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...better late than never! ...again!

I. Trip Reports

1) Ice climbing turned skiing

Several VOC parties ended up skiing in the Sproatt/Rainbow area on the weekend. Christian V. reports 70 cm of powder! Some pics in this thread:
<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=1&i=33465&t=33465>

2) Pick up at Macdonald and 13th

Beware of strange men with tele skis:

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=1&i=33434&t=33434>

3) Mt Pleasant Ski Traverse

Some route information for an unconventional trek:

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=1&i=33360&t=33360>

4) Laughington

Some VOCers went skiing at Mt. Laughington. Christian C. demonstrated the inferiority of AT bindings.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=1320&t=1320>

II. Upcoming Events and Trips

1) Skiing this weekend, Dec. 8,9

Several ski trips appear to be in the works despite poor snow conditions at low elevations. Check the message board for the latest. Sounds like some powder at Mt. Baker.

2) Cliffhanger opening, Dec. 10

The new Cliffhanger opens soon! Eric is organizing a VOC trip to check it out!

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=1368&t=1368>

3) Waddington Hut Trip, Dec. 9-14ish

A bunch of people are going to be hanging out between exams at the hut. Check out the board and wiki page. Note that the ski into and out of the hut can be a little tricky. Combined with the lack of very easy terrain at the hut, this might not be the best trip for total beginners.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=1226&t=1226>

http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Waddington_Hut_Dec_9_2007

4) Snowshoe Abomination, Dec. 14-16

Jeff Mottershead will be leading a group of snowshoeing VOC hooligans up to Golden Ears. This trip doesn't assume any experience, but does require that you're in somewhat decent shape. The path gains 1500m in potentially deep snow over 12 km. Avalanche gear (shovel, probe, transceiver) is required. There will be a pre-trip meeting at 7:00pm in the club room on Tuesday, December 12.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=666&t=666>

http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Snowshoe_Abomination_2007-Golden_Ears

5) Avalanche Course, Jan. 19-20

The VOC is organizing a Avalanche Skills Training (Level 1) course through Canada West Mountain School in the new year. This is an excellent course to take in order to learn about avalanches and how to avoid them in the backcountry. More info:

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=720&t=720>

http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Avalanche_course_2008

III. Bisphenol-A and birth control

Dan sends word that MEC has decided to stop selling all food/drink products made of polycarbonate due to bisphenol-a concerns. In VOC style, the discussion turned into a war on the fairly unrelated subject of birth control. Check out the thread for some on-topic and some off-topic information.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=1&i=33466&t=33466>

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