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I. Trip Reports

1) Avalanche School

Two sessions of Avalanche Skills Training Level 1 (AST-1) were held on the weekend through Canada West Mountain School. I have heard generally good reports, other than the people who got left behind.

Yikes. Eric posted a TR and photos:

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=2014&t=2014>

2) Rainbow Mountain

Bram and co. headed up 21 Mile Creek towards Rainbow last weekend. Sounds like they had pretty good weather and found some decent skiing. Unfortunately they were somewhat disturbed by snowmobiles.

Full TR and picture link:

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=2072&t=2072>

3) Waddington Hut Gnar Shredding

A whole bunch of people (17?) went up to the Brian Waddington Memorial Hut on the weekend to celebrate Matthew C.'s birthday. The snow wasn't the best around the hut, but a good time was had!

Unfortunately my car doors were frozen shut when we came back down on Sunday. I posted my rant on the message board thread. Richard also posted photos of a cool tour he and friends did on Sunday.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=1728&t=1728>

II. Upcoming Events and Trips

1) Slide Show: TONIGHT 7pm Cluroom (Jan. 23)

Kayaking and Sailing in the Queen Charlotte Islands

Following high school Tim spent several summers working and living in the Queen Charlotte Islands. He also returned over a year ago for a 3 week kayaking trip around Moresby Island. He'll be showing slides from all his time up there, add some stories, talk about the logistics, and share plans about his next trip to the area.

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

2) Ski Tune Night, Jan. 24

I'll be doing a demo on how to wax and edge sharpen skis (possible simple base repairs) Thursday (tomorrow). 5pm in the clubroom (probably going to around 7pm). Bring your skis and whatever waxing/tuning gear you have. We could also practice on the club skis, which probably need some love. Tele School participants who borrowed skis might want to bring them to this because they're probably in a pretty sorry state.

3) Tele School, Jan. 26

Telemark school is almost entirely organized. Keep up to date on the wiki:

http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Tele_School_2008

4) Avy Course, Jan 26-27, CANCELLED

The 3rd group of the level 1 avalanche course this weekend is being cancelled due to lack of interest. People who signed up should be able to take one of the numerous courses organized by CWMS. Come to the clubroom to get your money back.

5) Introduction to Backcountry Skiing, Feb. 2-3

This year's Intro. to Backcountry Skiing is coming soon.

Unfortunately the trip is already full! If you are keen, sign up on the waiting list in case people drop out. More info on the wiki and message board:

http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Intro_to_Backcountry_Skiing_2008

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=1934&t=1934>

6) Midnight Clamming Extravaganza, Feb. 9-10

Jeff has organized a clam gathering expedition. Unfortunately it is also full (there is a limit to avoid decimating the entire clam population in a small area). However, you can still come and eat the clams! You need to sign up on the wiki to make sure there is enough food prepared though.

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

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.

Alumni can pre-order a journal for \$15. Contact Jeff Mottershead.

All this info and more is on the wiki page:

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

IV. Photo Competition

The VOC is running a photo competition again this year! Details on the message board:

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=1&i=34348&t=34348>

V. Skaha Update

This amazing update from the Climbers' Access Society of BC:

SUBLLOT 18 PURCHASED

The Land Conservancy of B.C. announced recently that the purchase of subplot 18 at Skaha was complete. This 304 hectare property, which is southeast of the climbing area, will provide permanent public access to and parking for Skaha. It will also protect the area's high recreation and conservation values. The entire area, including subplot 18, is to be managed as a Class A provincial park.

Key partners and donors in the \$5.25 million purchase included Mountain Equipment Co-op, the B.C. Ministry of Environment, the Nature Conservancy of Canada, the Government of Canada Natural Areas Conservation Program, the Habitat Conservation Trust Fund, the B.C. Trust for Public Lands, the B.C. Ministry of Transportation Environmental Enhancement Fund, the Nature Trust of British Columbia, a generous donation from the former owner under Environment Canada's Ecological Gifts Program, the Guide Outfitters Association of British Columbia, the Wild Sheep Society of British Columbia, the Foundation for North American Wild Sheep - Wyoming Chapter, and others.

The Access Society thanks all the partners and donors for their generous help with the Skaha purchase, on behalf of the climbing community. We particularly thank The Land Conservancy of B.C. and Mountain Equipment Co-op.

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