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UPCOMING TRIPS

SNOWSHOE / SKI NEXT WEEK?

I want to do an overnighter but will also settle for a day trip. Ski, snowshoe, or hike. Frida Petersson is interested. Anyone else? Email me, cpetrus@gmail.com.

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

For those who signed up, check your emails regularly. Dates and people are in flux.

CLUB NEWS

VOC JOURNALS

Great work on the journal, Steve! A limited number were distributed at the banquet. Apparently the publisher wants to be paid (or something like that) before we get any more copies. An announcement will be made once that happens.

GETTING CLUB GEAR OVER SUMMER BREAK

As the quartermasters will be leaving shortly after exams, gear rental times will be sporadic. We'll try and keep gear room keys floating amongst the reliable and dependable VOC exec in town, which will probably end up just being Roland.

BREW HUT CONSTRUCTION

From Jean-Philippe Mercier:

It is time to set up thing about Brew Hut this summer. We actually have to schedule one week for the construction including the preceding and the following week end. I have several options to propose:

4th week of june
1st week of july
1st or 2nd week of August.

Please let me know if you are interested and when you are available.

We also have to scout the new site and set up the foundation before building the hut. Please let me know if you would like to get involve in the foundation effort.

You can either reply to this message on the board or go to the Brew hut reconstruction page on the Wiki (http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/index.php?title=Brew_Hut_Rebuild) and sign up...

TRIP REPORTS

TOFINO

By Martin Berka

Cape Scott wannabie ended up heading to Tofino with Doris, Stepan and 2 very exotic looking fruits. This was a last-minute (un)coordinated trip but a great one nevertheless.

Saturday lunch we arrived to Wickaninish beach (Pacific Rim NP) and walked along staring at mysterious jelly-like animals on the beach, eagles in the air, and sea gulls doing the "you can't catch me" dance in great numbers. The bush on the side

of the beach (hard to get through) has beautiful dunes behind it with eagles flying overhead and no wind. Then we stared at tide-pools full of green "donuts" but very few starfish, saw smaller waterfowl (long-billed curlews i think with red beaks and funny legs), river otter running around the beach (>1m in length!), and seals, and wondered at the 5m waves on Florencia beach. The weather was characteristically unpredictable: sunshine-hail-downpour cycle lasting 30 minutes, and high winds. Good for beating out the city feeling from your fingertips. We then stormed Tofino's Sand Bar where Stepan established a name for Czech pool playing after winning 20-something consecutive games, beating every serious pool player in town. Two of us stared in awe.

After a late Sunday breakfast we split: Stepan went whale-watching (no luck) while Doris and I rented a double kayak and explored the area. We paddled to the native village of Opsiah across the water from Tofino, then to Mears island to check out the new trail that goes to a 2000 years old cedar. The tree looks pretty dead but also incredibly large (10 meters in diameter?), with things growing from the top sides, and bottom of it.... the old granddad of the forest is what it looked like. Then on to Grice bay but tide was very low and we stayed well away from the shore which made the paddling less interesting (besides getting stuck on a sandbank once). Saw lots of waterfowl, seals, eagles, starfish... and if you were in the back seat you could also see Doris' huge shoulders. The last hour heavens opened in a massive downpour. We returned, very wet but happy.

The spectacular-looking kiwano and fire-dragon fruit were slaughtered on the ferry to Horseshoe bay. After spending \$15 it was sobering to discover that they taste a lot like a cucumber and horseradish, respectively.

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.

NEW CLIMBING MOVIE BY PETER MORTIMER

Attention all climbers out there (and there are a lot of you!!). You may already know who Peter is... read on.

Hello!

I wanted to let you know of the new movie by Peter Mortimer titled, Return2Sender that will be coming through Vancouver, BC later this month. This is part of the Northwest tour which features an appearance by Timmy O'Neill, that will be at the Macmillan Planetarium in Vancouver on April 27. We'd love to fill the debut shows with climbing enthusiasts and people within the industry.

And therefore we'd really appreciate your help in spreading the word to the Vancouver climbing community and the UBC Varsity Outdoor Club. Will you please add the April 27th date and event to the VOC weekly newsletter? If you'd like more information on the movie you can view the trailer at www.return2sendermovie.com or email us with any questions!

Thanks!

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