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Sorry for the late VOCene this week.

I. Trip Reports

1) Vince had some fun scrambling around on the North Shore. A sign on the trail said: "Rough, demanding route. Hellish in fact." Vince described it as "a fun adventure and 'easy' scramble."

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=1&i=27509&t=27509>

2) Quadra Island Rock

Jeff and Iva went to Quadra and climbed a route. Apparently there is a lot of potential in the area. Given that Jeff saw potential in Crap Craggs, it isn't entirely clear what exactly awaits the adventurous who travel to Quadra to climb.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=1&i=27650&t=27650>

3) Wedge NW Couloir

Scott N., Christian V., Line, Matt G. and Piotr hiked up to Wedge. Originally Christian, Line and Piotr were going to climb the arete, but when they woke up and the snow was still soft they joined up with Scott and Matt to climb the couloir. Since things were going pretty well, Christian decided to have Line leave her skis at the bottom in order to create some ridiculousness. When they got to the top, he gave her one of his skis and they both strapped a shovel blade to their other foot for the trip to the summit. Scott, Matt and Christian had a good ski down the couloir to finish things off. And they saw some girls in bikinis.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=1&i=27499&t=27499>

4) Mt. James Turner

Richard and Tim also visited the same area but ventured a bit

further. As they were apparently travelling "fast and light" they only brought their tent fly and no poles. Apparently it was on purpose this time. They managed to survive anyway with the crux apparently being the oppressive heat and the black goo. Black goo was reported by the Wedge team as well. Might want to carry some ski cleaning supplies this time of year.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=1&i=27522&t=27522>

5) Birds of Prey

Kaja and Duncan tried to climb Birds of Prey in Squamish. Apparently it is quite dirty early in the season, adding to the excitement. Unfortunately, early into the second pitch, Duncan destructed his shoulder, so they had to retreat. They managed to do this in ridiculous fashion.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=1&i=27534&t=27534>

II. Upcoming Events and Trip

1) Frisbee and Punch (Friday)

Alice is organizing a frisbee event on Wreck this Friday evening. Punch will be provided. Whether or not the event will be a potlatch or a potluck is still under negotiation on the message board.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=1&i=27651&t=27651>

2) Weekday Afternoon Rock Climbing (Thursday, ongoing)

This week's destination is Copper Cove, just south of Horeshoe Bay.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=1&i=26594&t=26594>

3) Whitewater Kayaking (June 10)

Looks like we're getting an intro the whitewater session organized. See the wiki and board for details:

http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/White_Water_Kayak_Training/River_Day

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=1&i=26983&t=26983>

4) Aussie Couloir (June 9/10)

Sounds like a gazillion people are heading up to Joffre to climb and possibly ski the Aussie Couloir. Hopefully the road won't be washed away.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=1&i=27524&t=27524>

III. Other

Christian S. sends this sad news:

Jamie Hogan was a VOC member who just finished her first year at UBC. Early on Saturday, June 2, she was killed in a car crash in her hometown of Washington, DC. Jamie loved to climb, and joined the VOC eager to try new things. I have fond memories of climbing with her as well as living with her in Place Vanier. Her smile was infectious and it always brightened my day to see her. She will be dearly missed, and my heart goes out to everyone who knew her.

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