



# Calgary Area Outdoor Council

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## Outdoor Update

### New CAOC Board Members Needed By Calgary Area Outdoor Council

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#### Some Background

The Calgary Area Outdoor Council continues to grow in its abilities to provide services for the outdoors community, and that growth means we are searching for additional creative minds to serve on the CAOC Board of Directors. Being on the CAOC Board at this time is exciting, especially since our recent member survey asked us to investigate some new initiatives for the outdoors community. We're still examining those initiatives, but in the meantime we would like to tell you about the basics of this opportunity.

Those who serve on the CAOC Board come from our member organizations. Our current 80-plus member organizations represent a large spectrum of the outdoors community which includes categories such as businesses, clubs, non-profit agencies, and other groups, which are all involved in some form of outdoor recreation and/or environmental care. We are thus always privileged to have Board members who represent not only the diversity of their respective sectors of the outdoors community, but also the common elements which have always tied those sectors together.

At the present time CAOC has Board members from outdoor gear stores, from provincial and national parks, and from an outdoor activity club. Since we like to have the experience, input, perspectives, and wisdom from a broad cross-section of the outdoors community, we would be especially

interested in welcoming three new Board members from categories not currently represented on our Board. We also hope that two of those new members would serve in a capacity known as Director at Large, while the third would serve as Board Secretary.

#### What You Can Expect as a CAOC Board Member

The experience of serving on the CAOC Board is nothing less than dynamic and challenging. Moreover, it also guarantees you three things above all else: (1) You *will* be in good company with in-the-know people who share your passion, desire, and spirit to do CAOC's best possible work on behalf of Calgary's outdoors community, (2) you *will* become immersed in a vast wealth of knowledge about outdoor recreation and environment care activities in the Calgary region, and (3) you *will* have ongoing opportunities to offer ideas and make decisions that result in important contributions to Calgary's outdoors community.

Important contributions, yes, but also rest assured that, although you'll be giving us your best, you won't be required to do mundane tasks. That's not our style. Instead, you'll be right in the middle of developing strategic initiatives and long-range planning based on your own experiences and visions. And yes, our own style for CAOC Board member responsibilities means you'll still be able to keep your other life.

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#### The Actual Board Meetings

Naturally, CAOC Board meetings follow a previously determined agenda, because we do indeed want to get some work done. But the meetings are also somewhat informal and laid back, with the freedom to speak your mind, express your opinions, and discuss things openly without the feeling that you're somehow out of line. (You're also allowed to slouch in your chair, crack your knuckles, and make noises while eating the artery-clogging pizza we get delivered for the meetings.)

The CAOC Board of Directors meets from 6:30pm to 8:30pm on the third Monday of each month. There are

usually no meetings during the summertime because, well, we're all out playing somewhere else. And, by the way, the December "meeting" often takes place at a nearby Kensington pub.

#### Are You Interested?

If you would like to learn more about being part of the CAOC Board of Directors, *but without making any commitments yet*, please phone or email our office at (403) 270-2262 or caoc@caoc.ab.ca.

## Friends of Fish Creek Provincial Park Society

**Become a Member of the Friends of Fish Creek! Help support this much-loved area that means so much to so many.**

Our mission is to Protect, Preserve, and Enhance the Diverse Natural and Human Heritage Found in Fish Creek Provincial Park.

Friends Members receive discounts on courses, such as Bird Watching, a 10% discount at the Wild Bird Store and Kensington Art Supply, free admission to our Speaker Series presentations, and stay up to date on volunteer opportunities and special events throughout Fish Creek Provincial Park by reading the newsletter *Voice of the Friends*.

#### Annual Membership (October 1 – September 30)

Individual:	\$30	Family:	\$40
Senior (+60):	\$20	Senior Family:	\$25

How to sign up:

- In person at the Cookhouse at the Bow Valley Ranch, Fish Creek Provincial Park (south end of Bow Bottom Trail SE)
- On line at [www.friendsoffishcreek.org](http://www.friendsoffishcreek.org)
- Email [chris@friendsoffishcreek.org](mailto:chris@friendsoffishcreek.org)
- Via mail to Friends of Fish Creek Provincial Park, P.O. Box 2780, Calgary, Alberta, T2P 2M7

For more information call (403) 238-3841.



### Skiing for Seniors

By Seniors Alpine Ski Club

The Seniors Alpine Ski Club welcomes dynamic over 55s at all levels of skiing. Members enjoy ski days at COP and Nakiska, carpooling, overnight trips, ski improvement clinics, social functions and a newsletter. Some members also like to snowshoe. Annual membership fee is \$25.

There will be a registration day on Saturday, November 19, from 10:00am to 3:00pm at the Royal Canadian Legion (Chinook Room) 1910 Kensington Road NW. A *Let's Get Acquainted Day* at COP is also scheduled for Tuesday, December 6, from 3:00pm to 9:00pm.

For more information visit our website at [www.seniorsalpineskiclub.com](http://www.seniorsalpineskiclub.com).



Apres ski, one of the best parts of being a SASC member



A great day at Schweitzer Basin, Idaho



SASC's most senior member, at 99 years old, shows her stuff in some turns

### Inglewood Bird Sanctuary



#### Parks 2011 Fall Nature Programs Birding & Nature Adventures for October - November 2011

##### Eagle and Hawk Migration

Thousands of golden eagles migrate south only a 45- minute drive away in the Kananaskis Valley. Learn about these fascinating birds of prey during an evening class then an all-day field trip provides a chance to view them.

Course: 298155  
Date: October 12-15, 2011  
Time: 7:00pm - 9:00pm  
Cost: \$99.75/person

##### Learn to Bird Watch

Learn how to identify birds by size, shape and field marks of birds in any season. This course includes a classroom portion and a bird walk in the Inglewood Bird Sanctuary.

Course: 298154  
Date: November 19, 2011  
Time: 9:00am - 4:00pm  
Cost: \$47.25/person

##### Family Bird Walk

Inglewood Bird Sanctuary is a haven for birds on their long journey south to their wintering grounds. Join us on a stroll along the trails in search of gulls, dabbling ducks, shorebirds, waxwings and more.

Course: 298153  
Date: October 22, 2011  
Time: 1:00pm - 3:30pm  
Cost: \$25.00/person

##### Family Winter Bird Feeding Workshop

Learn how to attract birds to your backyard. Each participant will make their own pinecone bird feeder and take home a field guide.

Course: 298151  
Date: November 19, 2011  
Time: 1:00pm – 3:30pm  
Cost: \$25.00/person

Register for all the above programs by calling:  
(403) 268-3800 (Option 1)

or online @ [www.calgary.ca/recreation](http://www.calgary.ca/recreation)

For room rentals & more please call 3-1-1 or email [inglewoodbirdsantuary@calgary.ca](mailto:inglewoodbirdsantuary@calgary.ca) for information.

Alberta Wilderness Association

Music for the **Wild**

Alberta Wilderness  
Association



is proud  
To present

Rob Heath

Saturday Nov. 5, 2011 7:00 PM



Opening Act

Christie Simmons & Brian Volke



*455 - 12 Street NW, Calgary*

Tickets \$15 at [www.albertawilderness.ca/events](http://www.albertawilderness.ca/events) or (403) 283-2025

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Music for the **Wild**

Alberta Wilderness Association  is proud to present

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**The Tragically Hick**  
Saturday December 10, 2011 7:30 PM



And Berna-Dean Holland

455 12 Street NW, Calgary  
Tickets \$15 at [www.albertawilderness.ca/events](http://www.albertawilderness.ca/events) or (403) 283-2025

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## Alberta Wilderness Association

*Presents*

# *The Battle for No-Man's Land*

With Bob Scammell

## The 2011 Martha Kostuch Annual Wilderness and Wildlife Lecture



Bob Scammell is known for his 45 years of writing a weekly outdoors column carried at one time or another by most of Alberta's main newspapers, and continuously by the Red Deer Advocate since 1966. On November 18, Bob takes us on a heartfelt journey through Alberta's public lands, and proposes a plan of action for responsible management of those lands going forward.

*The 2011 Wilderness Defenders Award recipients are Steve Herrero and Bob Scammell.*



Alberta Wilderness Association

455 - 12<sup>th</sup> St. NW • Calgary, Alberta  
November 18, 2011  
Reception 6:00pm • Lecture and Awards 7:00pm  
Members \$30 • Non-members \$45  
Reservations required, space is limited: (403) 283-2025  
Online: [www.AlbertaWilderness.ca/events](http://www.AlbertaWilderness.ca/events)

### Meeting Rooms for Rent at the Calgary Area Outdoor Council

When the Calgary Area Outdoor Council is not using its two meeting rooms for our own programs and functions we make them available for rent to other groups.

Groups typically use our meeting rooms for conferences, training sessions and workshops, seminars and forums, media launches, and any number of let's-get-away-from-the-office functions. The rooms are also frequently used for events such as art shows, baby showers, birthdays, yoga, spiritual gatherings and graduation celebrations.

If your group is interested in meeting room space at reasonable rates contact the CAOC office at (403) 270-2262 or [caoc@caoc.ab.ca](mailto:caoc@caoc.ab.ca).



#### **Bow River Room** **(Capacity: 6 - 8 people)**

**Rental Rates for CAOC Members:**  
\$25 per hour or \$150 for the day  
(plus GST)

**Rental Rates for Non-Members:**  
\$30 per hour or \$180 for the day  
(plus GST)



#### **Rocky Mountain Room** **(Capacity: 36 - 42 people)**

**Rental Rates for CAOC Members:**  
\$30 per hour or \$180 for the day  
(plus GST)

**Rental Rates for Non-Members:**  
\$35 per hour or \$210 for the day  
(plus GST)



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The Calgary Area Outdoor Council (CAOC) is a registered non-profit association of 80+ member organizations who share common interests in outdoor recreation and environmental care. Our role is to enhance access to the outdoors through communications, education, representation and leadership.

## Outdoor Update Newsletter

The *Outdoor Update* is a free monthly newsletter from the Calgary Area Outdoor Council. It contains articles, events, notices, and other information from, for, and about the outdoor recreation and environmental care community. To subscribe contact our office at (403) 270-2262 or [caoc@caoc.ab.ca](mailto:caoc@caoc.ab.ca). To include your own information in the *Outdoor Update* email your material, along with your specific request to have it published, to our office by mid-month. Text should be sent in Microsoft Word format please. Accompanying images and photos should be sent in JPEG format please. If your photos require credit please provide the relevant details. CAOC reserves the right to accept, decline or edit any material received for publication.



This fellow showed up at the mountaintop doorstep of Livingstone Fire Lookout last summer. His nose-to-end-of-tail length was estimated to be seven feet plus.  
(Photo by Andries van Pelt, Livingstone Fire Lookout employee)