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- 1) Jared Stanley Memorial Lecture - Nov. 25

UBC student Jared Stanley passed away in January 2005 while backcountry skiing at Mount Seymour. This is the fifth annual lecture to honor his memory and remind us all to be aware of the risks we take in the backcountry.

Join North Shore Search and Rescue's Time Jones for a presentation and slideshow, followed by a showing of the new avalanche awareness film 'The Fine Line.'

More details on the message board:

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=1&i=45631&t=45631>

- 2) Ski Tuning Work Hike - Nov. 26

There will be a ski tuning session this Thursday in the club room from 5pm to 8 or 9pm. If you're still looking for a work hike to do, this may just be your ticket. No prior experience is necessary so it's also a good way to learn some skills.

More info on the message board, and post if you're going to show up:

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=1&i=45942&t=45942>

- 3) Skiing Trip to Brew Hut - Dec. 5-6

The 2009/2010 Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour highlights films from the 34th annual Banff Mountain Film Festival. From an exploration of remote landscapes and mountain cultures to adrenaline-fueled action sports, films in this year's world tour are sure to captivate the explorer within you. This stop on the world tour is hosted by the Alpine Club of Canada, Vancouver Section.

For more information visit [www.accvancouver.ca/bmffworldtour.htm](http://www.accvancouver.ca/bmffworldtour.htm). Tickets are available online (\$18), at MEC (\$15), and at the door (\$15). You can also get tickets from members of exec in the club office (same \$15).

#### 4) Skiing Trip to Brew Hut - Dec. 5-6

It's dumping snow everywhere so let's get excited and ski up Brew Hut on another weekend!

Back in the day, before GPS and before the hut was moved to the top of the ridge, this trip usually involved not finding the hut and sleeping in a snow cave. These days we seem to do a bit better, although epics have occurred.

If you have never been backcountry skiing before, but are willing to suffer a bit in order to learn, this is the trip for you. There is also 'beginner' space available for those who are not really beginners, but perhaps not such good skiers or don't have much backcountry experience... call them 'moderates'?

More info on the message board and wiki:

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=11155&t=11155>

[http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Brew\\_Hut\\_Dec\\_5/6\\_2009](http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Brew_Hut_Dec_5/6_2009)

#### 5) Avalanche Skills Training Course - Dec. 12-13 or Jan. 16-17

Taking an avalanche course is a great idea for anybody who will be in the mountains in winter. On skis or snowshoes, with the VOC or without the VOC, no matter what this course will be of great benefit. The VOC is organizing four different avalanche courses; two in December and two in January. The courses are run by Canada West Mountain School, but are offered through the VOC for a significant discount!

This course is the AST1 course, which is the first level of training offered by the Canadian avalanche association. It is the first step towards being aware of and managing risks in the backcountry. Avalanche course students learn about some snow science basics, terrain, route finding, snow stability testing and rescue. The courses are being offered either at Mt. Seymour or a combination of Whistler and Mt. Seymour, and will cost \$170 or \$210 depending on whether you need a Whistler lift ticket. Spaces are limited, and it fills up quickly so make sure to sign up early if you want a spot. The payment deadline for the December courses has already passed, and is Dec. 14th for the January courses.

More info on the message board:

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=10817&t=10817>

#### 6) Avalanche Skills Training 2 Course - Jan. 23-24, 30-31

This is the next level for people who have already taken the AST1 course, or for those who feel they want more training than just a weekend course. This year's course is being done by Canada West Mountain School. The price is \$500 excl. backcountry passes to Whistler (add another \$80 for passes) and must be paid before December 14th. Payment can be made to any exec in the clubroom.

See the message board and wiki for details:  
<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=10998&t=10998>  
[http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/AST2\\_2010](http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/AST2_2010)

## II. Miscellaneous

### 1) VOC Photo and Video Contests

In addition to the annual VOC Photo Contest, this year we'll also be holding the inaugural VOC Video Contest. Details of the contests have yet to be decided, but remember to keep shooting photos and video of anything you deem worthy while you're out with the club! Around this time of year there are guaranteed to be some spectacular tele bails which could make some interesting clips!

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