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Well the next number after six is seven(big news I know), and, as the avid readers knows: this is vocene #7. There is no particular significance to the number seven, but we are counting, because by the time we get up to 30 or so the UBC winter term will be coming to an end, and climbing in squamish will come alive again. In the mean time Climbing trips are leaving the country in search of dry rock, paddling is starting, and talk of skiing powder can be heard in the clubroom and the gallery. Bring it on.

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I. UPCOMING TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES

1. SKAHA Climbing or is it Vantage?

Heads up everyone the trips destination is on the bubble based on weather. IF it's looking good in skaha for the weekend then it will go if not, it will go to Vantage. Also, very important, this trip has been organized by members of the club as a weekend away type trip. This means that there will not be any instruction, and only courteous direction given. This is not long hike. Most people have pre arranged climbing partners and objectives. Now you know. Come on out to the slideshow on Wed. to find out what everyone has planned for their weekends, there will most likely be some folks going for beer after to. Just a guess though.

2. Wednesday Slide Show 7pm in Clubroom

Hey there people, here's an occasion to celebrate the coming of... Wednesday!  
Jordan and I will be presenting the very first non-hardcore-climbing slideshow of the year - it will be about the 2-week hike we did in Northern BC.

We can promise:

- 1) pictures of a mostly naked Brit,
- 2) furry animals (sometimes hard to distinguish from 1)
- 3) some nice views
- 4) some fun stories

Come on out guys!

3. Elfin Lakes October 29 -30(Check message board for updates)

Who: Roland Burton

Elfin Lakes is an overnight trip, 11 km, and there's a heater at the shelter so you can get dried off, and you don't need tents or arctic-quality sleeping gear. There might be snow up there and I like to walk in snow. Note this is Halloween weekend so you'll miss out on trick or treating, and it's Penticton/Skaha weekend, so you'll miss out on that as well. Don't say I didn't warn you.

If you're keen let me know asap so I can do planning, etc

5. Gear Work hike next Monday, check message board for updates

Ok, a few things need to be done for the gear room in the next week or so...

1) PLEASE try and have all gear (that isn't for Skaha or this weekend) back to us by FRIDAY AT THE LATEST. This is vital for point number 2. Please Please Please!

2) I will be inventorying all the club gear next Monday (the 31st of October) between 10am and 3pm (it won't take this long maybe, but these are the hours I'm free). I need help to do this, in the form of bodies who can help me make a list of our total gear, assign each piece of gear a unique number/letter, assess the general condition of the gear, and organize it within the gear room. Don't worry if you don't know much about gear, there will be plenty of people who do. This counts as a WORKHIKE, and will let you take out said gear for the rest of the year ( = good!)

So, if you're interested in helping, please email me at [deagen@interchange.ubc.ca](mailto:deagen@interchange.ubc.ca), and let me know! If I don't get enough people to help out, we'll have to postpone it, for it's a rather large job.

Also, I'll be looking for some technically savy soul to enter these lists of the gear we do have onto the wiki, to replace the out of date list that is already there...Else I'll have to do it. Also is a work hike!

On the issue of work hikes, the beginning of year grace period is now over. You must have at least signed up (or expressed interest) in doing a work hike to borrow gear. No exceptions. There is a work hike sign-up sheet on the gear room door in the clubroom.

Another thing that has been an issue, gear is lent out on a deposit basis. You must have the appropriate deposit to borrow the gear. I will be posting a list of what the deposits are on the wiki, tomorrow possibly, but definitely by the end of the week. We can't have exceptions on this, we don't get the gear back if we do. Please understand.

So, lets get this all sorted out, and we all can have a better way of using our (insert gollum voice here) precious' gear.

## II. CLUB NEWS

### 1. Climbing Wall Cards

Hey all, anyone wanting to get their VOC wall memberships can drop by the clubroom tomorrow (Tues Oct 25th) around 11:00 am. I'll be there for probably about half an hour. Otherwise, I'll most likely be at the Skaha pre-trip meeting on Wednesday night. Please bring \$5 (exact change) as I don't have any change.

## III. News From the Outside World.

### 1. Slideshow NOV. 8th @ Climbing in CUBA

In case your members (and alumni) are interested in another exotic climbing destination, I will be giving the BCMC slide show on Nov.8, 7:30, at the ANZA

club. Topic: Climbing (and traveling) in Cuba. Beautiful steep to overhanging limestone karst formations, set among red soil bean and tobacco fields in the Vinales Valley southwest of Habana. This is THE next international climbing destination with new route development ongoing.(see <http://www.cubaclimbing.com> for photos, topos and details)

2. Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour comes to Vancouver on Dec. 1,2,3, 2005

Hot on the heels of the largest, and one of the most prestigious, mountain festivals in the world, the Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour has hit the road, with stops planned in more than 250 communities and 25 countries across the globe.

This year's tour features a collection of the most inspiring and thought-provoking active, environmental, and adventure mountain films. Traveling from remote landscapes and cultures to up close and personal with adrenaline-packed action sports, the 2005/2006 World Tour is an exhilarating and provocative exploration of the mountain world.

The Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour is produced by Mountain Culture at The Banff Centre, and features award-winning films and audience favorites from approximately 300 films entered in the annual festival in Banff.

Join ROI Recreation Outfitters Inc. when the Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour brings the spirit of outdoor adventure to Vancouver, at the Ridge Theatre (3131 Arbutus) on Dec. 1,2,3 at 7:00pm.

For tickets and information contact (604) 623-FILM [www.bmffvancouver.ca](http://www.bmffvancouver.ca) and MEC

Media contact For local information such as the films shown in a local program, name of a local venue, time of show, etc., please contact:

Name of Local Host: ROI Recreation Outfitters, Jackie Swanson

Phone: 604-320-3350 x10

E-mail: [Jackie@roirecreation.com](mailto:Jackie@roirecreation.com)

3. Drop in Rolling at the aquatic centre Friday nights

The Aquatic Centre has drop-in rolling on Friday nights, from 10-11:30pm. \$5 per person (not per boat. but it means your non-paddling friends can pay the drop-in and come sit in the hot tub while you play!), boats can be loaded in the back door at 9:45pm, and everyone has to be out of the building by 11:50pm. No session on November 4th, due to a special event.

The sessions are at risk of being cancelled due to low turnout, so if you want to participate in the sessions, start coming NOW!

Anyone without a boat can try contacting MEC's paddle rental shop.. in past years, when some of their crew were coming out to play, they'd haul extra boats that people had arranged to rent!

If you can pass this info along to your members, or pop it in your newsletter, that would be great! Questions can be directed to me at 604 822 1967, or at this email address!

Thanks!

Christa Giles

Head Instructor

UBC Aquatic Centre

4. The Canadian Avalanche Centre Presents

## Columbia Brewery Backcountry Avalanche Workshop

Follow this link for details:

<http://www.avalanche.ca/default.aspx?DN=352,15,3,Documents>

Vancouver: Saturday Nov 19th,  
Ridge Theatre 3131 Arbutus  
9:00am - 4:30pm

This workshop is for you! You're a backcountry skier, boarder, sledder or climber. Mountain adventure is important in your life and you want to enjoy your sport for many years to come. You've taken an avalanche course, or read some of the books, and you know that you owe it to yourself, your friends and your family to ensure your avalanche knowledge is as up to date as your mountain equipment.

These events provide an early season avalanche safety primer to help you start your winter right. This is an opportunity to get together with avalanche experts who will share their insights, introduce new ideas and tools, and help active winter travelers like you learn more about snow safety.

This year's workshop theme is:

Outsmart the Dragon: Avalanche Risk in a Changing World

Learn from leading Canadian and US avalanche researchers and experts including:  
Jill Fredston: author of the new book *Snowstruck: In the Grip of Avalanches* and co-director of the Alaska Mountain Safety Center

Ken Wylie: IFMGA Guide; Adventure Guides Program, Thompson Rivers University

Grant Statham: IFMGA Guide; Avalanche Risk Specialist, Parks Canada

Lori Zacaruk: owner of Zac's Tracs Snowmobile Tours & Courses

Clair Israelson: Canadian Avalanche Centre

John Kelly: Canadian Avalanche Centre

Pascal Högeli: project manager, Avalanche Decision Framework for Amateur Recreationists; owner Avisualanche Consulting

Bruce Jamieson: NSERC Research Chair in Snow Avalanche Risk Control, University of Calgary

Tickets:

\$40 General Admission, \$20 Students; (Student ID required upon admission)

\* CAA & CAC Members receive a 10% discount off General Admission when they purchase tickets through [www.avalanche.ca](http://www.avalanche.ca) or by phoning the CAA/CAC

Tickets are available at Mountain Equipment Co-op stores in Vancouver & North Vancouver; Ridge Theatre Box Office, online at [www.avalanche.ca](http://www.avalanche.ca), by phone at 250.837.2435, and at the door.

For more information visit [www.avalanche.ca](http://www.avalanche.ca) or call 250.837.2435

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Quote of the Week:      Climbing is like a brain enema. It just cleans all the

crap out of your head.👤 👤 Emily

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