

VOCene #8 ☺ June 2nd, 2010

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I. Upcoming Events and Trips

- 1) VOC Summer BBQ, June 2 (Wed, Today!)

The second VOC Summer BBQ for this summer is happening today! (rain or shine)
These are a great place to meet new friends, have trip meetings, or talk about ideas and plans for the upcoming month. Don't forget to bring your own hamburgers, weiners, roastable veggies or whatever along. Someone usually brings a barbecue. Frisbee, hacky sac, and slack lines are also encouraged.

Where: Jericho beach, on the lawn by the parking lot at the foot of Tolmie st.

When: First Wednesday of May, June, July, August and September, 6:30ish

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

- 2) Weekly Kayak Polo (ongoing, often Thu)

For a while now, VOCers have been holding weekly kayak-polo sessions at the UBC pool. Typically, half the time is spent practicing rolls, as there's always people that want to learn, and the rest of the time we play kayak-polo. The practices were recently moved to the beach, and are usually on Thursdays 8:30-10:00pm (but this might change). Please check the message board thread for updated information (scroll down to the bottom - it's long).

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

- 3) Mt. Rainier, June 5-6 (Sat-Sun)

Laura Catton, Todd MacKenzie, and Geoff Martin are attempting Rainier this weekend via the Emmons Route (Camp Schurman). They're looking for a 4th person, preferably with a car or at least willing to chip in for a rental car with them. Leaving Vancouver ~5:30 Friday and returning late Sunday. If the weather doesn't hold down in Washington we'll bail on Rainier and attempt Garibaldi via Brohm Ridge instead.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=13465&t=13465>

4) Ring-Callaghan Traverse, June 5-6 (Sat-Sun)

Opportunity for "mid-season" turns! Combine two good 'late' season approaches, make them into a traverse, bring some friends along... climb a couple of peaks along the way. The idea is to do a traverse from Ring Mountain to Callaghan, with parties starting from both sides and possibly meeting up in the middle for the night. Opposite groups would then drive the other parties' cars down to Timmie's in Squish. One access point is a logging road up in the Squamish Valley (requires 4WD hc), the other is the FSR that goes up to Callaghan Lake in the Callaghan Valley (turnoff just before Olympic Park gate). Depending on the snowline it may be nice to have 4WD hc to drive this too, but it may not be necessary. This trip is 'intermediate-friendly' - you need to know what you're doing, be comfortable on skis and with using avi gear, but you don't need to have years of experience.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=13459&t=13459>

http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/2010_June_5-6_Ring_Callaghan_Traverse

5) Geoff's Beginner Friendly Mountaineering Trip, June 12-13 (Sat-Sun)

There seems to have been some desire of late for a mountaineering trip where beginners are welcome. This is it! The plan is to take a small group (~10) to either Mount Matier (north of Pemberton) or Mount Garibaldi (near Squamish) spend a little time on Saturday practicing skills such as glacier walking, self arrest, and crevasse rescue then attempt to summit the mountain Sunday morning.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=13395&t=13395>

http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/2010_June_12-13_Beginner_Friendly_Mountaineering

6) Get that monkey off your back: workshop on packing light, June 23 (Wed)

Hiking and camping is a lot of fun but can be a pain in the back if your pack is too heavy. In this workshop we'll explore ways to get your backpack lighter than you imagined possible - without spending a lot. The theme is lighten it, lessen it or leave it. This will be an interactive workshop, with several experienced VOC gram-counters on hand to share detailed tips and answer the questions that have been weighing you down. Cohosted by James Murphy, Phil Tomlinson and more.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=1&i=48162&t=48162>

7) Brew Hut Reno Workhike, June 26-27 (Sat-Sun)

The long awaited Official Brew Hut Renovation Workhike is finally happening! We need lots of excited people on this trip who are prepared to work hard, have fun, and give back to the outdoor community by helping us make the Brew Hut a great place to be. You don't need to be experienced in the outdoors or in hut maintenance, we just want you. All the info is on the wiki.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=13389&t=13389>

http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/2010_Jun_26-27_Brew

8) Ultimate on the Beach (ongoing)

On every Wednesday when it is not pouring rain, you'll find VOC'ers down at the beach playing Ultimate Frisbee. Come out and enjoy some exercise with fellow VOC'ers, and maybe even some sunshine!

Where: Jericho beach, on the lawn by the parking lot at the foot of Tolmie st.

When: 6:30ish

II. Miscellaneous

1) Club Gear For Sale

The gear room is full, like bursting at the seams. In an effort to make room for all the new gear we are actually getting rid of some items that are still quality pieces of gear with lots of life left. We are selling these pieces because they are rarely used, not consistent with the majority of our inventory, or difficult to store. The prices are low by any standard, so come and get some excellent deals!

Diamir Fritschi Alpine Touring Bindings (small) for \$150:

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=1&i=48074&t=48074>

Snowshoes (various models) for \$50:

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=1&i=48073&t=48073>

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=1&i=48072&t=48072>

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=1&i=48071&t=48071>

Scarpa Telemark boots, T1 size 25 or so, \$50:

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=1&i=48070&t=48070>

2) ACC Membership Cards

One of the privileges of Student Membership in VOC is Student Membership in the Alpine Club of Canada (ACC). If you want to pick up your ACC membership card, it is in the Clubroom. ACC membership enables you to go on ACC trips, providing you fulfill whatever other obligations they throw at you. Around lunch time there is often someone at the Clubroom, but your best bet is to go during gear hours (currently Wed and Thu, 12:30-13:30).

3) Ms. Manners

Do you have a question for Ms. Manners? If so, email it to to your friendly neighbourhood VOCene editor and he'll forward it to Ms. Manners for review. Remember, there's no such thing as a stupid question, so ask away.

Dear Ms. Manners,

I recently joined the VOC and want to get more involved in the club. It would be nice to meet some new people, spend time in the outdoors and maybe do something for the club too. How can I get more involved?

Thanks,

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Dear IN,

There are many ways you can get involved in the club!

Here are a few ideas:

1. Go on a trip

The VOCene (which you are currently reading) lists the main upcoming trips - feel free to look through them and see if any work for you. Often people will also post something like "Going climbing on June 5th, who wants to go?" - to see these, take a look at the "Trips Board" on the VOC forum (<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/list.php?f=3>).

2. Go to a social event

There are also social events, such as the BBQ happening today and the weekly Ultimate Game on the beach - a great place to make some new friends, have fun, and maybe plan a trip for the weekend. Sometimes the club organizes slideshows, such as the one coming up on June 23rd on packing light (see above).

3. Go on a workhike

The club needs you! We need as many pairs of hands as possible for various workhikes, such as the upcoming renovations of the Brew Hut coming up on June 26-27 (see above). Other workhikes have included organizing gear in the clubroom and scanning journals. Once you do a workhike, you can rent out gear from the club for free (!). The club's gear stockpile has recently swelled in size, and there are plenty of climbing shoes and skis in all sizes and lengths (for more info on workhikes: <http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Workhikes>)

4. Give a slideshow

Have you gone on a cool trip? Travelled to an interesting place? Have an interesting topic relating to the outdoors that you'd like to present? The VOC hosts informal slideshows, typically in our cosy clubroom. Come show off your photos and exploits. To organize a slideshow, contact our PR guy, Ignacio (rozada@math.ubc.ca).

5. Write a journal article

Every year the VOC produces a book-like journal of articles written by our members, typically appearing in Spring. If you've got some free time, it's never too early to start writing! Feel free to start working on some articles and submit them to our Journal Editor, Robyn (robyn.hooper@gmail.com).

Yours,

Ms. Manners

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