

VOCene #9 - Oct 4, 2006

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I. Letter From the Editor

Now that everyone has access to the VOC message board, you have the power to edit your own account, check old VOCene's, post on the message board, etc. Under the "Edit Account" link, you can change your password, change your contact information, post a picture of yourself and a description among other things. Your contact information is useful for organizing rides or in case you lose a number that a new friend gave you. When picking someone up (to go into the outdoors, what were you thinking?), I often take a look at their address on the "Members List" to choose a central pick-up spot (coffee places work well). Pictures are often useful to help put faces to names that you see a lot or names to faces that you shouldn't have forgotten, but did. If you post a picture, please post one that is Internet sized. Yes, the VOC doesn't really protect you from stalkers, but really, a stalker could find out all of same information from just googling you. If you don't feel comfortable posting personal information, you don't have to.

I should say something about the message board, but all I can say is it is the most useful gong show I have ever taken part in. Posting is an art, you will get use to crappy threads disappearing to the end of the list in no time and great posts lasting weeks after the trip is over. It takes a while to get the hang of posting and using the Wiki, but "those who like it, like it a lot".

II. Slide Shows

When: Oct 10 @ 12pm

Where: This will not be in the clubroom, but in the Forest Science Centre, room 1221

Paddling in the Aleutians by Sheldon Green. In June Sheldon Green and Sheila Keet departed Dutch Harbor, Unalaska Island, for a planned circumnavigation of Unalaska and Umnak Islands in the Aleutian chain. This slide show documents their adventures. The paddlers thank MEC and Kokatat for their support.

Check the wiki ([http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Slide\\_shows](http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Slide_shows)) for more slide show info.

### III) Work Hikes

#### 1) Longhike

- Dishes
- Selling shirts and song books
- Clean up

Contact: [so\\_richard@hotmail.com](mailto:so_richard@hotmail.com)

#### 2) Roe Creek on October 14-15

Sign-up: [http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Roe\\_Creek\\_Trail\\_Workhike](http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Roe_Creek_Trail_Workhike)

#### 3) Club Room

- Sorting the filing cabinet
- Helping gear master sort gear
- Cleaning the club.

This will be organized in the near future, or if you are willing to take on the task, all the more power to you.

#### 4) Route Cleaning

Tyler Lynn started developing a crag in Hope. There is still work to be done in finishing this project. Kristin is looking into making this into a work hike ([kewarken@interchange.ubc.ca](mailto:kewarken@interchange.ubc.ca)).

### IV) Upcoming Trips

#### 1) Stuff Swap

When: Friday, October 6 @ 10am-4pm

Where: Club Room

Do you have old gear that is still functional and too valuable to throw out, but you will never wear again? Bring it too the stuff swap and send your old outdoor gear to a new home where it will be used.

Do you need gear? Come get functional gear that probably won't impress that hot climbing/skiing guy/chick at the crag/slope, but will at least get you outside.

Anything that is functional outdoor gear such as fleeces, jackets, shoes, gloves, pants, packs etc is welcome. The club will accept any gear donations (so we can lend it out to many people). My favorite piece of outdoor clothing is a MEC hoodie that cost me \$5.

#### 2) Long Hike

When: Thanksgiving

Where: Evans Lake (30 minutes from Squamish)

There is a mandatory dry school on Oct 4th, in WOOD 1, at 6:30pm

### 3) Sandra's Hike

Sandra is organizing a hike for the Monday after Longhike. Her contact is sandra.nicol@telus.net. She is experienced and will make sure that you make it back alive.

### 4) Roland's Hike

If you are planning to miss Long Hike this year and looking for something else to do on Canadian Thanksgiving (7-8-9 October), you might want to join me at our Phelix Brian Waddington Hut. As it's too soon to predict the weather for this weekend, I don't know what we will be doing up there, except it won't be working on the Hut, as it's in good shape.

The plan is to drive up there Friday evening (6th Oct), tent (tent can be provided), hike in on Saturday the 7th, and hike out and drive home on the 9th. The hike in is 5 km if the road is 4wd-passable, and 10 km otherwise. You'd need boots of some sort, a sleeping bag, a mat, some food, warm clothes, rain gear, all the usual stuff.

If you want to share food, and my stove, let me know this too. If you're a little short of equipment, I can probably provide..

### 5) Roe Creek

When: Oct 14-15

Where: Roe Creek

This trip is a workhike to do some trail building work on the Roe Creek Ski Route that goes from Roe Creek to Brew Lake. This trail is the main winter access to the Brew Hut, and the objective of this trip is to remove brush, trees, tree limbs and anything that stands in the way of a pleasant skiing experience. With a little bit of work, this trail has the potential to be an excellent beginner back country skiing destination because of the moderate grade and open forest.

Oh yeah, and don't forget to sign up on the wiki:

[http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Roe\\_Creek\\_Trail\\_Workhike](http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Roe_Creek_Trail_Workhike)

### 6) Leavenworth

When: Oct 20-22

Where: Leavenworth Washington

Contact: Matthew Breakey (hairycow@gmail.com)

A climbing trip to Leavenworth to escape the damp conditions usually characteristic of Squamish in October. Leavenworth has some amazing climbing and has more routes than could be done in a life time. The climbing is mostly traditional (placing your own protection), but top roping is possible although limited. There is no instruction provided on this trip, plan accordingly.

There is no limit on the number of people because, you provide everything except a

map on how to get there (I might also organize rides). Passengers pay for gas, cars arrange to pay for their own camping fees (which is by car), and you supply all of your own food.

Hope to see you there.

#### 7) Orienteering School

When: Oct 21

Where: UBC and Jericho Beach

Contact: Christian (bigbadbasstrombone@gmail.com)

The details have yet to be hammered out. The course was developed during the summer. The VOCers that took the pilot course liked it so much that the executive figured they would run it again.

#### 8) MEC - Gear Swap

When: Oct 22

Where: MEC

Need gear? You can't get better deals than this sale. VOCers show up the night before and hang out all night on the sidewalk for the 10am opening. Sound crazy? We do it twice a year and have been for years. Bring a sleeping bag, unless that is what you are looking for in which case you are screwed.

#### 9) Climbing Plastic

When: every Tuesday and Thursday

Where: Cliffhanger Vancouver (use google to find a map)

Yup, still happening at about 6pm. A lot more people are coming than last year. Tuesday seems to be the night that we go out after wards for food. Last Tuesday we had a hot tub party (no nudity).

### V. Happening Events

#### 1) Yosemite

When: Now

Where: Yosemite, California

Info: I completely messed up the posting for this trip - twice. So I will keep posting it even if it is too late.

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Quote of the Week: "Die, my dear? Why that's the last thing I'll do!"  
Groucho Marx (his last words)  
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