

VOCene #16 2005/2006-January 28th-2006

This VOCene is number 16. And I can't think of any way to relate that number to the fact that the skiing is incredible right now. So I won't. That said, it's all about fresh snow in the coastal mountains right now, and lots of it. Be prepared, be safe, and have fun.

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In this VOCene:

#### I. UPCOMING TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES

1. Intro backcountry skiing trip- Feb 12th and 13th
2. Tele-skiing on Cypress Feb. 4th and 6th
3. Red Rocks trip is in the works for reading break
4. Screening of *Return to Sender* a way sic climbing flic, check the wiki for more.

#### II. CLUB NEWS

1. Journal submission deadline: February 21st.
2. Return club Gear, you know who you are, and so do we.
3. We need slideshows
4. We are doing an inventory of the guidebooks in the Clubroom, if you have any books can you please return them to the clubroom, thanks.
5. Thanks to Jeff Mottershead for creating the dropbox for the brew hut.

#### IV NEWS FROM THE OURSIDE WORLD

1. VIMFF is coming soon, still need volunteers.
2. Upcoming ACC meeting and slideshow
3. Free online Avalanche Training Course from Canadian Avalanche Association
4. Hurley River Drainage Recreation Inventory Mapping Project
5. First aid course being offered by LIVEMORE Adventures.

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I. UPCOMING TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES

#### 1. Intro backcountry skiing

When: Feb 12th and 13th

This one is in the works and still needs instructors, but is focused on skiing in the backcountry. Some previous ski experience is recommended. Sign up sheet outside the clubroom.

2. Red Rocks for reading break is in the works; check the message board for updates.

#### 3. Trek in Baltoro. Karakorum

Do you think you could spread the word around about the trek i'm planning to baltoro? Im trying to get a group of 5 together....this trekking agency is willing to sponsor my trek in exchange for my photos if i can get a large enough group. I'd be looking to do it mid to late june, it's about a 2-3 week trek.

If you interested contact former VOCer : Jonathan Luckhurst Photography  
<http://www.jonathanluckhurst.com>

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II. CLUB NEWS

1. The journal editor aka Ellen, has put out the word that stories, poems and yes, even essays are not only welcome but expected from all those who have been outside this year. There are no guidelines, all stories are welcome. If it crosses the line, don't worry that's why we have the editor. Start working on them now because the final day for submissions is February 21st.

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3. We need some slideshows for the coming term so if you have one you would like to do, Wednesday nights is still the time.

4. Thanks Jeff Mottershead for building the drop box for the brew hut.

5. Thanks to Dustin Harrison for donating some ropes to the climbing wall.

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III. TRIP REPORT

None this week, stay tuned  
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IV. NEWS FROM THE OUTSIDE WORLD.

1. Vancouver International Mountain Film Festival is now looking for volunteers for its 9th annual event, February 17-26, 2006. If you think you could get involved or if you know of somebody else who would like to help in one of the below areas please contact Alan Formanek at [alan@vimff.org](mailto:alan@vimff.org), (604) 990-1505 at your earliest convenience.

2. Vancouver ☪ One month from today, on February 17, 2006, the Vancouver International Mountain Film Festival (VIMFF) will be launching its 9th Annual Event. Multi-media presentations by international and local guest speakers, mountain films from all corners of the world, Mountain Photography Contest and Exhibition, VIMFF Youth Community Program, special events and interactive seminars will be offered to festival audiences in Greater Vancouver from February 17-26, 2006.

VIMFF traditionally brings to Vancouver world celebrities of mountaineering, climbing, skiing and mountain biking, and pairs them up with the back yard heroes, fringe personalities of the climbing world and with film screenings, photographic competition and exhibition, book readings, interactive seminars and special events in a forum intended to bring people together, to inspire. VIMFF supports young emerging Canadian filmmakers and innovative ways of creating a theatrical mountain experience.

VIMFF 2006 Festival guest presenters include:

Alain Robert (France), a.k.a. the French Spiderman, famous for climbing the tallest artificial structures in the world in the purest style of free solo (without ropes, artificial aid and insurance);

Greg Child (Australia/USA), one of the most accomplished climbers of all times, with a number of alpine-style break-through ascents to his credit, and a well-published author;

Klem Loskot (Austria), Austrian climbing Kraftwerk, specializing in bouldering and

deep water soloing (climbing above the sea level with no protection and with salt water as his crash pad); also a filmmaker and inspiration presenter;  
Katy Holm and Katherine Fraser (Canada), local female alpine climbing talents, bringing stories from their epic climbs in the remote areas of China;  
Piotr Pustelnik (Poland), the most successful contemporary Polish high-altitude climber, very short of climbing all highest peaks on the planet;  
Dave Dornian and Jeremy Frimer (Canada), our own alpine talents, bringing stories from the St. Elias Range in Yukon and from the Karakoram mountains in Pakistan;  
Isabel Budke and Barry Mason (Canada), members of the North Shore Search and Rescue Team, relating the epic events of the May 2005 Mount Logan climb and rescue operation;  
Ian Hylands (Canada), local highly acclaimed mountain biking photographer;  
Kari Medig (Canada), young talented skier, climber and photographer, bringing images from the longest ski traverses in North America and Eastern Europe;  
John Grace (USA), world class kayaker, filmmaker and photographer.

Festival program, detailed information about the festival guest speakers, as well as other festival information are now available at the festival website, [www.vimff.org](http://www.vimff.org). Film programming will be confirmed and updated on the festival website before January 30, 2006. Festival venues include Centennial Theatre (North Vancouver), MacMillan Space Centre (Planetarium, Vancouver), North Vancouver District Public Library (Capilano and Parkgate Branches), and Eagles' Hall (North Vancouver). Tickets are available at Mountain Equipment Co-op (Vancouver and North Vancouver Stores), and at the Centennial Theatre, 2300 Lonsdale Avenue, North Vancouver, (604) 984-4484.

3. Free online Avalanche Training course offered by Canadian Avalanche Association.

Here is the link: <http://access.jibc.bc.ca/avalancheFirstResponder/index.htm>

4. Hurley River Drainage Recreation Inventory Mapping Project  
Varsity Outdoor Club Members,

My name is Dan Turner and I work for a resource consultant in Kamloops, BC. We have been hired by the Ministry of Forests and Range and the Ministry of Agriculture and Lands to complete a recreation inventory mapping project in the Hurley River Drainage (30 minutes North of Pemberton). The following is a link to two files that provide more details on the area of interest and the objectives of the project. Please hit the link and go into the "Hurley\_River\_Recreation" folder to download the files:  
<http://www.jsthrower.com/jstfiles>

In order to identify what activities are taking place in the Hurley River Drainage and who the users are, I am organizing a information gathering meeting in Lillooet on Friday February the 3rd. Can you provide contact information or forward this email to members that may be interested? Please give me a call if you have any questions, comments or problems with the files.

5. First Aid Course

LiveMore Adventures is pleased to announce that we have teamed up with the Wilderness Medicine Institute of NOLS to offer an 80 hour Wilderness First Responder First Aid Course in Vancouver from April 29 to May 8.  
<http://www.livemoreadventures.com/>

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Quote of the Week: Whatever you do will be insignificant, but it is very important

that you do it.

Mahatma Gandhi

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