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Happy Holidays! This will be the last VOCene of this year. We'll be back in January.

I. Upcoming Events and Trips

1) Brian Waddington Hut New Year, Dec 27-Jan 2

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

2) Winter Longhike, Jan 10-11

Everything is different when you go into the backcountry in the winter; that's why there is Winter Longhike, an introductory trip for winter camping. This is usually a big trip with lots of keen people aboard who want to get out, learn some new skills, and sleep in their very own snow shelter while still managing to have fun too. It's an easy, beginner friendly trip, so if you've never even seen snow before you can still have a good time. Other fun activities that often happen at Winter Longhike are a cooking competition, sing alongs, costume competitions, and the occasional great ski run on Sunday.

http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Winter_Longhike_2009

3) Matthew's Gnarfest Phelix Hut Birthday, Jan 17-18

Everyone is welcome, but if your experience is limited you'll need to make sure you are teamed up with someone who will look after you.

http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Matthew%27s_Gnarfest_Phelix_Hut_Birthday_2009

4)Tele School 2009, Jan 24

Learn to Tele Ski at one of the local ski resorts.

http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Tele_School_2009

II. Message From Journal Editor

Varsity Outdoor Club Journal 51st Edition

For those members new to the VOC, every year we publish a journal. Last year we saw to the creation of a very impressive, very fat, fiftieth anniversary edition. It will be difficult to rival that production, but if you start writing now it is possible that this year's journal will be just as good of a read as last year's. It is dumping snow all over Vancouver, and your winter trips might end up being more stellar than ever. Summer adventures, spring flings... we're interested in all of it as long as it has some relevance to the VOC or the Outdoors. The earlier you get your article in, the better because the deadline for submissions will be in February.

If you have any questions or wish to submit an article, contact Karolina Hanula .

III. Gear Hours

Last chance to grab gear from the clubroom is tomorrow (Friday) from 12:30-1. After that, it'll reopen on Monday January 5th.

IV. Ms. Manners

Previously on Ms. Manners...

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

Ms. Manners reply follows. Please note that Ms. Manners is not licensed to give serious relationship advice.

Dear Bashful,

Because you may have a target that is beyond your reach I will provide some general suggestions to get you on your way.

First a warning: social inroads take far more time than just a few trips on the weekends. Don't look at the heavy course load as a hindrance, look at it as an effective avoidance technique.

Second: work on your social skills. It's good to be able to engage in light conversation about an array of topics, with a group of people. I can't stress enough how important it is to be able to discuss more topics than an epic from long ago, climbing some obscure dirt filled cliff, or the new poopy pants in your life.

I do confess that conversation is a bit of an art and takes some practice. Some like to take the approach of having a single bone upon which they like to chew,

continually trying to embarrass people (sometime specific people) into liking them. This only gets a reaction the first time, and certainly becomes stale after more than 12 months!

It's also important to listen and empathize during a light conversation. You don't need to flirt, just get to know a person. If they have an interest, they'll naturally want to see you regularly.

Thirdly, get a car. Any road worthy car will do. A 198? Toyota Corolla, a minivan with steer horns, or even a truck that you found in a field and had to rebuild. Then even if your target doesn't think much of you they will still want to see you regularly. This may leave you confused about the other person's intentions, but happy for the company none the less.

Which leads us back to the first warning; it's your choice.

--Ms. Manners

Ms. Manners is going on her Christmas Break holiday. However, if you encounter problems over the holidays, please send them in. Please help Ms. Manners by sending questions, dilemmas, thoughts, and answers.

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