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I. Upcoming Events and Trips

- 1) Winter Social - Dec. 2

Dust off your party hats! It's time for another VOC shindig. This will be a dry (collective awww) event, but full of delicious food... that you will bring! That's right folks, this is a potluck, so please bring something edible to share. And don't forget to bring your own mug, plate and cutlery. For the main event, we have a double-feature! Chris Michalak and Krystil Koethler will be giving us a scintillating slideshow account of their bicycle journey through Mongolia this summer, followed by Robin Avery who will be spinning some yarns and showing us some cool slides of his adventures in slacking. Plus, DJ Oker will once again be on hand with some great tunes. There are two dress-code options: semi-formal or ugly-sweater. Take your pick! Should you unwisely decide to come dressed as your normal self, you may be subject to the discretion of our bouncer, who incidentally can be plied with tasty food.

This will be in MASS, Buchanan D210 from 6pm on Wednesday December 2nd.

More details on the message board, sign up on the wiki to let people know what food/drinks you'll be bringing:

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=1&i=45881&t=45881>

http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Winter_Social_2009

- 2) Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour 2009 - Dec. 3-5

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.

Tickets are available in the clubroom for \$15. You can also get them online (\$18), at MEC (\$15), and at the door (\$15).

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

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

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

4) Other Skiing and Snowshoeing Trips - Dec. 5-6

There are a few posts on the message board for people looking to head out skiing or snowshoeing to various destinations this weekend. However, it seems as though they are mostly car-less. If you are looking to get out in the snow this weekend, especially if you have a car, check out the message board.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/list.php?f=3>

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 years 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

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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