

  
**PURCELL MOUNTAIN LODGE**  
 January 2018 Newsletter



**Celebrating 28 Years in 2018**

The happiest of the new year to our dear friends and family! 2017 was an incredible journey sharing time together. Our Lodge family has loved making new connections and creating life long memories. Everyday in the backcountry there is so much satisfaction felt in spending time in nature. Getting away from the city life and retreating to the mountains has so many life changing benefits. A chance to disconnect and reconnect with ourselves is crucial for our well being and optimal health. For our dedicated winter team, happiness radiates daily from feeling blessed to work together seamlessly as one united tribe. The Lodge family are so close they even start to dress alike! Management and our entire crew are looking forward to welcoming new and old friends in 2018! Almost one month has passed for 2018 and there are eleven more months to go. Hope you will all join us in 2018 for more magical moments.



**PML Family**  
**COMING TOGETHER**  
**IS A BEGINNING.**  
**KEEPING TOGETHER**  
**IS PROGRESS.**  
**WORKING TOGETHER IS**  
**SUCCESS.**



**Positive Vibes & Creative Ideas Continue Into the New Year**

Our stellar winter and summer ACMG guided and catered program continue to be the core of our operation. The addition of snowshoe tours in February and March is perfect for vacationers travelling together that may be non skiers. Snowshoeing is a gentle introduction to the backcountry and an activity all ages can participate in. 2018 bookings include special occasion celebrations, milestone birthdays, anniversaries, elopements and weddings. Popular retreats and special tours planned for this year include food & wine, artist in residence, yoga, trail running and geology tours.

Our dedicated team is always on hand to help bring a vision, plan or idea to fruition. Please contact Jackie at 1 888 767 8989 to share your ideas on how to plan your next special celebration or organized gathering.

**PML Family** In early January host/caretaker Cheryl celebrated her birthday at Purcell Lodge. Cheryl's husband Hugh, Guide Burke & wife Carol and friends Doug & Donna were at the Lodge to join in the festive day along with the rest of our Purcell family and guests. Happy birthday Cheryl!



## Yamnuska Mountain Adventures Brings New Faces to Purcell Lodge

The inaugural Yamnuska Mountain Adventures AST 2 course was a success. Darcy Chilton, ACMG Ski Guide & AST 2 Instructor lead the group for the gathering. It was a layered learning opportunity right from our doorstep. Participants explored the Purcell terrain over the four day course and were able to study snow conditions in different settings surrounding around the Lodge. In addition, the comfortable amenities, all inclusive meal service and cozy accommodation provided an ideal classroom for a truly cohesive learning environment.



Professional athlete Carter McMillan was able to join in for the trip and enhanced his knowledge about safety in the backcountry. This ambassador for Quiksilver was a wonderful young role model and provided entertaining ski jumps for all to enjoy. AST 2 guest Rocky McGoey also showed impressive skills on the new ski jump built outside the Lodge.



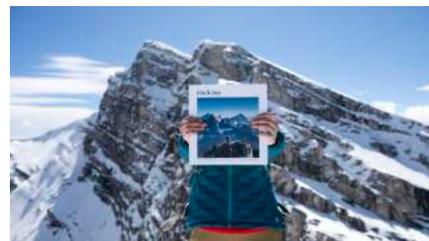
**Save the date! Yamnuska Mountain Adventures  
AST 2 course dates for 2018/2019  
December 17 - 21, 2018 & January 14 - 18, 2019.**

Thank you to Megan of Crowfoot Media for sending writer Juliette Recompsat and Adventure Photographer Ryan Creary to participate in the AST 2 course. The two are now AST 2 certified and ready for a safe and adventurous winter. Watch for a follow up article on the Crowfoot Media Blog by Juliette and photos supplied by Ryan. If you want to check out more photos please go to Ryan Creary's website at [www.ryancreary.com](http://www.ryancreary.com)



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**Guided & Catered Snowshoe Tours**  
**ACMG Hiking & Snowshoe Guide Kevin Blades**  
*A Fun Winter Program for All Ages!*

*Special introductory price \$1288 per person plus tax for guided and catered snowshoe tours*  
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Tours dates are for guests of all ages and activity level. Families with young children are welcome to book and enjoy our private chalet. Adults and children over the age of 12 are welcome in the main Lodge. March tour has limited space and is adults only. Rates based on two guests and double occupancy

**February 16-19 (Family Day Holiday Weekend) Friday to Monday**  
**March 9-12 Friday to Monday**



Congratulations to Purcell friends Ivanie Blondin, Denny Morrison (4<sup>th</sup> Olympics), Ted-Jan Bloemen, Jordan Beleichos and Ben Donnelly for being selected along with 14 others to the Canadian Speed Skating team. Our Purcell family will be cheering for our friends and all Team Canada members at Pyeongchang, Korea Olympic Games!

Photo: Ivanie Blondin at Purcell Mountain Lodge in 2017

Hello 2018! Roaming the mountains and feelings of wanderlust is a perfect way to create positive energy in preparation for the new year. January welcomed enthusiastic skiers, new and old acquaintances wanting to celebrate life and nature in pristine style. Family and friends carved time out of their busy schedules to embrace the mountain lifestyle and appreciate downtime together. First tracks in untouched snow is always a path worth travelling and a perk to getting to play in the vast outdoors. Each ski line is your own chosen destiny. It was special to have owner Sunny Sun visited Purcell Lodge and spend time with staff and guests. Long time Purcell Lodge guests Kay, Colin and Tanis were back in January for their 19<sup>th</sup> trip. Yes, 19!



**Left:** Colin Jarvis removing his skins with flair

**Middle:** Owner Sunny Sun with January guests, Host/Caretakers Hugh & Cheryl, Guide Ken

**Right:** Colin & Kay Jarvis enjoying scenic lunch views

## Powder Days are Here

British Columbia continues to have record snowfall. Last minute bookings have been steady. If you are considering a quick getaway to the backcountry, please email [jackiem@purcellmountainlodge.com](mailto:jackiem@purcellmountainlodge.com) or call 1 888 767 8989.

February & March tours have private room accommodations for single or double occupancy in the main Lodge or private chalet. The private chalet continues to be a great option and price point for self guided or guided and self catered or catered. If your city life schedule allows for a short break please call for the most up to date last minute seat sales.

David Perez our Golden Stager/Expediter is the first Purcell Lodge representative guests meet at Alpine Helicopters. David looks forward to greeting you all with his infectious smile and will assist with your waiver and checking in personal baggage and gear. Please pack light and stay within the maximum weight restriction. Guests must arrive dressed and ready to fly in outdoor clothing. Ski boots could be left indoors so these are easier to manage at the hangar. To help save room on the helicopter avalanche safety gear beacon, shovel and probe can be rented for \$30/day. Call in advance to reserve your set.



### Thank you Ski Canada magazine!

Friends can look for the latest issue of Ski Canada magazine soon to be on the newsstands and in your mailbox.

There will be a feature article:

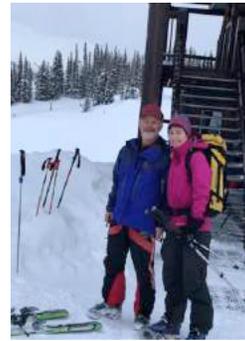
**“Going Off Grid in Style” by Steven Trendyle.**

*“Purcell Lodge has maintained it’s rep as a luxe destination for first timers and seasoned backcountry skiers alike”.*

### Support the Avalanche Canada Foundation

Due to the invaluable work of the Avalanche Canada team Purcell Mountain Lodge Ski Guides are able to monitor and assess daily avalanche risk in the backcountry. Avalanche Canada Foundation will hold it’s premiere fundraiser in March. Purcell Mountain Lodge is proud to support this essential public safety resource with a two guest stay certificate for the Silent Auction. The event will be held at the Fairmont Palliser Hotel in Calgary, tickets are \$85.00 per person and can be purchased online. If you cannot attend but would like to contribute donations are also gratefully accepted.







**Thank you to the  
Purcell Mountain Lodge  
January Family**  
*Burke, Arian, Peter,  
Martina, Luke, Mike, Rob,  
Brian, Nadine and  
Genevieve for all your care  
and help in January!*

