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I. Trip Reports

1) Climbing Competition (April 19)

The annual Norm Wall climbing competition was a blast. There were tons of people. So many that it was almost hard to climb! Prizes went to:

Best Male Overall: Mike Young

Best Female Overall: Charlie Caunt

Best Naked Male: Duncan McPhedran

Best Naked Female: Kaja Sadowski

Door Prize #1: Natalie Stafl

Door Prize #2: Matthew Breakey

2) Beginner Kayak Trip (April 21-22)

There is a long TR on the message board. Sounds like everyone had a good time and that Eva learned something about guiding. Weather appears to have been good and the area was deemed spectacular. Apparently Indian Arm isn't such a long trip after all.

3) Tricouni (April 21)

Scott N. and Richard S. skied to the top of Tricouni and found some sweet snow. Apparently it is still out there if you look hard enough.

4) Garibaldi (April 21-22)

Christian V., Piotr, Lara, Line, and Matthew C. tried to go up Garibaldi but instead got separated and lost. Christian said it was the worst night of his life. In the end, despite the RCMP being phoned, everyone was ok. Read the long discussion on the message board to learn something about what not to do.

5) Europa (April 21-22)

On Saturday Jeff and I tried to climb Europa for the second first ascent (first ascent of the new line). We failed. The run out face climb was too hard for Jeff (seems like it'd be hard 10 or easy 11 when fully clean) and the original chimney has filled with mud. We ended up rapping down. Jeff is working out a solution. Probably a bolt ladder off to the side of the hard part. On Sunday Jeff and Christian went to clean. Jeff caused his first core shot on the whale rope but they survived.

I. Upcoming Events and Trips

1) MEC Spring Gear Swap

When: April 28-29

Where: MEC Vancouver store

Wiki: http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/MEC_Gear_Swap#MEC_Gear_Swap_Spring_2007

MEC is having their spring gear swap again. They will be selling off rental gear too. If you want the good stuff, show up the evening before, sleep outside MEC and then rush in when it opens Sunday morning. Officially it starts at 10:30am. If you show up then you won't get anything.

2) McBride

This is basically a private trip, but I'm mentioning it since it will prevent me from sending a VOCene next week (sorry!). Scott N, Sandra, Krystil and myself will be doing the McBride traverse. Wish us luck! For those who want to learn where this is, see:

<http://www.phas.ubc.ca/~swebster/mcbride-small.jpg>

3) Summer BBQ #1

Where: Locarno Beach (at the foot of Tolmie St)

When: Wednesday, May 2nd, 7pm

What to bring: yourself. Also grill-ables, slacklines, hacky sacks, frisbees, friends and other amusements.

This is a great time to catch up with those you haven't seen in ages if your an old-timer, to get involved and meet new people if you're a new member, and to relax and plan awesome summer trips regardless of who you are.

4) Frisbee and Fire

Where: Wreck Beach

When: Thursday, April 26, 6:30pm

This seems to be a recurring event. Apparently it was fun last week. All welcome! Check the message board for updates.

5) The Reel Paddling Film Festival

Where: Pacific Cinematheque, 1131 Howe St, Vancouver, BC

When: May 15, 7:00pm-10:00pm

Join Mountain Equipment Co-op, for a night of the best international canoeing, whitewater and sea kayaking films of the year. The Reel Paddling Film Festival showcases a small selection of films from the World Tour, including the six festival category winners. Join passionate filmmakers as they explore rivers, lakes and oceans with

paddlers pushing the limits of their sport. Ticket holders are entitled to a free subscription for RAPID Magazine and entry to win door prizes.

Tickets \$6.00 at Mec or \$8.00 at the door

6) Seymour

Where: Mt. Seymour

When: Saturday, April 28

Roland is leading a trip to Mount Seymour this Saturday. Mahdi has spaces available in his truck. Go for free skiing (bring your own gear as the mountain is closed) or just walk around. See message board for details. Should be "beginner friendly!"

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