

# Canadian alpinist to highlight film series

Barry Blanchard and his film "The Mountain, An Arrow Pointing Up" will be the fifth and final installment of the 12th annual Alpenglow Sports Winter Film Series.

The event is Feb. 22 at 7pm at Squaw Valleys' Olympic Lodge.

Blanchard, one of Canada's foremost alpinists, will tell why he's dedicated his entire adult life to finding the most epic first ascents across the globe. Showing images from alpine adventures in the Canadian Rockies, European Alps, Pakistani Karakorum and Greater Himalaya, Everest and K2, he will illustrate the ways in which mountains engage and inspire, and demonstrate how climbing soothes the soul. Blanchard will also touch on his career as a mountain guide and his involvement in making the Hollywood movies "K2," "Cliffhanger" and "Vertical Limit."

It is free to attend. Prizes from industry sponsors are raffled off at each show to raise money for local nonprofits. The beneficiaries that night will be Truckee Tahoe Humane Society and Squaw Dogs.

Doors open at 6:15pm. Fireside Pizza Co. will be on-hand with dinner offerings to enjoy before and during the show.