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I. Upcoming Events and Trips

1) Weekly Kayak Polo - Feb. 2nd

Under the excuse of practising eskimo-rolls, VOCers are holding weekly kayak-polo sessions at the UBC pool. Typically, half the time is spent practising rolls, as there's always people that want to learn, and the rest of the time we play kayak-polo. The pool is warm so you don't need a wetsuit and beginners are always welcome. This usually happens on Tuesdays from 8:30 to 10pm, but please check the message board thread, and if you are coming write your name in the wiki page.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=10773&t=10773>

[http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Kayak\\_Polo\\_%40\\_the\\_Aquatic\\_Centre](http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Kayak_Polo_%40_the_Aquatic_Centre)

2) Weekly Slide Show: Three Weeks in the Kootenays - Feb 3rd

This week we've got Hiking, Scrambling and Cycling in the Kootenays by Gili Rosenberg and Maya Goldstein.

The slide show will be at 7:00PM, Wednesday February 3rd, in the VOC clubroom.

3) VOC Beer Garden: Stupid Human Body Tricks - Feb. 5th

If you've ever been to Longhike, you'll know that the VOC knows how to throw a party. It's time to show what your mom gave you but you were never sure that you really wanted. Crush that beer can between your shoulders, gaze into a beautiful climber's eyes before having them pop freakishly out, while they twist their shoulders into pretzels. Then realize you're aroused by pretzel arms.

Bring your best party trick and dessert for the potluck! Cover is \$5, including a free drink. If you're available to sell drink tickets or hand out tasty beverages, sign up on the wiki - this would count as a workhike!

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=1&i=46832&t=46832>

[http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Stupid\\_Human\\_Body\\_Tricks\\_2010](http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Stupid_Human_Body_Tricks_2010)

#### 4) Beginner Friendly Trip to Red Heather - Feb. 6

This is a beginner-friendly trip (see Glossary), and we'll all but carry you if that's what it takes. Red Heather is the easiest and cheapest nice snow you will find anywhere. This trip is especially suitable for people who have to study Sunday, who have never been skiing, or who haven't done anything this year and want to get something out of the Club. In case you can't get, or don't want, skis, snowshoes will work fine. Last time, just boots worked ok.

See the message board for more details, and the wiki to sign up:

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=11937&t=11937>

[http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/2010\\_Feb\\_6\\_%28Sat%29\\_Beginner\\_day\\_trip\\_to\\_Red\\_Heather](http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/2010_Feb_6_%28Sat%29_Beginner_day_trip_to_Red_Heather)

#### 5) Beginner Friendly Trip to Brew - Feb. 6-7

This is a beginner-friendly trip (see Glossary), but non-instructional, so people should have an idea of what they would be getting into (ie, snow or (hopefully not) rain, cold, elevation gain to get to hut, etc.), but no-one will be left to fend for themselves.

Wiki for wait list and info:

[http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Beginner\\_Ski\\_Trip\\_Feb\\_6-7%2C\\_2010](http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Beginner_Ski_Trip_Feb_6-7%2C_2010)

#### 6) Beverly Creek Trail Marking - March. 6-7

Come help put up trail markers along the ski trail that goes up Beverley Creek from the Whistler Olympic Park nordic center. This will be a 2 day trip, camping out in one of the many open meadows along the way. Beginner skiers are welcome, as the terrain along the whole trail is quite flat and easy. Also, the first three carloads of people get free gas.

Wiki for sign up and details:

[http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Beverley\\_Creek\\_trail\\_marking#Sign\\_up](http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Beverley_Creek_trail_marking#Sign_up)

#### 7) Beverly Creek Trail Marking - March. 27-28

Come help put up trail markers along the ski trail that goes from Whistler Olympic Park nordic center to Hanging Lake. This will be a 2 day trip, camping out near Hanging Lake. Once again, free gas for the first three cars.

Wiki for sign up and details:

[http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Hanging\\_Lake\\_trail\\_marking](http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Hanging_Lake_trail_marking)

## 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!

## 2) VOC Journal Call for Submissions

It's that time of year again - the time when you recall your favorite VOC moments, craziest trips, wittiest ideas or anything else VOC that you're fond of, write them down and submit them to your journal editor for this year's VOC journal.

Submission deadline: February 20th

What to write about: Anything VOC-related: trip reports, epics (accidental or otherwise), outdoor adventures abroad, how to turn your wonderful life partner into a wonderful climbing partner, bizarre things you've found in huts, how to survive the shoulder season, philosophical musings on the beauty of nature, backcountry recipes, etc.

If you think you can't write, but you've got something to say: We can edit stuff up so it looks pretty good. Just pretend you're talking to a friend.

You can find more information, along with some writing tips and ideas for articles on the wiki:

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/VOCJ52>

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