



# Bruderschaft Blue River



## Greetings...

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Greetings from Mike Wiegele Helicopter Skiing, Blue River. We had a superb December and January with excellent powder and great skiing. We hope to see you all back this winter to enjoy some skiing and share our love for the mountains.

Bruderschaft St.Christoph was established in the 14th century. When we look back, we must respect the history of this organization that is still very active and dedicated to helping people in need.

We have been our own history of friendship and support since March of 1997, when six friends gathered in Blue River and decided to start a similar organization to the Bruderschaft St.Christoph. The number of Brothers and Sisters has steadily increased over the past 15 years. Our membership has now grown to 725 members and the Bruderschaft Blue River has established itself as a positive organization of friends who share the love of the mountains and if needed come to the aid of Blue River community members.

Thank you to all our members who have paid their \$50.00 CAD annual fee (due by May 31, 2013). If you haven't yet you can either pay direct in Blue River when you come to ski, send a cheque or bank wire. In addition, we have installed a secure online payment system that will make it easier for members to pay annual fees or to submit donations at any time of the year.

Your friendship and support will go a long way in helping a friend in need.

CIBC Bank Info:  
CIBC Valemount, BC, Canada  
Bruderschaft Blue River  
Account # 08050 18-00817  
Branch transit number 08050

Our Bruderschaft website has been designed and is active for all members.

Please visit [www.bruderschaft.ca](http://www.bruderschaft.ca)

To become an active Bruderschaft Blue River member you must register on the Homepage under **Registration** and you will then receive your next newsletter by email.

Thank you to our Brother Norm Crear. He is responsible for organizing the Bruderschaft Blue River to be registered as a Society Act of the Province of British Columbia. More information will follow with our next newsletter in May 2013.

You may like to visit our European bases for the Bruderschaft Blue River at:

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We are proud to be associated with such a good cause and with the family Adolf and Gerda Werner.

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## In Memory...

We honor our dear Brothers who have passed on recently and hold their memories near;

Fred Ahrweiler #19

George Schondorfer #119

Raymund Mayer #236

Arthur Steinberg #92

Hubert Perrodo #379

Stu Campbell #240

Bob Auger #37

Clemens Goess Saurau #172

Christian Wolffer #84

## Members...

- #100 Edward Moos, Summit, USA
- #200 Bob Buck, Monterey, USA
- #300 Scott Miller, Malibu, USA
- #400 Dennis Cassidy, Kamloops, Canada
- #500 Bill Sweasy, Red Wing, USA



#600 Trevor Linden, Vancouver, Canada (above)



#700 Hans Boegh Soerensen, Odense, Denmark (above)

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## Contributions:

To date the Bruderschaft has distributed more than \$80,000.00 CAD to support the residents of the Blue River community.

Each year we receive requests for support which are evaluated on an individual basis.

In the past, we have contributed to the following needs:

- Cerebral Palsy
- House fire
- Vehicle Accident resulting in needs for mobility devices
- Multiple Sclerosis
- Lung Cancer
- Colon Cancer
- Metastatic Malignant Melanoma
- Post Trauma Concussion

## The Back Page Story...

Andy's story and why the Bruderschaft does what it does!!

Dear Brüder und Schwestern,

On March 17th, 2012 Andy was diagnosed with stage 3 Adenocarcinoma in the right lung. Within a couple of weeks stage 3 was downgraded to grade 4. His doctor gave him a maximum of 1 to 3 months to live. We still had hope at that point but knew that we had to make a big change in order to get Andy into a positive, inspiring environment. Within five days we organized medical coverage in Austria and flew back to Andy's home. The doctors in Austria supported our hope by talking about options, versus the Canadian doctor talking about statistics. Regardless of the outcome, Andy was where he wanted to be. The combination of family support, friend's support from around the globe in numerous different ways, the healing power of the mountains and Andy's iron will started the healing process. During the 6 months of heavy chemo we stopped any new growth and shrunk the tumor from 5.5cm to 2.5cm. Since September Andy receives "maintenance chemo" that keeps his condition stable.

As a founding member of the Bruderschaft Andy always felt strongly about creating a society in Blue River that helps people in need. He was at every single initiation and was proud to welcome every new member. Never would he have thought of ever being at the receiving end.

At first it was not easy for Andy (or myself) to accept that we are the ones in need. The very generous donation of \$20,000 was used for our last minute flights, rental car and the initial set up in Austria. Knowing this money was available allowed us to stay focused on the healing process without having to waste energy due to financial matters. On top of that, it struck us both emotionally how many Brüder and Schwestern supported us through e-mail, calls and visits. It gave us the feeling that we are not alone in this fight for cure. I don't know how we can ever express how much gratitude we have for the financial and emotional support we received through the Bruderschaft.

We have been back in Blue River since the end of November. Andy continues the exact same chemo he received in Austria at Kamloops Hospital every 21 days. The last chemo was on December 27th in the morning. In the afternoon he skied with Marco at Sun Peaks, which really blows my mind. Andy will not be able to guide but he is able to keep his mind in the mountains through some guiding related projects. The next CT scan will be at the end of January. As in the past nine months, we will take it from one CT scan result to the next.



With deepest gratitude, Daniela, Andy & Marco  
(pictured above Marco & Andy heliskiing January 3rd, 2013)