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I. Upcoming Events and Trips

- 1) Best of BMFF 2008, Dec 4-6

Tickets are out at the clubroom, but you should be able to pick some up at the door. The link contains the film schedule:

<http://www.accvancouver.ca/best-of-banff/listoffilms.htm>

- 2) Winter Social, Dec 10th

Come celebrate the end of term with all your VOC friends next Wednesday Dec 10th! Starting at 6pm in MASS.

This event will be semi formal (aka. super formal for the VOC) - so it's encouraged to dress up. Featuring a dessert potluck (please bring something sweet to share, and your own cutlery/plate/cup), slideshow by infamous VOC alumni Fred Touche, and "as-close-to-at-cost-as-the-law-allows" mulled wine and eggnog (again, bring your own cup).

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=1&i=40953&t=40953>

- 3) VIMFF Speaker Series, Dec. 12th

This special double bill features two of John Dunn's favourite adventures: a 1000 km hiking and canoeing traverse of the untracked ranges of northern BC from Stewart to Fort Nelson, and a ski expedition to remote and beautiful Coburg Island in Canada's high arctic.

Taken from the website, further details here:

<http://www.vimff.org/msg.asp?portalid=1&pageid=1&news=1&caid={9687593C-8B05-43D9-9361-46E8F74FD709}>

- 4) Brian Waddington Hut New Year 2009

Slowly become an annual tradition, many VOCers come over to the Brian Waddington Hut to celebrate the New Year and shred the local gnar. It is one of the most beautiful VOC huts, and can hold the most amount of people, making for a pretty awesome New Years party. The hut can comfortably fit 24, and more if needed. You can stay as little or as long as you want, everyone is welcome to come and go as they please but shouldn't be too crowded at any point. Please note that this is not a guided/instructional trip, but more of a gathering of like minded powder

hounds. But most likely some one will show you the way in if you've never been there before.

[http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Brian\\_Waddington\\_Hut\\_New\\_Year\\_2009](http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Brian_Waddington_Hut_New_Year_2009)

II. Ms. Manners

Dear Ms. Manners,

Lying in my sleeping bag, sometimes I get awfully cold. I start to loose feeling in my toes, and my teeth start clinking. I don't know if I'll make it through the night. Even a hot trip can land you in a cold position. I'm sharing the tent with my driver, a scruffy looking fellow who I met this morning. Doesn't talk much, and I'm not quite sure of his name. Roy? ~~no~~ no, Ed? Unfortunately he's not the charming boy that smiles whenever we meet. I need to get through this night so I can see him tomorrow. How do I ask Ed to spoon me?

-Shivers

Dear Shivers,

You don't have to ask Ed to spoon you, you simply go into the spoon. Hold that thought though. People who go outside often get cold, but they usually seem to deal with it, even if they are by themselves. Sometimes you hear about some hiker that got lost wearing only shorts and a T-shirt and spent a long and frozen night with almost no supplies "struggling to keep warm." If that guy can manage to stay alive by "struggling to keep warm," why can't you manage to do that when you have a tent and a sleeping bag to keep you warm? The answer is that it'd be pretty embarrassing if the rest of your tent-mates noticed you "struggling." That's why you have to descend to spooning. Spooning can be dangerous though. If it wasn't for my spooning talent, the fellow who is my husband would never have asked me out and would I have ended up back home.

A master spooner maximizes surface contact. If you are a girl the guys will think that it is cool no matter how aggressive you spoon them. Guys really like this. If you ask, especially if you drop hints instead of being direct, they might start thinking about the spoon without being confident enough to make the move. Then they get nervous and end up lying perfectly still contemplating things until they get cold too and end up having to struggle to keep warm. This is a disaster. They won't want to spoon anymore and will just fall asleep. On the other hand, guys can scare girls away by spooning a little too aggressively. (Interpreted as a fork). Even I, a very aggressive spooner, have been scared off in cold nights.

While that cute guy who always gives the smile probably doesn't have is a smell that for lack of a better word can best be described as tangy. He wouldn't be that cute if he did. But he also wouldn't be a good source of heat. Tangy comes from sweaty and sweaty comes from having lots of warm to give away so you should rejoice that the guy in the tent beside you is the strong, silent, tangy type.

Despite their appearance, the scruffy and tangy can be very affectionate.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/member/mugs/2576.jpg>

-Ms. Manners

This week's question is from Bashful.

Dear Ms. Manners,

I've got a lot of course work this year so I don't get out that often and still am a pretty bad skier. I'm a really nice guy but it seems like that alone isn't good enough to make social in-roads. Do I need to fail my classes and ski every weekend if I'm ever going to have a chance with a certain Trips Coordinator?

Bashful

If you've made social inroad in the VOC, please help Ms. Manners. Alternatively, send you questions to Ms. Manners. Simply hit reply in your email reading interface.

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