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Happy New Year! Sorry for the lack of VOCenes over the past couple of weeks. I was off in the flat land of Ontario and remote-VOCenes aren't in my contract.

I. Trip Reports

- 1) New Year's at Phelix

A large (25ish) group of VOCers piled into the Brian Waddington Hut over the holiday break. Aside from a few rescue missions and general stinkyness it seems like a good time was had. "Nipple-deep" powder was reported and the naked hut circumnavigation was completed.

Full TRs:

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=1687&t=1687>

II. Upcoming Events and Trips

- 1) Skiing this weekend, Jan. 4-6

Some people are organizing a trip for the weekend. Check it out:

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=1681&t=1681>

- 2) The Great Blue Heron - A Coastal British Columbia Icon, Jan. 9

7:30 pm Wednesday January 9, 2008, Free

Alma VanDusen & Peter Kaye Rooms, Lower Level, Central Library
350 West Georgia St, Vancouver

The Great Blue Heron is an iconic symbol of the Pacific coast of Canada. A talk by biologist Ross Vennesland, Parks Canada's Species at Risk Recovery Specialist for the coast of BC. The Great Blue Heron is an iconic symbol of the Pacific coast of Canada. Residing in wetlands, on the seashore and even in farmer's fields, this species is a potent symbol of the value ecosystem conservation. Join us to learn about the life history and conservation status of this species on the coast of British Columbia. Talk by biologist Ross Vennesland, Parks Canada's Species at Risk Recovery Specialist for the coast of BC.

For more information please contact the Vancouver Public Library at 604-331-3603, www.vpl.ca
Sponsored by Parks Canada, www.pc.gc.ca, (604) 666-8800

3) Winter Longhike, Jan. 12-13

Pre-Trip Meeting Jan. 9 6pm, Clubroom

Everything is different when you go into the backcountry in the winter; that's why there is Winter Longhike, an introductory trip for winter camping. This is usually a big trip with lots of keen people aboard who want to get out, learn some new skills, and sleep in their very own snow shelter while still managing to have fun too. It's an easy, beginner friendly trip, so if you've never even seen snow before you can still have a good time. Other fun activities that often happen at Winter Longhike are a cooking competition, sing alongs, costume competitions, and the occasional great ski run on Sunday.

http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Winter_Longhike_2008

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=1679&t=1679>

4) "Smells like GREEN Spirit!" Jan. 18-19

The UBC Student Environment Centre is hosting their annual conference "Smells like GREEN Spirit!" on Jan. 18-19. Here is some info from them:

The snows of Kilimanjaro are melting. What's next? Grouse? Whistler? If things keep going the way they are, much of the Lower Mainland could end up as one big swimming pool. Unless YOU help prevent it. Find out about environmental issues and how to take environmental action. Come to UBC's annual environment conference, "Smells Like Green Spirit," hosted by the Student Environment Centre, January 18-19, 2008. Join us as we share information on the environment's critical state, and provide means by which we as global citizens can set positive change in motion.

For more information, or to register, contact secconference@gmail.com.

III. VOCJ 50

The 2007-2008 issue of the VOC Journal (VOCJ) will mark the fiftieth anniversary of the journal. In celebration the journal will be bigger (higher page count) and brighter (more colour pages) and will feature a retrospective section including articles by alums, spotlights on some gems from the archives, and profiles of key figures and events in VOC history. We'll send free copies out to all contributing alums and advertisers. This issue will take more resources (human and monetary) to put together, so we'll need a lot of help

To help, you can:

- submit an article
- submit photos
- suggest advertisers
- suggest alumni we can profile or contact to write an article
- suggest current VOCers we should harass to write articles
- skim the archives for retrospective vignettes
- sign up to write one of the suggested articles (on the wiki page)

The deadline is February 11, 2008, but the sooner the better! Early submissions (eg. NOW) are greatly appreciated by the editor.

All this info and more is on the wiki page:

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/VOCJ50>

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