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Don't forget to vote in the U-Pass referendum this week! If quorum is not reached, then the U-Pass program is terminated! TERMINATED!! And then we'd all have to buck up even more to take transit. Bleh.

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UPCOMING TRIPS

VOC WINTER LONGHIKE

Meeting was tonight. Plan is to be at Falls Lake parking lot at 9 am this Saturday. If you need a ride or have a seats to offer, contact Tom Chen ASAP. Tom would like to point out an error in his directions on the Wiki:

http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/wiki.phtml?title=Winter_Longhike

I said turn left off the highway. Sensibly, this is actually incorrect; you have to go under the highway, so you'd most likely take an exit off the right side that'll loop in a tunnel beneath the highway.

If you reach the toll booth on the Coquihalla, then you've missed the Falls Lake exit, in which case it's a sensible idea to turn around.

BREW HUT RECON

Scott Nelson is leading a trip up to the venerable Brew Hut:

Ok, so there's a brew Hut recon trip planned for this weekend to explore the route to the hut from Roe creek on skis. So far, I think it's just myself, Sandra, and Matt Brown. We have space for 1 or 2 more people to come along.

Since the snowpack is so low, this could be a little bit ugly. On the other hand, we will probably be able to drive pretty far up the roe creek road, if last

weekend's tricouni expedition was any indication.

The plan is to ski up roe creek branch R200 to about 1050m elevation and then head into the woods aiming for the bench system that we explored last november.

We should bring a few rolls of flagging tape along to flag as much of the route as we can on the way down. Pink and orange are bad colours, because they are used by Western Forest Products for marking roads and clearcuts. Yellow or Blue would be a good idea. We should probably get 5 or 6 rolls of the stuff. Is there any hanging around in the clubroom?

-Scott

READING BREAK TRIPS

Still chasing the snow? Looking for a cheaper trip than heading for the Rockies or the Lower 48? Landon Pinette has a suggestion.

I'm going to go powder king and teapot and maybe mount timothy for reading break. If someone wants to come cool if not I'm going anyways. Powder king is the best ski hill I've ever been to and I've been around BC and most of Sweden, nothing can touch this place. Mount timothy is my little ski hill where I got started on a snowboard and it is really small but I know where every sick line lives and I'll show you them all. Teapot is a cool backcountry place 'near' my home in Williams Lake. I say 'near' cause it is 1.5-2 hours driving then a half hour on a snowmobile then a 1.5-2hour hike to the cabin, then you hike up for runs. Normally we go in the night before so that we sleep in the cabin and when we start the first day of the trip at the bottom of the runs. The cabin stay is free, the stay in Williams lake is free, accommodations in powder king is \$30 per night split between 4-6 people normally, lift tickets at powder king are \$40 for 19+yo \$30 for 18-yo, we may also wanna hit my local mountain mount timothy lift passes there are \$35 for 19+yo and \$25 for 18-yo.

If all goes to plan I wanna ride powder king 4 days then mix the other 5 days between a teapot trip and days at timothy (45minutes -1hour from my house) I also have snowmobiles that I might play on for a day. And there are also rumors of other backcountry places to go.

Note: this is for downhill skiers and snowboarders. There will be no traversing or anything like that just hike up for sick turns down. Sorry it's just my style.

Everyone is welcome to come email me (landon_pinette@hotmail.com) or post any question on the message board.

CLUB NEWS

VOC JOURNAL SUBMISSIONS

The first few are in. Good stuff! But we still need more.

Trip reports and write-ups of club activities you've been on, as well as photos, can be sent to our Journal Editor, Steve, at stevebegin@gmail.com. Word doc format works best (no pdf's). Colour pictures are welcome.

If you'd like to help put The Journal together, we are also recruiting people to edit and perhaps scope out companies that may be interested in advertising in the The Journal. Again, contact Steve at address above.

The deadline for submissions is mid-February. Remember - if everyone thinks everyone else will submit something, then the Journal will be pretty lean bathroom reading.

The Journal, published annually by the club since 1958, is a compilation of trip reports and club activities written by members (that means you!) and is a synopsis of the year that was. A free copy of the journal is provided to members at the end of the academic year, with a complete collection available in the VOC clubroom.

GEAR RENTAL HOURS

Boris has been appointed as a Quartermaster. So now you can bug him (and not just Jordan) for gear. His hours are:

MWF: 13:00-14:00

Thursday: 11:00-12:00

CLIMBING CLINICS AT THE BIRDCOOP

Are you an occasional climber, and want to pick up some tips? Are you a regular climber, and want to change your climbing routine? Come and climb with others in a fun, focused environment!

Miranda and Zev will be running weekly climbing clinics at the Birdcoop, every Wednesday at 5pm. The clinics are geared for novice to intermediate climbers (~V1-V3, although all levels can benefit), and will be entirely drop-in. Part of the session will be spent learning specific skills, and part will be spent on a workout designed to train technique, strength, and/or endurance. The cost is FREE, (but you are responsible for entrance into the Birdcoop.) Before each session, we will send a group email about what will be covered in the upcoming session to those who are interested. (This way you can decide whether you want to come that week.) To join this email list, or if you have any questions, email us at ubc.climbing@gmail.com. See you there!

TRIP REPORTS

TRICOUNI MEADOWS

By Tyler Linn

Al Ross, Chris Michalak and I went up to Tricouni Meadows on Saturday. Rally driving Chris was able to get the trusty Subaru all the way to about 1000 metres with the help of a few pushes from Al and myself. From there we hiked the rest of the way up the road and put on the skis. There was 2-3 cm of fresh snow up until about 1700 metres and maybe 10 cm of fresh up to 1900 metres. We didn't summit due to the whiteout conditions. The ski down was pretty fun and we managed to survive the drive back without running over the psycho dogs at the Native Reserve on the Squamish Valley Rd.

POINTS OF INTEREST

COAST MOUNTAINS SKI TRIP, APRIL 22 - MAY 7, 2005

This is a trip for the more intrepid types in our fair club:

I'm not a VOC member (in fact, never went to UBC), but we are looking for more people for a ski traverse/climbing camp in the Coast Mountains. After skiing behind a VOC group that did the Lillooet Icefield traverse last year, I thought there may be some VOC'ers interested in our trip.

Thanks

Sandra McGuinness
Nelson, BC

Homathko Icefield Ski Traverse/Climbing Camp

Maps:

92 N/2; 92 K/15; 92 N/1.

References:

Exploring the Coast Mountains on Skis (John Baldwin), CAJ 1970, pp. 63-64; CAJ 1986, pp. 21-22; CAJ 1989, pp.14-17.

Access:

Fly in with Tyax Air (Beaver ski plane ✈ leaves from Pemberton) to the western end of the Homathko Icefield (around GR835685, 92 N/2). 16 days later, fly out from southern end of Homathko Icefield (around GR870525, 92 N/2).

Trip Plan:

From landing site and camp (GR835685) climb Nunatak and Pelorus. Travel east about 10 km to Sasquatch Pass where we will set up a climbing camp. Stay at Sasquatch Pass for about 5 days (or so) and climb a variety of peaks, Howard, Burghley, Frobisher, Cloister, Walsingham, St John, Pembroke, Mist. Travel south down the Homathko Icefield with climbs of Plateau and Cambridge along the way. Set up a second climbing camp near GR870525 and climb Gallery, Gargoyle, Janus and Incisor. Get picked up from second camp 16 days after flying in. As the icefield is very flat and easy to travel we will not need a food drop as we will be able to tow sleds

Cost:

Roughly \$600 per person for flights in and out (based on 4 people). There may be other incidental costs such as satellite phone rental.

Dates:

April 22nd, 2005 to May 7th, 2005.

Contact: Sandra McGuinness or Doug Brown at dog_house@shaw.ca or 250-352-3545

VANCOUVER INTERNATIONAL MOUNTAIN FILM FESTIVAL

2005 Tentative Festival Program (subject to changes)

February 20-27, 2005

✈... illuminating the cutting edge... 30 times a frame...✈

✈✈delivering fresh images and cool stories from the death zone to your door✈✈

✈The Vancouver International Mountain Film Festival is a fine festival of climbing and adventure programs that remains true to the heart of climbing and the spirit of mountains. It is a relaxed gathering of sport climbers, alpinists and mountain wanderers.✈

Greg Child , festival presenter, world-class climber, mountaineer and award-winning writer

Sunday, February 20, 7pm , Planetarium (1100 Chestnut Street , Vancouver)
VIMFF Polish evening with Poland's mountain filmmaker Anna Pietraszek (in person) on the earlier and more recent Polish Himalayan expeditions and personalities (Tirich Mir, Nanda Devi, Wanda Rutkiewicz, and others); and a select of the best 2004 Polish mountain films.

\$ 12 at the door

Monday, February 21, 7pm , Planetarium (1100 Chestnut Street , Vancouver)
VIMFF White Water Evening , Guaranteed To Keep You Wet 000. With a guest speaker and a selection of films in a liquid state.

\$ 12 at the door

Tuesday, February 22, 7pm , Planetarium (1100 Chestnut Street , Vancouver)
VIMFF Ice Climbing Evening with Joe Josephson's Winter Dance: A 35 Year History of Ice Climbing live slide show; and a selection of films on ice climbing, mixed climbing and dry tooling.

Wednesday, February 23, 7 pm , Centennial Theatre (2300 Lonsdale, North Vancouver)
VIMFF Festival Opening, presented by MEC with VIMFF Photo Contest awards and exhibition opening; Melting Mountains , a climate change awareness program developed by the Alpine Club of Canada due to the harm caused by climate change on our recreational opportunities, mountain lifestyle, and ecology and economy of Western Canada; and films

\$ 15 in advance, \$ 17 at door

Thursday, February 24, 1:30pm , Centennial Theatre (2300 Lonsdale, North Vancouver)
Youth and Community Educational Program for the North Shore students, featuring Melting Mountains .

Free of charge for students.

Thursday, February 24, 7pm , Centennial Theatre (2300 Lonsdale, North Vancouver)
VIMFF wildest Mountain Biking Evening, presented by Norco featuring the Norco Factory Trials Team in a stage show; legendary mountain biker Hans Rey ; and the latest mountain biking flicks, once again higher, deeper and dirtier.

\$ 15 in advance, \$ 17 at door

Friday, February 25, 7pm , Centennial Theatre (2300 Lonsdale, North Vancouver)
VIMFF Climbing Evening with Austrian climber, photographer and filmmaker Heinz Zak
in a live multi-media presentation; and other theatrical acts, both real and
cinematographic.

\$ 15 in advance, \$ 17 at door

Saturday, February 26, 3pm , Centennial Theatre (2300 Lonsdale, North Vancouver)
VIMFF Mountain Film Buff Matinee 1 with Katy Holm in a live program about her
sailing and climbing trip to Greenland; and VIMFF 2005 film select. Part of the
ticket proceeds will go towards the Wilderness Education Program.

\$ 9 at door

Saturday, February 26, 7pm , Centennial Theatre (2300 Lonsdale, North Vancouver)
VIMFF BC/Canada Evening, presented by Mount Seymour , with a slide presentation by
Peter Croft , Canada's pioneer of hard big-wall free routes, in Falling Down and
Getting Up : A year of climbing in the Sierra Nevada in California, from the
highest peaks to the depths of injury and back up again; young Canadian leading
rock climber Sonnie Trotter in his Coast to Coast rock climbing Odyssey; and the
latest breed of mountains films made in your backyards.

\$ 15 in advance, \$ 17 at door

Sunday, February 27, 3pm , Centennial Theatre (2300 Lonsdale, North Vancouver)
VIMFF Mountain Film Buff Matinee 2: K2 in Film, a selection of historical and
modern films dedicated to exploring the ☪ Killer Mountain ☪

\$ 9 at door

Sunday, February 27, 7pm , Centennial Theatre (2300 Lonsdale, North Vancouver)
Festival Finale with film awards ceremony; live slide and multi-media
presentations featuring mountaineers Jim Wickwire, Dianne Roberts, Jim Whittaker,
Jennifer Jordan, and others, dedicated to exploring and climbing K2 ; and
screening of some the festival winning films.

\$ 15 in advance, \$ 17 at door

Centennial Theatre Seminars (Saturday February 26, and Sunday February 27, 2005)
VIMFF will offer a series of seminars on filming and photography in wilderness
conditions, as well as training and nutrition for climbing and expeditions. For
details please check www.vimff.org

Festival tickets will be available as of mid-January 2005 at the Centennial Theatre, 2300 Lonsdale Avenue, North Vancouver, (604) 984-4484; and at MEC, 130 W Broadway, Vancouver; MEC, 1341 Main Street, North Vancouver.

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<http://www.ubc-voc.com/member/update.php> , and uncheck the 'want VOCene' box

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