

VOCene #33 - Jan. 9, 2008

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I. Trip Reports

- 1) Bonnington Traverse

Madeleine posted a detailed trip report on the Bonnington Traverse in the West Kootenays. Check it out at the link below! Sound like a nice hut-hut-hut traverse (if you can find the huts that is!)  
<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=1770&t=1770>

II. Upcoming Events and Trips

- 0) No slideshow tonight

There will be no slideshow tonight because of the Winter Longhike meeting (see below). There will be a slideshow/letter writing event on TUESDAY next week (also see below) but nothing on Wednesday (also because there are avalanche school classes next Thursday).

- 1) Winter Longhike, Jan. 12-13

Pre-Trip Meeting Jan. 9, 6pm, Clubroom ---TONIGHT---

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/wiki/Winter_Longhike_2008)

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

- 2) Letter Writing Night, Tues. Jan. 15, 6pm

Next Tuesday we will meet in the clubroom at 6pm to see a slideshow of pictures from the Phelix Creek (Brian Waddington Hut) area and to

write letters to the government to help preserve our access to the area.

As you have probably heard from reading past VOCenes or watching the message board, a group of snowmobilers is attempting to derail the Backcountry Forum Winter Sharing Accord and gain motorized access to Phelix area. This is a critical time for maintaining our ability to enjoy the area free from snowmobiles. The government has appointed Kevin Kriese from the Ministry of Agriculture and Lands to look into the issue. We are writing letters to him to tell him our side of the story.

So, come out to the clubroom next Tuesday evening and write a letter (and see some sweet skiing pics)!

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=1&i=34001&t=34001>

[http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Sea\\_to\\_Sky\\_Backcountry\\_Forum](http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Sea_to_Sky_Backcountry_Forum)

### 3) Avalanche Courses

The avalanche courses are quickly approaching. It may still be possible to run another session so come down to the clubroom and pay if you are interested (money refunded if the class does not happen).

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](http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Avalanche_course_2008)

### 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 a 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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