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UPCOMING TRIPS

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CLIMBING IN SQUAMISH

May be the last chance to hit the rock till the Spring. Boris Khramstov is assembling the interested parties. See the message board for the latest.

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CLUB NEWS

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VOC CLIMBING WALL

This is important, so I'm throwing this into the newsletter for another week:

Message from Nick Waber:

The SUB proctor got in touch with me (kinda) the other day... she needs me to provide a list of climbing wall members, and all members need to have a card, so...

- 1) If you are signed up (payed your \$5) and HAVE a card, email me so I put your name on the official list. (My little lists have wandered off.)
- 2) If you've payed your \$5 and DON'T have a card, email me and tell me. I'll make cards available at the clubroom ASAP.
- 3) If you're NOT payed up, pay up! You can get in touch with me by email (nwaber@hotmail.com), OR find me at the clubroom Tuesdays around 12:30ish or so.

NOTE: put "VOC climbing wall" in the subject field of your emails so I don't assume that it's junk because I don't recognise your email address/name.

I'd like to get this sorted out as quickly as possible, so please respond quickly.

#### BREW HUT REBUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING

Jean-Philippe Mercier is holding another meeting to discuss hut design and the future of the hut as we know it. Meeting is Wednesday 17th at noon. Contact Jean-Philippe for more info: [jmercier@eos.ubc.ca](mailto:jmercier@eos.ubc.ca).

#### WEDNESDAY SLIDESHOW

From Sarah Harrison:

Come one come all to our next BREATHTAKING (bring your puffer), A'MAZING' (don't get lost), STAGGERING (like Jordan's threads) AND STUPIFYING (...) SLIDESHOW!!!! yes come out to the last pre- exam spectacular by our very own ex- secretary PETE HUDSON!!! He's going to be giving us all a little show about trekking in Nepal's Khumbu region, with lots of eye candy of the world's highest mountains.

7:00 Wed in the clubroom

And as always let me know if you're interested in giving a slideshow in the upcoming months @ [clink123@hotmail.com](mailto:clink123@hotmail.com).

See you there!

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TRIP REPORTS

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SMITH ROCK, OREGON

Need trip reports! Here are links to pictures for the more visually-oriented:

From Kaja Sadowski

[http://www.ofoto.com/BrowsePhotos.jsp?&collid=18832419506&page=1&sort\\_order=0](http://www.ofoto.com/BrowsePhotos.jsp?&collid=18832419506&page=1&sort_order=0)

from Mike Simon

<http://www.mpages.org/photo/albums/04-11-Smith/>

#### BREW HUT VIA ROE CREEK

By Roland Burton

Our party of 8 included four GPS's. So we didn't get lost. We wandered through some low clouds, avoided/watched some active helicopter logging, and did interesting navigation up to Brew Lake. Beyond the lake, it was hole punching in about 18 inches of snow, with drifts to mid-thigh. Up at the Hut we fired up the bad-smelling heater and dried our stuff a little, ate our nourishing food, and measured things and pulled a couple of nails. Around midnight it started to blow and snow hard, but by morning we could still get the door open. After some more measurements we set off homeward. The wind was just short of blowing us off our feet at the new hut site, which is why snow doesn't accumulate there. Down at the lake it was raining and likewise all the way back to the cars and home. We flagged the lower part of the route, and we want to try it again, but on skis next time.

From Richard So

[http://www.imagestation.com/album/?](http://www.imagestation.com/album/?id=2250900093&code=12351649&mode=invite&cmp=EMC-AlbumInvite)

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#### BACKCOUNTRY SKIING, WELLS GRAY PROV PARK

by Yann Bourdon

We found the snow !!!!!

We finally went to Trophy Mountain area in Well's Gray provincial park. This is in the Cariboo mountains, south east of Prince George. It took us 7hrs to go there but it was a good guess. The last 10 km to the parking lot were not accessible with our old Chrysler Reliant because of the snow, so we hiked it.

We did 4 days of camping and skiing in the alpine zone. It was crusty snow but the snowpack was good and the rocks were not a problem. The peaks around reach 2400m but the interesting vertical drop is not very long, maybe 300m. The rest of the terrain is quite smooth, which was not bad for the first runs of the season. It was a pretty nice trip and a good occasion for Sam to realize that a little tiny sleeping bag is not warm enough when it is minus 10...

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POINTS OF INTEREST  
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ACC INTRO ROCK AND CREVASSE RESCUE SEMINAR

If you didn't see the notice on the message board, here it is again. Note that this takes place TONIGHT!!

VOCers are welcome to join the ACC's seminar on rock and crevasse rescue. Call Gary Shorthouse or just show up at the Starbucks at 7pm on Wednesday. I don't know where we go from there, but I'm pretty sure that it is an indoor event.

Here are the details:

ACC Intro Rock & Crevasse Rescue Seminar

Start: Nov 17, meet at 7pm

Where: Meet at Starbucks at the corner of Mountain Highway and Lynn Valley Road in North Vancouver

Cost: free

Contact: Gary Shorthouse 604-789-9913

What to bring: Everything you use for glacier travel (except ice axe), i.e. rope, harness, carabiners and any slings/prussik slings you might have

Again, if interested call Gary or show up.

JOINT ACC/VOC CHRISTMAS SKI TRIP TO MARRIOTT BASIN

From Antje Wahl, VOC Rep to the ACC:

Date: Mon to Thurs, Dec 27-30 (3 nights)

Where: Marriott Basin near Pemberton

Price: \$30 for hut fees

Numbers: 12 max

Contact: Antje Wahl at awahl@telus.net (preferred) or 604-739-6057

Enjoy comfortable accommodation at the Wendy Thompson Hut in Marriott Basin by night and wonderful skiing by day. This is a backcountry ski trip to a rustic hut near Duffey Lake Road, between Pemberton and Lilloet. We have reserved the whole hut, but people who prefer snow camping are welcome too. For more info on the hut check the Wiki:  
[http://ubc-voc.com/wiki/wiki.phtml?title=Wendy\\_Thompson\\_Hut](http://ubc-voc.com/wiki/wiki.phtml?title=Wendy_Thompson_Hut)

## BACKCOUNTRY AVALANCE WORKSHOP

This happens Sunday (may be geared to those with previous experience):

<http://www.avalanche.ca/shop/index.html>

Sunday November 21, 2004

9:00 am to 4:30 pm

Vancouver: Ridge Theatre

### Backcountry Avalanche Workshop 2004

This full-day workshop is designed for anyone who enjoys travelling in the winter backcountry. Our international roster of speakers will share their knowledge and insight to help YOU manage your avalanche risk.

## ALPINIST MAGAZINE STUDENT DISCOUNT

Alpinist Magazine is offering a 30% discount on subscriptions to students!

<http://www.alpinist.com/collegeoffer.php>

Just click on the above link and it will direct you to a page where you can subscribe at the college rate. I am a recent alum ('03) from Dartmouth and used to love getting prodeals so I created this great offer for students. I hope some of you can take advantage of it!

If you're not familiar with Alpinist Magazine please check us out at <http://www.alpinist.com>. It is a reader-supported publication with mind-blowing photos and stories for anyone interested in extreme mountain exploration: from world alpinism to sport climbing to trekking and travel.

Also, Alpinist offers some great student and graduate internships. If you're interested in journalism or business (specifically marketing) go to our website and click on "Contact Us" then "Job Ops." The office is in Jackson, WY and both the editor and marketing director are talented and hilarious people to work with.

Email me if you have any questions or feedback ([lindsay@alpinist.com](mailto:lindsay@alpinist.com)).

Thanks!

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