



VIEW OF GRAVENSTAFEL RIDGE AND MOUNT HAIG

THE LIFTLINE CMCA Newsletter

2017 EVENTS

CMCA Tid Bits

by Carmen Walker

The 22nd annual Huckleberry festival had a few changes this year and the CMCA would like to thank all the volunteers for their time. No one could miss the happy volunteers in their bright orange t-shirts and the big smiles. Fun fact, you could see the orange shirts at the top of huckleberry from the base area. Hats off to everyone involved in organizing a great 2 day event.

To date the CMCA has sold 23 annual memberships. We would like to thank everyone who has already purchased one

For anyone who would like to be actively involved with the CMCA we will be having our AGM on September 30 (in the am). Everyone in the community is eligible to put their name forward or be nominated to sit on the CMCA board. We would really like to have someone from the RV community represent that portion of the community as we currently don't have any representation from that group of people. More details about the CMCA AGM will be released at a later date.

Did you know we have a website?
<https://castlemountaincommunity.org> is the address. If you're looking for a copy of the recently released [Master Development Plan](#) we've got it there for your enjoyment.

Canadian Ski Patrol Southern Alberta Zone

by Mike Bly and Josh Allen

The Canadian Ski Patrol is a National volunteer organization comprised of over 5000 members at 230 resorts across the country. The Southern Alberta Zone of the Canadian Ski Patrol is proud to support and be based at Castle Mountain Resort.

Our membership is a group of amazing folks from all walks of life. Each year we run a recruitment campaign in an effort to bring in more enthusiastic individuals to the group and build our membership. Our members are passionate about skiing and snowboarding and desire to make a difference and contribution to the community. The Southern Alberta Zone takes great pride promoting safe skiing and providing first aid and rescue services to those who ski and play at Castle Mountain Resort.

We are looking for anyone who is 18 years or older and is a strong intermediate alpine skier or snowboarder. All CSP members must be able to handle all of the many types of terrain and snow conditions that we would encounter at Castle Mountain.

Have you ever wondered about or wanted to know more about the Canadian Ski Patrol at Castle Mountain?

Westcastle Ski Club Registration
September 1

Drifter Day September 9



CSP recruit information night
September 7, 2017 @ CASA in
Lethbridge

CMCA AGM September 30

Volunteer Brushing September 30 &
October 1

Castle Mountain Freestyle Club
Registration Early November

Have an article you'd like
published in the Liftline?

Contact

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to share your ideas



CANADIAN SKI PATROL
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Member Benefits:

Tangible benefits:

- Advanced first aid training
- Area access privileges nationally
- Electronic monthly newsletter "5/5"
- Insurance coverage
- Legal support
- Contacts and references
- Skiing
- Relationship with CSIA (Local)
- Pro-deal/supplier discounts

Intangible benefits:

- Camaraderie
- International affiliation
- On-going professional development
- Development of transferable skills
- Public recognition
- Broad peer base
- Access to current research
- Other social connections

What commitment is required?

Training for Southern Alberta Zone begins in late September and runs for 4 consecutive weekends (Sat/Sun) excluding Thanksgiving. Upon successful completion of the first aid course, our new members will come out highly trained and confident in providing assistance to those in need. There is a 1-day life evacuation training that takes place in mid-November at Castle Mountain.

Our members commit a minimum 3 weekend days per month through the season, and may schedule for more if they choose. This schedule is set prior to the beginning of the season. Our membership participates in many fundraising activities through the year, which include Bingos, and off-season first aid at running events.

Volunteering with the CSP is a great opportunity to provide a great service to the community while doing something we are all passionate about – skiing and snowboarding.

For more information on the Canadian Ski Patrol please visit the national website at www.skipatrol.ca. For more specific information about patrolling with the Southern Alberta Zone at Castle Mountain, look us up and send us a message through Facebook or send an email message to patrolatcastle@gmail.com. We will be providing first aid at the Huckleberry Festival this year as we have in the past. Please feel free to stop any one of us and have a chat about the organization.

A recruit information night is scheduled for September 7, 2017 @ CASA in Lethbridge, AB. Please contact us at anytime if you have any questions about the Canadian Ski Patrol.

Hope to See You Out There

Regards,

Mike Bly – Zone President

Josh Allen – VP Public Relations

<https://www.facebook.com/PatrolCastle>

Castle Mountain Freestyle Ski Club

by Cam Motta

Over the 2016/2017 winter the Castle Mountain Freestyle Ski Club had another successful year. With the most skier registrations and active coaches to date, the club is positioned for another high-flying season. Castle Freestyle works with multiple age groups and disciplines to compete and train at home and at various events across Canada. This season we saw our youngest team: The Jumps and Bumps skiers (ages 7-12) compete at Mogul and Slopestyle events at Panorama, Sunshine, and here at Castle. They were led by our new Coach Brittney Barber helped out by Head Coach Cam Motta. The Freestylerz team (ages 12-14) followed a similar circuit with competitive coach Veronica Oczkowski helped out with additional mid-week training at Winsport's Canada Olympic Park. Castle Freestyle's Big Mountain team (currently ages 12-16) had a strong competition season attending three National Freeski events in addition to our home event

the *Castle Mountain Junior Freeski*. They were led by coaches Brendan Busato, Walker Rangen, and Martin Taticek.

Minimum involvement with the club is 10 Saturdays of skiing with an accredited freestyle specific ski coach. The on-snow training begins in mid-December and runs until late-March. The club encourages all members to get involved in local competitions and events to become fully immersed in the sport. Alberta Freestyle (abfreestyle) and the International Freeskiers Association (IFSA) host events suitable for entry level freestyle skiers all the way up to the highly competitive. The club will be running weekend training at Castle Mountain Resort and weeknight training at Winsport's Canada Olympic Park in Calgary and at Blairmore's Pass Powderkeg in the Crowsnest Pass.

The Castle Mountain Freestyle Ski Club is currently seeking new members!

If your child is interested in participating with the Castle Mountain Freestyle Ski Club stay tuned for registration dates to come (Early-November).

QUESTIONS?? Email Cam Motta – Head Coach at cam.motta72@gmail.com

Check us out!!!

On Facebook: 'Castle Mountain Freestyle Ski Club'

On Instagram: [@castlemountainfreestyle](https://www.instagram.com/castlemountainfreestyle)

On the web: www.castlefreestyle.ca

Visit Alberta Freestyle: www.abfreestyle.com

Visit Freestyle Canada: www.freestyle.ski



What are you doing this winter?



Westcastle Ski Club at Castle Mountain Resort has several programs for young athletes to choose from, with groups ranging in age from 4 - 17 and accommodating everyone from confident beginners to advanced ski racers. We also offer unique programs for adults.

Registration opens Sept. 1

westcastle.org



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SKI CLUB

Castle's first ever Summer Solstice Weekend was a great hit

by Cheryl de Leeuw

On Saturday morning, June 17th, over fifty people turned out for a delicious breakfast in the T bar Pub to kick off Castle Mountains Resort's inaugural summer solstice weekend. Many thanks to Stu Allen who treated us with juices, coffee, tea, fruit, muffins and other delectable treats. It was not just the breakfast that prompted these adventurous people to show up, but also the promise of hiking and hard work, improving the trails on Graventafel and Haig mountains.

After receiving a brief overview of the day's endeavors and reviewing the fantastic new summer brochure and hiking trail map produced by CMR and the Community Association, the volunteers were split into five energetic teams to tackle the trail improvements, which included posting new signs, clearing brush and striking new trails.

Dennis Miller and Karen Harker took a group up to Paradise Lake where they encountered huge remnants of avalanche debris by the still frozen lake. They hiked up the ridge on the south side of the lake to a spectacular view of Sore Crotch Valley (Please can we change that name...).



Bob Walker and group put up a trailhead sign for the Village trail and came back having wandered up and down the Westcastle riverbanks with many ideas for improvements, which CMCA and CMR will hopefully have the funds and time to act on to make those trails easier for our village visitors to enjoy.



Gerry de Leeuw had a feisty group which put signs all the way up to Haig Lake using the South route (taking the switchbacks up under Huckleberry chair). Most impressively, they built a magical little trail through the woods from Tumbleweed to Buffalo Flats arriving just at the right spot to head up the Cinch Fork to the lake.



Ward Armstrong and Kevin Finn had a large group of volunteers (including Makiko's sister and mother from Japan, and first-timer to Haig, Sherry) who cleared and signed the North route to the Lake. There will no longer be a need to bushwhack from the end of Cinch Traverse down to the lake!



Lastly, Lynne and Laurent Marechal took a few

unsuspecting volunteers up to help them with their pet project of creating a trail from the top of Huckleberry chair, heading out behind the generator and following a fairly flat trajectory towards Haig Lake.

Everyone enjoyed post-hiking drinks by the pub's picnic tables before heading home to shower, relax, eat and mostly not be able to get up off the couch to return for an evening bonfire.

Sunday morning thirty community members joined Fraser and Pat Neuman from the Pincher Creek Fire Department for an informative tour of our fire hall and had a blast (literally) attaching the hoses to the fire hydrant and trying to hold on while watering the lodge's lawn.



Thanks so much everyone for making this weekend a success.

Looking ahead to next year, I see that the fourth weekend of June is summer solstice once again... Just saying



CMCA MEMBERSHIP FORM

A CMCA membership:

- Expire on December 31 every year
- Covers one family per house hold
- Costs \$20 per year
- Primary method of communication will be via email

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

CMR Unit #: _____ Number of people this membership covers: _____

Email Address(s): _____

Phone Number: _____

Mailing Address (of primary unit owner/renter): _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Please return the completed form with payment to one of the following people:

Carmen Walker CMR Lot# 7

Litisha Miller CMR Lot# 15

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