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With fresh snow and temperatures dropping, Winter may not be over quite yet.  
Huzzah!

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UPCOMING TRIPS  
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READING BREAK SKI TRIP

After all the postings on the message board, a trip now seems imminent. Destination is either Sphinx Hut or Cerise Hut. A meeting is in the works for later this week. However, the available car spaces appear to be oversubscribed so follow the message board keenly if you're thinking of squeezing in.

CYPRESS WEEKEND SKIING

Anyone want to practice their skiing at Cypress this weekend? Any beginner teleskiers interested? Anyone who's planning on doing teleschool?

See my post or email me directly (cpetrus@gmail.com).

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CLUB NEWS  
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## VOC JOURNAL SUBMISSIONS

The trickle of submissions continues. Keep 'em coming!

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](mailto:stevebegin@gmail.com). Word doc format works best (no pdfs). 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.

## CLIMBING WALL

From Nick Waber:

On Monday, February 28th there will be another VOC climbing night. Everything up to then has been booked up. Bummer.

## THURSDAY SLIDESHOW

From Sarah Harrison:

Everyone be sure to come out this THURSDAY at 7:00 to Tom Chen's "Tree Planting For Dummies" slideshow (sure to be some kind of Tom-ly fun!.... not Tom Lee, Tom Chen but It'll be fun- FUN!!)

## GEAR RENTAL HOURS

In case you haven't heard, our resident Russian, Boris, has been appointed as a Quartermaster. Now you capitalists will pay! Anyway, 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](mailto:ubc.climbing@gmail.com). See you there!

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TRIP REPORTS  
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WINTER LONGHIKE  
By Roland Burton

So we went, and it was good. Lots of hexagonal snowflakes were falling Saturday when we all parked beside the road. The trail in was one km of logging road, then some stairs and maybe 400m of quite dense and ugly bush, and maybe 600m more of ok logging road. Then we got to test the lake ice by walking across (or skiing or snowshoeing). Fred said it could hold a tank, but we had no tanks.

At the chosen snowcave site, snow was a little sparse, but the foot of fresh helped a lot. We built about four snowcaves, after heaping snow into enormous piles, one igloo was partially constructed then tarped for the night. Several brought tents.

Evening's entertainment featured the usual loud singing and apparently a stripper or two, though I went to bed early and missed this (Darn!). Official night temperature was -8C, though I could have sworn it was at least -10C in my tent.

Trip out was fairly uneventful. When we got to the highway there was a total blizzard blowing, and at least one car wouldn't start. My car wouldn't shift out of first gear so we drove part of the Coquihalla in first, moving off the road onto the partially plowed shoulder to allow large trucks to slowly pass. I hope everybody made it back, and thanks to the organizers, chiefly Tom, to the drivers, and to Fred for providing technical support. His snow cave was the greatest!

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POINTS OF INTEREST  
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FREE COLLECTION OF VOC JOURNALS

From VOC member Dave Way:

I have a collection of VOC Journals, going back as far as 1960 (but not every year). Anyone who will put them to use, give me a telephone call to arrange pickup from my place near 14th and Main St.

Cheers, Dave Way  
604-879-3993

FMCBC SLIDESHOW: TRAVERSING THE HEADWATERS OF THE KINGCOME RIVER

Spectacular images - guaranteed to dispel the winter blues! By L. Baile.

Join us for a tale of travel in the least travelled part of the Coast Mtns south

of Bella Coola. The Silverthrone Glacier lies about 50 km west of the Waddington Range, and immediately south of the Monarch Icefield. On the east, it drains via the Kliniklini River into Knight Inlet. The south side is drained by the Kingcome River and tributaries. Lisa Baile is an experienced mountaineer, and devotes much time to running the Wilderness Education Program, a non-profit that brings wilderness and ecology into schools.

MEC Vancouver at 130 W Broadway (by the climbing wall) Feb 11, 2005; 7pm

Cost is by donation to the Wilderness Education Program (<http://www.wepbc.ca/>).

#### 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](mailto: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

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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

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

\$ 12 at the door

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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.

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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

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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.

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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](http://www.vimff.org)

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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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