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UPCOMING TRIPS

Not many trips happening with final exams almost upon us. But stuff for next term is already in the works:

VOC Avalanche School

Avi school will take place January 15-16 2005. This will be a 2 day practical course, with an additional 2 theory seminars, and it will be run by Canada West Mountain School (CWMS) <http://www.themountainschool.com>. The cost is usually around \$200, but VOC gets a substantial group discount which should bring it down in the \$120-\$150 range. Watch this space for updated cost estimates. After the initial classroom session, the first day will be held at Mount Seymour, and the second day will either be at Whistler, or a backcountry destination such as Needle Peak. Whistler has the advantage of lift access, which means more time spent learning skills, but this would cost an extra \$30. CWMS can supply beacons, probes and shovels, with participants being responsible for the remaining outdoor gear (skis, waterproofs, daypack etc.). The courses will be open to skiers, snowboarders and snowshoers, who may be split into different groups.

If you are interested, please sign up on the sign up sheet outside the clubroom.

CLUB NEWS

WEDNESDAY SLIDESHOW

In case you didn't hear last week, slideshows will resume in the New Year.

TRIP REPORTS

CERISE CREEK

By Trish Stathers

The REAL Fern Webb, The REAL Pete Hudson, The REAL Stefan Albrecher and the REAL Trish Stathers headed up to Cerise Creek Friday night and camped under the brilliant full moon, quite a ways up the road thanks to Fern's kick ass truck. Waking up to -10C we had a good faff then had a bit of an epic scrabbling, flailing and humping our packs over logs and through super thick ass alder up the winter trail, which apparently usually has a bit more snow. After lunch at Keith's cabin, Pete n Stefan hammered up the col for some yo-yos, while Fern and I found some pow on the ridge. Saturday night was beautifully warm with the wood stove crackling and the pages of US and People dishing dirt on Britney and Avril. Sunday morning we awoke to amazingly beautiful weather and headed up towards the col with ice axes and the intent to climb matier. Upon arriving at the col and finding it a tad rocky we bailed, but still made some amazing 8's down the super long glacier on the light n fluffy pow. Twas AWESOME!!!

MT CALLAGHAN (ALMOST)

By Scott Nelson

Sandra and I headed up branch S-500 of the squamish mainline to check out the skiing around Ring Mountain and Mt. Callaghan. We drive to 800m, and then followed logging roads to 1200m where there was just enough snow to ski through the forest. Rain earlier in the week made for a nasty crust in the trees, but things improve once we reached open meadows at around 1450m. Skiing up the valley south of Ring was made difficult by several canyons that we kept have to divert around.

On sunday we set our sights on Callaghan with great weather. Above 1850m there was excellent powder, even on south facing slopes. We made it right up to 50ft. below the summit, but we couldn't manage crossing the giant moat or scrambling the snow covered west ridge under the conditions. Great views of the Pemberton icecap nonetheless.

After an excellent run back down to camp, and we packed up and headed down by a slightly different route, involving a difficult creek crossing that required shovelling snow into, and out of a creek so we could cross it. We made the logging road just before sunset thanks to the creek fiasco, and were back in Squamish for dinner at the brew pub which was unusually empty.

ELFIN LAKES SKI TRIP, NOVEMBER 27

By Roland Burton

We had fun. For people wanting the details, we stayed at Red Heather and made it tolerably warm with the wood heater, though it was pretty cold Fri nite. We didn't notice the sign saying "no camping in the picnic shelter" until the next morning.

Snow was sparse, but good skiing around and above the shelter. On the way home, we skied one km down the road then carried our skis the rest of the way because of the scratchy rocks. People at Elfin Shelter report that the propane heater up there is still broken though it was crowded and therefore a little bit warm. The Authorities may fly in a new heater, sometime soon.

POINTS OF INTEREST

BANFF MOUNTAIN FILM FESTIVAL WORLD TOUR

Ridge Theatre 3131 Arbutus St. (at 16th Ave) Vancouver 604 738 6311

Thursday December 2 - Saturday December 4

Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour

A celebration of outdoor films from around the world!

Nightly 7:30pm

A different selection of films will be shown each night; for details on each night's film selection visit sportcheck.ca

http://www.sportchek.ca/event_article.jhtml?id=27000009

Tickets are \$17 GST included and may be purchased at various Coast Mountain Sport locations in Vancouver, through Ticketmaster at 604-284-4444 / ticketmaster.ca or at the door each night. Partial proceeds from this event will be donated to Outward Bound Canada, an organization that promotes self-reliance, care and respect for others, responsibility to the community and concern for the environment.

- presented locally by Coast Mountain Sports

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 (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

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).

Thanks!

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