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Happy Halloween!

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UPCOMING TRIPS:

SKAHA ROCKCLIMBING, OCTOBER 29-31

The trip meeting for the annual Skaha rockclimbing trip was this evening. See last week's VOCene for what this trip is all about. If you missed tonight's meeting and have any other questions, contact Jordan Tam ASAP. I hear there is nude hot-tubbing at this event.

NORTH SHORE MOUNTAINS, OCTOBER 30

Kyle Wiebe is looking for hiking partners to the exotic locale known as the North Shore mountains. Destination is still TBA but he does have a vehicle, so anything is possible. Contact him or read his thread on the VOC board if you're interested.

CLUB NEWS

VOC CLIMBING WALL

Tonight's climbing didn't happen because Tuesday night climbing sessions are

subject to the whim of the UBC Film Society (curse their scaly hides). The schedule for the coming week's climbing is on the Wiki (see below). Please note the following from Nick Waber, Climbing Wall Coordinator:

Remember... if you need gear, get it from the QM's during regular hours (lunch time). And bring your membership card (if you were not given one when you purchased your membership, come by the clubroom during regular hours and get it). Lastly, bring \$5 for your year climbing wall membership. NO CLIMBING WITHOUT A MEMBERSHIP!!!

The climbing wall schedule is online on the Wiki at:
http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/wiki.phtml?title=Main_Page

CONSERVATION AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

A Conservation and Recreation committee is being formed to address all the recreation access and conservation issues that are of concern to club members (e.g., the Squamish Gondola Proposal). The committee will be writing letters to government and stakeholders expressing the views of the VOC's members and will help keep the VOC informed of current issues.

The first meeting is Wednesday, October 27. The meeting agenda is at:

http://www.physics.ubc.ca/~tjblair/VOC/VOC_Cons_Agenda_Oct27_04.doc

Email Tim Blair (tjblair@interchange.ubc.ca) for more info.

WEDNESDAY SLIDESHOWS

As last week's slideshow was prematurely terminated due to a power outage in the SUB, it will be re-attempted this Wednesday October 27. Janez Ales will present slides of BC alpine climbing in the Waddington Range and Bugaboos. Beverages to follow in The Gallery as usual.

BREW HUT REBUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING

Plans to rebuild Brew Hut continue to move inexorably forward. If you're interested in getting involved in this endeavour, contact Jean-Philippe Mercier (VOC Special Projects Exec).

WORK HIKES

To borrow VOC gear, we ask that you perform an altruistic act that directly benefits the club. We call this a **work hike**. If you are looking for one to do, sign up on the sheet on the gear room door or contact an Exec member. If you are a new member, do this and you will be able to take out gear.

VOC APPAREL

I think we still have some VOC shirts for sale. Long sleeve tees are \$15, short sleeve are \$12, older styles for \$5.

TRIP REPORTS

ELFIN LAKES, OCTOBER 23-24

By Roland Burton

This is called a post-trip debriefing. As we left the Diamond Head parking lot,

teeny symmetrical hexagonal snow flakes were slowly drifting down. We watched them melting from our body heat. On the way up, we met the Ranger who told us the heater at the shelter wasn't working, temporarily. No big deal. At the shelter there was maybe four inches of snow, and eventually six VOC people plus Roland's troop. There was also a large party up there celebrating somebody's birthday. During the evening, and later, the liquor talked loudly, as it got pretty warm. On Sunday we left around 10 am to hike back, and got home in time for a shower and a nap before supper.🐼

Editor's note: Kudos to Yann Bourdon for making it up there in such a convoluted manner!

CYPRESS PROVINCIAL PARK, OCTOBER 24

Half a dozen VOCers hit the Cypress Mountain area last Saturday. Here are a few pics from Richard So of their daytrip:

[http://www.imagestation.com/album/?](http://www.imagestation.com/album/?id=2828015093&code=12351649&mode=invite&cmp=EMC-AlbumInvite)

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TOMYHOI PEAK, USA

By Matt Brown

🐼Matt, Steph and Reid went to Tomyhoi Peak in the USA. Tomyhoi is the distinctive rock pyramid protruding from a high glacial shoulder that is visible from Chillawack http://www.mattandmaren.com/tomyhoi_north.jpg. We hiked in to towards Gold Run pass, then traversed under Yellow Aster Butte to the lakes. Deep snow foiled our summit attempts, so we headed back to Canada for grilled cheese sandwiches. This would be a great location for a 1-2 day trip on skis in spring.🐼

POINTS OF INTEREST

ACC MEMBERSHIPS

The Alpine Club of Canada (ACC) is once again offering free membership to student VOC members. We will announce when the cards are available for pick up in the Clubroom 🐼 stay tuned!

If you're wondering just what an ACC membership entails, here's a message from Antje Wahl, VOC rep from the ACC:

In the past 2 years the VOC-ACC partnership has consisted of

- joint ski trips (Spearhead Traverse)
- joint slide shows on campus
- discount rate for VOCers in ACC workshops
- ACC membership for all VOC student members

CYPRESS MOUNTAIN DISCOUNT PASSES

Antje Wahl submitted the forms this weekend. Note that you will NOT receive a letter from Cypress; you can go to any Cypress Mountain booth AFTER NOVEMBER 15 to pick up your pass. Just give them your name and you will be issued your pass on the spot. Cypress has booths at Pacific Centre Mall, Park Royal Mall and Metropolis/Metrotown (check mall websites for exact location) or you can get the pass on Cypress Mountain on your first ski day/night.

CLIMBERS' ACCESS SOCIETY OF B.C.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - NOVEMBER 7TH

Greetings! We hope this message is useful, and encourage readers to share, post and forward it. Our apologies if it is unwanted! Let us know, and we'll remove you from our list. Also, apologies if it is a duplicate. The message contains news about:

A. The Access Society's Annual General Meeting, on November 7th in Squamish.

B. Call for new Directors.

C. A Nanaimo Adopt-a-Crag event on November 27th & 28th.

A. Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting will be in Squamish on Sunday November 7th at 5:00 P.M. Details:

📍 Location - Howe Sound Inn & Brewing Company (a.k.a. Brew Pub), Garibaldi Room.

🍵 Refreshments - Tea, coffee and juice will be provided. Food and other refreshments can be purchased.

🎁 Draw prizes - From Mountain Equipment Co-op, Arc'Teryx, the Edge Indoor Climbing Centre, Gordie Smaill, Gregory Packs, the Access Fund, and others. You must be a current member to be eligible for draw prizes, but you can renew your membership, or join, at the door.

🎤 Entertainment - Randy Morris, from Simon Fraser University, will present preliminary results from the socioeconomic study of climbing in the Squamish area. We'll also have another climber/speaker, to be announced.

👤 Who can attend - All Access Society members and supporters, and all those interested in the Access Society's mission and work, are welcome to attend. (Members only can vote.)

📅 Agenda - Minutes, area reports, directors' report, financial statements, elections, general discussion and planning.

Copies of the 2003-04 financial statements, minutes from the last AGM, and agendas, will be available at the door. 4-5 of the current directors plan to be present. The meeting will likely last about two hours - you should be able to go hiking or climbing for the day, get to the meeting on time, and still get home at a reasonable hour, regardless where you live. The AGM rotates between Penticton, Squamish, and Vancouver, and next year's will be in Vancouver.

B. Directors Needed

The Access Society needs some enthusiastic and knowledgeable new directors. We have between seven and eleven directors, from around B.C. No more than two from any region, or three from the lower mainland - geographic/gender/age/climbing interest balance is important. Our current directors:

Term ending 2004: Dan Mack (Nelson), Anders Ourom (Vancouver), Brock Wilson (Vancouver).

Term ending 2005: Allen Agopsowicz (Victoria), Colin Dionne (Powell River), Lisa Rae (Sechelt), Sheilagh Seaton (Summerland), Greg Sorensen (Nanaimo), Graeme Taylor (Squamish).

Jesse Brown (Squamish) and Audrey Perry (Kaleden) stepped down during the year, and we thank them for all their efforts. Graeme Taylor will be stepping down at

the AGM, and possibly other directors also.

We need several willing new directors, particularly one or two from the Sea-to-Sky region. Desirable attributes are:

- ① Access Society member, or willing to join.
- ① Energetic, responsible, informed.
- ① Committed to promoting the Access Society and its work, getting climbers in your area organized as needed, and taking the initiative with regard to access issues and organization.
- ① Willingness to take on some administrative responsibilities.
- ① Able to participate in occasional phone meetings, twice-yearly in-person meetings, and regular phone calls and e-mail.

If you're interested, or have any suggestions, contact directors@access-society.ca.

C. Nanaimo Adopt-a-Crag

There'll be an Adopt-a-Crag at Sunny Side of the Nanaimo River on November 27th & 28th. Details:

- ① Goals - Thorough clean up and trail building at Cable Car Wall, the entrance area.
- ① Tools - Bring any hand tools you have, as well as appropriate clothing, footwear, food, and drink.
- ① Draw prizes - Local stores and businesses have provided many, and the Access Society will add to them.
- ① Organizing meetings - There will be planning meetings at the Romper Room in Nanaimo on Tuesday October 26th and Thursday 28th, starting at 7:00 P.M. (5385B Boban Drive, (250) 752-7625).

If you're interested, or have any questions, call Greg Sorensen at (250) 751-1154, or outerlimits@shaw.ca.

Anders Ourom (president, Access Society)

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