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UPCOMING TRIPS

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There is a current lack of trips for this weekend. Undoubtedly something will transpire by Friday, but until then?

BOULDERING AT THE STUDENT REC CENTRE (SRC)

There are boulderers out there. Boris Khramstov is looking for you. Why not boulder together?

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CLUB NEWS

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WEDNESDAY SLIDESHOW

From Sarah Harrison:

Thanks everyone for coming out this semester, and to the presentors for all their time and hard work. Slideshows will resume in the clubroom in January.

See you there!

(as always if you're interested in giving a slideshow presentation, contact Sarah harrison @ clink123@hotmail.com)

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TRIP REPORTS

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ELFIN LAKES SKI TRIP, NOVEMBER 19-21

By Lisa Blachut

Lisa, Trish, Stefan, Pete and Alex rocked the casbah this weekend: What could we possibly get up to after a week of rainy shit weather in the city? What did we do on this sunny weekend, the day before Blackcomb opened, and almost a full week before Whistler does? What should any people with backcountry gear do, in order to get the first tracks of the season?

Answer: Ski in to Elfin Lakes hut on a clear, moonlit Friday night, so bright that headlamps pale in comparison. Arrive around midnight, chow down on curry and chocolate and tuck into bed. Wake up to sun the next morning. Strap on skins and hike up the nearest ridge with about 60cm of freshies, UNTOUCHED. Ski down. Repeat until legs are jelly. Head back to lodge for more food and chocolate. Lots of chocolate. (Pete: "I don't know what's better about being up here - the fact that we get to ski, or the fact that we get to eat like fat kids"). Enjoy sunset. Fall asleep before 8pm. Sleep 12 hours. Duct tape blisters. More ski runs. Ski back out to car as suckas' ski in, hoping to find some fresh. More snow begins to fall on the way down and is practically a full-on blizzard by the time we get back to the car. Not bad for the first weekend of the year. :)

#### ELFIN LAKES SNOWSHOE TRIP, NOVEMBER 21

By Chris Petrus

Chris P, Richard, and Danny, along with some non-VOCers, headed up for a dayhike to the hut. Snow started soon after the parking lot, with lots of fresh stuff the higher we went. Conditions were good at the start, with the skies clearing and sun peeking out. Great views seemed to be in store. We ran into Trish and company on their way out. Apparently they had had a great weekend teleskiing. Shortly after our encounter the weather took a downturn. We ate lunch at the hut and hauled ass back out to the parking lot. Poor Danny struggled mightily with the club's showshoes on the way in, having a few showshoe malfunctions, but managed considerably better on the exit. Conditions were reaching whiteout with visibility deteriorating fast. We made it back to the lot just as I was ready to pull out the headlamp.

#### MT SEYMOUR, NOVEMBER 21

By Roland Burton

Well we slept in and arrived at the parking lot at 10 am. That's the nice thing about Seymour, it's not too big.

We set off towards Goldie Lake, which isn't up, though Carla had an idea that there was a trail from Goldie Lake up to the upper chairlift, where we wanted to check out the snow. But after checking several trails that went in the wrong direction, we eventually went nearly back to the cars then followed a black diamond downhill cut up to the chair. We found about 2 inches of hard frozen snow with an inch of powder on it. Crampons could have been used. On the way down we found a small Roumanian village that had apparently been plundered and partially burned. It was a movie set for "Underworld II" or something. We toured it extensively and admired the propane pipes which are used to make the burning village scenes, and the large styrofoam boulders.

The hill is scheduled to be open for downhill skiing on Dec 18, by which time the Roumanian village will be no more. parking is free, so it's cheaper than going to

Roumania.

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POINTS OF INTEREST  
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ACC MEMBERSHIP CARDS

The National Office of the ACC will be mailing the cards next week. We'll put notes here and on the message board notifying everyone to pick up their card.

More info about ACC membership is on the national ACC website:  
<http://www.alpineclubofcanada.ca/>

JOINT ACC/VOC CHRISTMAS SKI TRIP TO MARRIOTT BASIN

This trip is currently full, with the participants and the waitlist on the wiki:

[http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/wiki.phtml?  
title=Joint\\_ACC/VOC\\_Christmas\\_ski\\_trip\\_to\\_Marriott\\_Basin](http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/wiki.phtml?title=Joint_ACC/VOC_Christmas_ski_trip_to_Marriott_Basin)

Several spots (other than those already taken by VOCers) are reserved for ACC members. If you're interested, put your name on the waitlist because if they're not filled, anyone can take them.

Details on the trip:

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](mailto: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)

GREEN COLLEGE SEMINAR

Thursday November 25, 2004  
Science and Society

Joseph Taylor, Canada Research Chair, History and Geography, SFU will be presenting the following:

"Pilgrims of the Vertical: Yosemite Rock Climbing and Modern Environmental Culture"

Coach House (Green College, UBC campus)  
7:30 pm

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Thanks!

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