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### UPCOMING TRIPS

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#### SQUAMISH CLIMBING OVERNIGHTER

This weekend is an impromptu climbing fest. See Janet's message board thread [Squamish Saturday-Sunday](#).

#### GARIBALDI NEVE

See Natasha's thread. On a related note, Roland may be heading to the Sphinx Hut as well.

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### CLUB NEWS

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#### VOC JOURNAL SUBMISSIONS

Basically, a lot more are needed. Send them ASAP to Steve ([stevebegin@gmail.com](mailto:stevebegin@gmail.com)).

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.

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TRIP REPORTS  
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READING BREAK SKI TRIP

A few carloads of VOCers spend Reading Break doing hut skiing. Some miscellaneous shots of their adventure:

From Richard So

<http://www.imagestation.com/album/pictures.html?id=2130498940>

from Tom Chen

<http://www.imagestation.com/album/?id=2130529103>

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MEC WOMEN'S SNOWSPORTS DEMO DAY, SATURDAY FEBRUARY 26

Saturday, Feb.26 from 11am-4pm, MEC is having a Women's Snowsport Demo day. There will be gear demos (skis, snowboards, and snowshoes) and free beginner lessons for alpine and telemark skiing. For more info call MEC Vancouver or email [vanskimar@mec.ca](mailto:vanskimar@mec.ca)

I don't know if/when teleschool is getting rescheduled, but this might be fun for VOC women (or cross-dressing men...it doesn't say anything about transgendered...). If anyone's thinking of going who has a car, lemme know!! :)

VANCOUVER TELEMARF FESTIVAL, MARCH 5

Vancouver Telemark Festival

March 5th, 2005 at Mt. Seymour

Invites all skiers, snowboarders and outdoor enthusiasts to be part of the 5th Annual Vancouver Telemark Festival. The "Mardi Gras on the Mountain" promises all the fun you can have on two free-heeled skis! Events include: clinics, races, gear demos and an evening Telemark Ball. Visit [www.telemark.ca](http://www.telemark.ca) for tickets and more details.

ACC MONTHLY MEETING & SLIDESHOW

The February 2005 edition Avalanche Echoes is now available at:

<http://www.aebc.com/acc/Echoes/feb05.pdf>

Tuesday February 22 at 7:30 pm.

Location: Floral Hall, Van Dusen Gardens W. 37th & Oak Street, Vancouver

Slideshow: Highlights from the 2004 ACC Spring Ski Camps: Waddington, Spearhead (with VOC) and Lillooet Icefield Traverses.

## MELTING MOUNTAINS PRESENTATION AT VANCOUVER INTERNATIONAL MOUNTAIN FILM FESTIVAL

Melting Mountains Awareness presentation in North Vancouver on February 23 to feature World-renowned alpinist Barry Blanchard

For immediate release

February 16, 2005 (Vancouver, BC) -- The 8th Annual Vancouver International Mountain Film Festival and the David Suzuki Foundation have teamed up to present the Melting Mountains Awareness Program at the VIMFF's opening night celebrations, February 23, 7 pm, at the Centennial Theatre in North Vancouver.

Rising temperatures are altering the world's mountain environments in a number of ways: glaciers are melting, waters are drying up, and rising snowlines are taking a toll on low-elevation ski resorts. The Melting Mountains Awareness Program is the first educational project to examine the effects of climate change on Canada's mountains.

World-renowned alpinist Barry Blanchard and Melting Mountains' director Ian Bruce will show how to protect BC's mountains for the future. Blanchard is a passionate speaker who has been described by Explore magazine as "a mountaineer so revered that aspiring alpinists pin his photo in their high-school lockers".

Also included in the Festival Opening, (which is presented by Mountain Equipment Co-op) is the VIMFF Photo Contest awards and exhibition opening; the feature documentary Being Caribou; and the short films Solo un cargador (Peruvian mountain porter's perspective of his life); Practical Norwegian; The Sportsman (a comedy about the Telemark ski invention); and Islet (an animated Inuit tale).

Being Caribou, written and directed by Leanne Allison and Diana Wilson, chronicles the five-month journey of Leanne Allison and Karsten Heuer as they follow the porcupine caribou herd of 120,000 animals, on foot, across 1,500 kilometres of rugged Arctic tundra from Old Crow, Yukon, to the caribou calving grounds in Alaska. At stake is the herd's delicate habitat, which could be devastated if proposed oil and gas development goes ahead in Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. The film is produced by Tracey Friesen for the National Film Board of Canada.

Tickets for the festival opening are \$15 in advance, \$17 at door and are available at MEC, Centennial Theatre, or by calling (604) 984-4484.

For more information about the VIMFF, please see <http://www.vimff.org>

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