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VOCene #9 2005/2006-November 7,2005

Nine is defined as the cardinal number that is the sum of eight and one. This is an excellent place to find ourselves because the past 8 weeks were pre snow, and as all of those who were fortunate enough to get outside this past weekend know: we are starting a new count, and thus one, the number of weeks with snow! You gotta love the pow! Yee haw! It's coming. That is all there is to say. Pray for lots!

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2. Pre trip meeting for Smith Rock Trip
3. End of Term Social December 6, 2005 7pm

II. CLUB NEWS

1. The Dec. social is happening the big question is who is putting on a slideshow? Jeremy Frimer has a posting on the message board recruiting interest from those willing to support a professional climbers show. Sign up if you are interested in attending.

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I. UPCOMING TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES

1. Wednesday the 9th of October-Slide Show 7pm in Clubroom
Who: Janet Draganov's
What: Mis Adventures in South America.

Word has it that this show will not be a G rating, it may be bumped up to the dangerous realm of PG, so anybody who needs someone's hand to hold might want to give their folks a ring. Were talking about hiking, traveling and some South

American mischievousity(is that a word?) by the sounds of things.

2. Just before the slideshow there will be a meeting about the Smith Rock climbing trip at 6pm in the clubroom.

3. End of term social is scheduled for December 6, 2005, at the sub in the Party Room. Tickets on Sale early next week, it will be a measly 5 clams, and will involve some type of food, slideshow, potential door prizes, and lots of fun.

II. CLUB NEWS

1. There is an opportunity for the club to host Sonnie Trotter for a slide show/presentation. Mr. Trotter is one of Canada's strongest climbers and his presentation would be of the highest quality. The club needs an expression of interest from all those interested in attending (cost 5.00) prior to arrangements being made. The show would be scheduled for early DEC. Check the message board for a attendees list if interested.

III. TRIP REPORTS

1. Red Heather

Lots of people were up at Red Heather today, and for very good reasons.

We got to the parking lot early, and saw Scott and others. There was enough snow at the parking lot to start skinning up, so snow tires are a good idea or 4WD.

At the top of the meadows above Red Heather shelter, there was about 150cm of snow. I don't think I touched any rocks on the bottom, though I did faceplant quite a bit.

The ski down was the best part of it, and that only took us 30 minutes to the car. Apparently Jeremy's done it in 17 minutes?

There were lots of people up here today, and others headed to the Elfin Lakes area. Saw Trish and co. headed that way.

There's probably going to be another trip up to the area next weekend, though it'll probably be even busier if more snow falls.

Richard

2. Snow shoeing on the Duffy

We were five, Martin sharp as a pencil Lee hu, Bram the collector of excellent Spanish music Van Straaten, Jay snowshoes are for softies Pigott, Ellan check out my gloves Morgan, and Me, Scott they lets stop in front of the salt shed Fiddes. We cruised up to the Duffy lake road late Sat night, and would have had great nights sleep amongst the skiff of snow, if not for the continual return of a very large front loader with bright lights and a deafening beep beep beep warning system. Despite its presence we laughed it off, and awoke early to cold temperatures and overcast skies. We hiked up to approx. 5800 ft on the west ridge of Mt Rohr before deep snow(70-80cm) turned us around, but not before we enjoyed a casual lunch in a pleasant environment that offered views into Marriot basin. We descended quickly and once at the car enjoyed great vistas of Joffre, Slalok, and Cayoosh Mountains. We stopped in for a cup of the bean in Whistler before

heading back to the concrete jungle that is Vancouver. I am looking forward to going back to get to the top with skis. Thanks to all, good times were had. Peace.
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IV. NEWS FROM THE OUTSIDE WORLD.

1. Slideshow NOV. 8th ☺ Climbing in CUBA

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.

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 and MEC

3. 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 Hoggeli: 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 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, by phone at
250.837.2435, and at the door.

For more information visit www.avalanche.ca or call 250.837.2435

4. Ring of Fire Ring of Fire Bicycle tour slideshow.
Tuesday November 15, 2005 at 19:30

"Cycling the Pacific Ring of Fire", "volcano-hopping" by mountain bike
around the globe's largest ocean is an expedition of epic proportions
undertaken by Canadian adventurers Janick Lemieux and Pierre Bouchard.

Come and meet them as they share their tales and discoveries gathered during the
second stage of this ambitious "cyclo-volcanic" quest: 11,000 kilometres and 18
months astride their mounts from Patagonia to Indonesia via the South
Seas' fabled isles of paradise and fire!

As part of Pedal Magazine "Cycling the Pacific Ring of Fire part 2: a
mariner's journey!" pan-Canadian series, the two globetrotters on wheels will
stop over in Vancouver to present their inspirational and captivating expedition
account at the H.R. Macmillan Space Centre Auditorium (1100 Chestnut Street) on
Tuesday November 15, 2005 at 19:30. Admission: \$15.

Tickets are available at MEC stores. Info: (604)872-7858.

Quote of the Week: "You cannot learn to fly by flying. First you must learn to
walk, and to run, and to climb, and to dance." ♀ Friedrich Nietzsche.

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