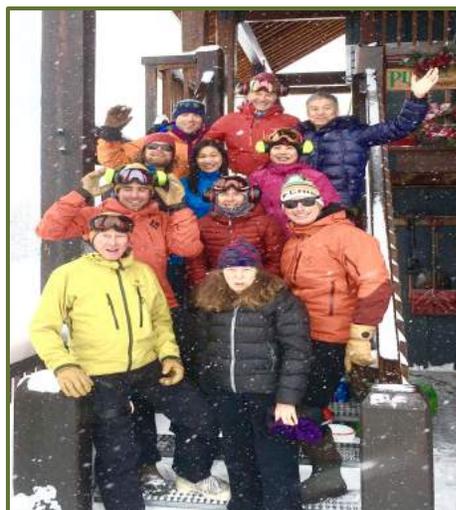


  
**PURCELL MOUNTAIN LODGE**  
 New Beginnings 2017 January Newsletter

December was a magical time to be in Purcell's winter wonderland. The lodge was bustling with activity with AST courses and welcoming guests for holiday tours. Guests had a chance to unplug and take in the beauty of the backcountry. Many enjoyed guided alpine touring and snowshoeing while others sat by the fireplace and rejuvenated inside the cozy Lodge. Every evening new friends bonded over wine, gourmet meals, lively conversation and the vast section of board games & puzzles. Readers immersed themselves in the many new bestseller books. Everyone left feeling invigorated with happy smiles and life long memories.

**Wishing you peace, love and laughter in the new year!**



**Winter 2017 Self Guided & Self Catered Available Dates January 20 to March 27**



Small groups are welcome in our private chalet. Two queen beds and four twin beds in two spacious bedrooms. \$800 per person plus tax and helicopter transfers. Accommodations for up to eight guests. Private kitchen, indoor bathroom and hot shower. Located just steps away from the main Lodge and traditional wood burning sauna. Catered food option upon request.



**Purcell in the News! Read All About Us! S-Magazine, Explore Magazine & The Outbound**



*S-Magazine on newsstands January 2017 or online at <http://snowsportsculture.com/s-magazine-discovery-issue/>*

*<http://www.explore-mag.com/>  
**The-Untouched-Powder-in-THIS-Town-Will-Ruin-In-Bounds-Skiing-for-You***

*<https://www.theoutbound.com/tourismgolden/the-ultimate-guide-to-backcountry-lodges-near-golden-bc>*

## Purcell Mountain Lodge's AST 2 Course By Jock Mackenzie



The AST 2 course at Purcell Mountain Lodge was "Extreme, Extreme, Extreme." The 24/7 opportunity to learn and share was extreme, the accommodations were extreme, and the camaraderie was extreme.

Eight of us met course instructor and long-time ACMG guide, Doug Latimer, at Alpine Helicopters in Golden for our 15-minute flight in to the lodge.

The ride in was spectacular. And the lodge – wow! We had private rooms, shared but plentiful washrooms, and great showers. The adjacent sauna was an added bonus.

On each of our days, the pre-ski meeting was critical. We needed to go over the avalanche and weather conditions. We needed to learn and to share. We needed to make a plan.

On each of the four days, we spent the majority of our time on the slopes. We visited Kneegrinder, Porcupine, the area toward Mount Sir Donald and Copperstain. It was learn/ski/learn/ski – and skin. And the constant mantra from our leader and guide Doug "Would you ski this slope if the conditions were \_\_\_\_\_?" His years of experience generally and at Purcell specifically added invaluable information. Being able to relate events with immediate experience and a story made the learning more memorable.



Each day, once we returned to the lodge, our learning continued. Yes, we were met with appetizers, the sauna, gourmet meals, and beverages by the fire. But the learning continued. Evening sessions with Doug's laptop and projector added considerably to our understanding.



As I said at the outset, I noted how *extremely* pleased I was with all aspects of the course. But I wasn't alone. Comments from the others included these thoughts: "You wouldn't ever get to work together as much as we have this week." "I came to Purcell before just to ski and I think I've done as much skiing this time." "The first-hand learning is what I'll remember when I'm out with my friends." "Hey, I did the math and Purcell Mountain Lodge was one great deal."

### Purcell Mountain Lodge and Yamnuska Mountain Adventures Partnership

Purcell Mountain Lodge is pleased to be partnering with Yamnuska Mountain Adventures  
Offering AST Level 1 & 2 courses in Winter 2017/2018

Watch for dates at [purcellmountainlodge.com](http://purcellmountainlodge.com) and [yamnuska.com](http://yamnuska.com) for December and January dates.



**Winter 2016/2017 Guiding Team at Purcell Mountain Lodge**



**ACMG Ski Guides:** Burke, Ken, John & Stewart. Missing photos are John D. & Aaron  
**ACMG Apprentice Ski Guides:** Ian Missing photos are Darren & Tamara  
**TRU Student Practicum:** Sarah Hu

Professionally guided tours commence January 20 to March 27, 2017. Three, four and seven day tours starting at \$1755 per person plus tax



**Snowshoe Tours at Purcell Mountain Lodge**

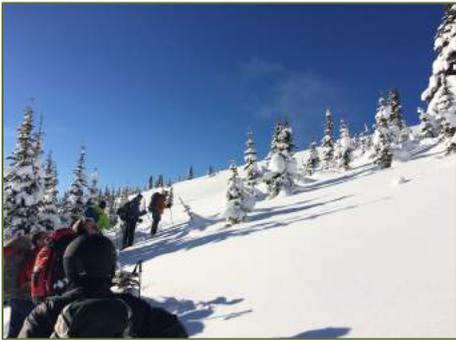
Andrea Petzold with [www.hikeintherockies.ca](http://www.hikeintherockies.ca) will be offering two snowshoe tours this winter. Dates are February 24-27 and March 24 -27. Rate per person \$1580 plus tax including helicopter transfers. Picturesque professionally guided weekend snowshoe tours and mountain hearty meals featuring Adventure Chef Valerie McLeod.

Contact Andrea Petzold at [info@hikeintherockies.ca](mailto:info@hikeintherockies.ca) or Jackie Mah at [jackiem@purcellmountainlodge.com](mailto:jackiem@purcellmountainlodge.com) to reserve your spot. Private accommodations available based on double occupancy. Single travellers pay an additional \$300 surcharge for a private room.



It's the most wonderful time of the year!





**Writers in Residence Program**  
 Purcell Mountain Lodge is proud to support friends of Purcell as Writers in Residence for the month of January and February.



**Molly Baker & Jerry Kobalenko** January 20 to February 3  
**Jock Mackenzie** February 3 to February 13