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I. Trip Reports

1) Introduction to Backcountry Skiing

In the end, two groups totalling 34 VOCers headed to Manning Park on the weekend. Group 1 went up the Fat Dog trail towards Three Brothers Mountain and group 2 visited Frosty. Sounds like both groups travelled fairly slowly but achieved their objective of camping in the snow and doing a little skiing!

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

2) Brew

A few VOCers visited the Brew Hut on the weekend and enjoyed some good skiing. There seems to be a lot of competition for parking in the base area these days and the VOC is trying to work out some parking arrangements with the Cat-Ski operators.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=2393&t=2393>

3) Neve in a Day

Bram and Thomas completed the Garibaldi Neve Traverse in a single day last Saturday! TR and pics:

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=2381&t=2381>

4) Callaghan/Beverley Lake

Some VOCers headed up to the new Whistler Olympic Park cross country ski area in the Callaghan to do some backcountry skiing. The Callaghan Valley has been newly designated as a non-motorized area. The group skied up to Beverley Lake and did some skiing. TR with directions:

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=2238&t=2238>

## II. Upcoming Events and Trips

1) Introduction to Ice Climbing, Feb. 9-10, Meeting TONIGHT 6pm  
The VOC is running an instructional ice climbing trip. Unfortunately it is full already. Pre-trip meeting TONIGHT, 6pm, clubroom.  
[http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Intro\\_to\\_Ice\\_Climbing\\_2008](http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Intro_to_Ice_Climbing_2008)

2) Slide Show TONIGHT  
Climbing in Patagonia and Beyond by Klemen Mali  
That's TONIGHT, 7pm, clubroom.  
[http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Slide\\_shows](http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Slide_shows)

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

4) Red Rocks Reading Week, Feb. 15-24  
It's Feb, it's cold & wet in Vancouver. Who wants to go down to Vegas for a week of climbing in the sun? A bunch VOCers went down to Red Rocks & Joshua Tree during Xmas break and it looks awfully nice.  
[http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Red\\_Rocks\\_Reading\\_Week\\_Trip\\_2008](http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Red_Rocks_Reading_Week_Trip_2008)

## III. VOCJ 50

\*\*\*Last call for VOCJ articles\*\*\*

All articles for VOCJ 50 are due to Jeff Mottershead this upcoming Monday, February 11. Articles submitted after that date will not make it into this year's journal--no exceptions. We have to stick to this deadline because the journal will have to go to the printer earlier than usual: this fiftieth-anniversary issue will be bigger, and we are printing more copies.

Please include a title for any article you submit. Accompanying photos are encouraged; please include full, descriptive captions and photo credits.

If you're looking for story ideas, some are still up for grabs on the wiki page: <http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/VOCJ50>.

## IV. Soaring Eagle Cycling Routes

A message passed on by VOCer Kevin Cooper:

A few months ago, the British Columbia Cycling Coalition (BCCC) approached the BC Government and proposed a provincial-wide network of cycling routes aimed at encouraging touring cycling within the province. BC's Soaring Eagle Cycling Routes has been the working title for this proposal by the BCCC.

The province has shown interest in the concept and has asked the BCCC to propose routes in three areas within the province.

The work has started by gathering input for interesting routes from touring cyclists. Now, you are being called on for your suggestions for these three areas.

Please visit <http://www.bccc.bc.ca/> and follow the link to provide your input.

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