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The end of year banquet was smashing! Thanks for organizing, Jess!

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UPCOMING TRIPS

SKAHA SUNDAY

Hey folks i'm driving to Skaha Sunday. I'd be stoaked to share gas/driving and have some entertainment in the car. So if there are any climbers out there done exams/slacking off durring exams give me a shout. I'm comming back either Tuesday night or Wednesday.

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SKIING

Into skiing instead? Jen Arnold and Landon are heading to Whistler and Stuart Masterman is looking at doing some backcountry Thurs/Fri. See their posts.

ROCKCLIMBING

Hi,

I'm looking to expand my pool of climbing partners for the summer, and figured I'd post a quick note here. I haven't been around the VOC for a while (yup, I'm an old guy, although not as old as Roland), but I was quite active teaching rock school

as recently as a few years ago. Anyhow, I figured there might be one or two keeners out there who want to exchange E-mail addresses. Feel free to call me at 778-227-1021, or e-mail me at kevin.wilder@aircanada.ca if you're interested in getting out to Squamish and are looking for someone to go with.

Kevin

PS. Sorry Roland... cheap shot!

JOINT ACC-VOC GARIBALDI NEVE TRAVERSE

This trip is on the bubble as we still don't have a confirmed ACC leader. Natasha will be keeping those signed up informed of the latest.

CLUB NEWS

VOC CLIMBING COMPETITION

Hey all,
There will be a competition on the VOC wall VERY soon. Watch this space, the date will be announced tomorrow. It could be as soon as... Tuesday the 12th. (Though Tuesday the 19th looks nice too). It will be in the evening, so don't worry about exam conflicts.

Cost: \$5.

Divisions: Men's and women's. Should a LOT of people sign up for a division it may be split into "advanced" and "not-so-advanced" so that 5.12 climbers aren't competing against 5.9 climbers.

Format (Tentative): Routes are worth points. Each climber may attempt any route they wish. However, they may only weight the rope (either by falling or resting) 5 time, and must start from the beginning after weighting the rope. Whoever has the most points at the end wins.

What you win: Haven't decided yet. We'll see what I can dig up or have donated.

Oh yeah... the best part... THERE WILL BE NEW HOLDS!!!! Yes: clean, bright, lovely holds. Lots of 'em.

TRIP REPORTS

BREW HUT

by Scott Nelson

Karine, Sandra, Chee and I skied up to Brew. We drove to 900m elevation up roe creek FSR, with snow packed down by the snowcat operation, almost making it to the fork for branch 200.

We skied the new route all the way to micro Brew, which was great now that there is actually some snow on the ground. We made corrections and additions to the flagging along the way, and we reached microbrew at 12:30 after 4 hours at a moderate pace were we had lunch.

There was about 60cm of snow around microbrew, and we removed some of it to speed up the spring melting process. Karine found some gravel and took a sample to see if it was appropriate for use in a concrete mixture.

Then we headed down to the lake, which was ok skiing but not great, and out down the trail. We avoided skiing down the worst forested parts of the trail by traversing right and descending a talus slope and picking up the trail again at the bottom. We had no problems negotiating the flatter sections without skins, and the rocky open bowl at 1150m actually made for a few turns.

Overall, I was quite impressed with how the route skied. Bushes and alder were not an issue, but there were many small trees that should be removed from the route to make for easier skiing, especially in early season conditions. Also, low down branches of larger trees were sometimes problematic, and this summer will probably include a workhike to go in and remove them.

ZOA PEAK

By Richard So

Yesterday Matt, Zosia, Martin, Chris BL and myself went skiing by the Needle Peak area. The recent snowfall was nowhere to be found, and instead we had about 1-2 inch of powder on windcrusted snow. Views were great despite the cloud cover. Rather windy day also.

Pictures are here,

<http://www.imagestation.com/album/pictures.html?id=2128294584>

I postholed through the tree section, while the others skied it.

Some more pics from this trip c/o Matt Brown:

http://www.brown-house.com/blog/index.php?title=2005_04_09_Needle_Peak

POINTS OF INTEREST

ACC MEETING AND NEWSLETTER

The April 2005 edition Avalanche Echoes is now available at:

<http://www.aebc.com/acc/Echoes/apr05.pdf>

Also a reminder to join us for our next General Meeting on Tuesday April 26, 2005 at 7:30 PM at Floral Hall in Van Dusen Gardens, 37th & Oak, Vancouver.

The presentation on April 26 will be:

• In Search of Wild Places • by John Chris Cooper on his 105 day epic canoe journey on the west coast, from Petersburg, Alaska to Gibsons, BC in a 42 foot Montreal canoe • 2000 km and 3,000,000 paddle strokes!

Coming Up on May 24, 2005: • Mountain Music: Summer Camps and Other Adventures • by Kent Watson, feathering the Lake O'Hara and Rogers Pass camps.

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