and I'd had a rude awakening to my mortality. Two coronary stents to open blockages at age 44. I'd fallen into a routine that so many others had taken of working too much, gaining weight, stressful job and juggling a family life with three young children helped me justify less climbing and "me" time. Fortunately, I was cleared for unrestricted physical activity, and I was invited to join the snowshoe outings. The first couple of outings really set the expectation bar high. Silver Peak and a trip to Union/Jove in wet snowing conditions with no view felt like a sufferfest. But beyond the suffering I felt the draw of the outdoors that I'd always loved.

A nice day on Avalanche Mountain. Doug Sanders, summit with Mike Bingle 2nd from right

Over the years I attend many of these outings, which were organized through a Yahoo Groups page. Yahoo deleted the Groups feature, and perhaps many of the photos that were shared are lost. Many of the climbs were based on Dallas Kloke's book, Winter Climbs: One Day Ascents. Doug Sanders, living to the north, favored trips off Hwy 2 and the Mountain Look Highway. Those of us down south liked trips along the I-90 corridor. All trips started in the dark, and often ended that way.

The 2022 outing session is in motion. The dates for outings are:

Dec. 4 & 18, Jan. 1, 15, & 29, Feb. 11 & 26

Feb. 11 is a Saturday as we avoid Super Bowl Sunday on the 12th.

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Like the last two years, members of the Washington Alpine Club can join the outings by signing the Boealps waiver. Basic Class or equivalent experience is required. Trip destinations and details will be posted about a week in advance on Facebook (Boealps Snowshoe Outings) and for Boealps on Discord under Winter Climbs.

In 2018 I retired and hit the mountains a lot. I thought "this is the life!", but I got another rude cardiac event while snowshoeing Arrowhead Mountain east of Stevens Pass. The route had deep powder and a lot of vertical. We took turns breaking trail like on all trips, but I had a session with thigh deep snow that wiped me out, and I was not recovering the way I should. Something was wrong, and I let

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the others know. I was able to make my way down okay once my heart rate dropped, but the short story was that one of my stents from 2004, that was partially blocked in 2014, finally became fully blocked. I'm fortunate to have an incredible cardiologist at UW Medicine use their robots to open it up – and they found that it had not been properly expanded back in 2004 so they expanded it as well. Below is a photo of the conditions that sent me over the edge.

I've been out on many outings since, and I hope you might join us for one of the outings. There seems to be a lot more interest in backcountry skiing, but it seems that more summits and conditions can be covered with snowshoes, and perhaps the pace is slower, but the conversations are longer. See you in the hills!



Trip Report Contest

We will be doing a trip report contest this year to encourage people to submit their reports to the Alpine Echo! The community really likes to see what everyone is up to and climbing, it's good motivation, gives ideas to less experienced climbers, and generally keeps the stoke high! You get one entry into the trip report contest for every trip report you submit to the Alpine Echo. If multiple people contribute to the report then you both get an entry. At the end of the year we will do a random drawing to see who wins the \$100 value prize! There is no limit on the number of reports you submit as long as it is a climb you did this year.

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MEMBERSHIP

Online forms can be found at: <http://boealps.org/members/>

MEMBERSHIP RATES:

- Individual Member / Associate: \$30 • Individual Retiree: \$25
- Family Membership: \$35

BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- Subscribe to the Club Mailing List at <http://boealps.org/publications/mailling-list/>
- The Basic Mountaineering Class (BMC) offered each spring is a fantastic, fun way to learn safe climbing or a great opportunity for graduates to volunteer as an instructor.
- The Basic Rock Class (BRC) offered each summer helps you hone your rock skills.
- The Alpine Climbing Class (ACC) is also offered each spring. Protection, leading, ice climbing, aid climbing taught with a great instructor/student ratio and an emphasis on safety.
- The Wilderness First Aid (WFA) certification courses are available to teach you how to respond to an emergency in the backcountry.
- General meetings and social activities throughout the year such as campouts, picnics, photo contests, and organized climbs.
- A winter and summer climbing series to keep the blood flowing.
- Seminars on rock climbing, leading, ice climbing, avalanche awareness, backcountry skiing, etc. are offered as a great way to continue learning throughout the year.
- A quarterly newsletter "The Alpine Echo," featuring the club calendar, events, activities, trip reports, outdoor topics, and more.
- Great exercise with wonderful people in the beautiful Cascades and beyond!

DISCOUNTS:

- Feathered Friends: 10% discount
- Outdoor Research: Selected discounts.
- Pro Mountain Sports: Selected discounts.
- Mountain Hardwear: 15% discount.
- Mazama Lodge: Affiliate pricing.

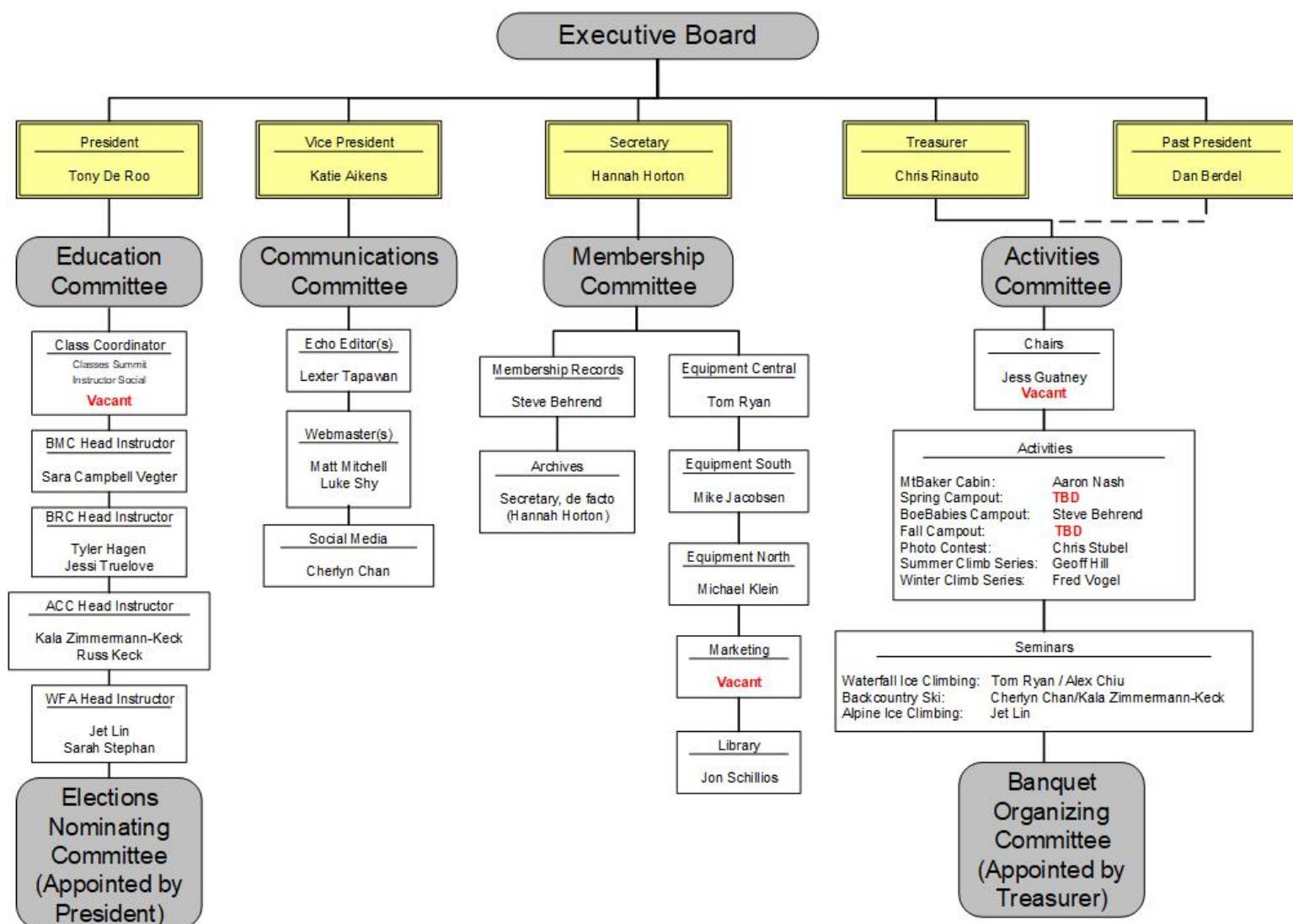
****NOTE:** A valid BOEALPS membership card is required at the time of purchase!!

MORE INFORMATION:

More information on the membership types as well as club documents including PRO-99, BOEALPS Constitution and Bylaws, and BOEALPS Operating Procedures can be found online at <http://boealps.org/members>

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2023 BOEALPS Organization Chart



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