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I. Upcoming Events and Trips

- 1) Ultimate on the Beach (ongoing, Wed)

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

- 2) Weekly Kayak Polo (ongoing, 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 Thursday evenings. Please check the message board thread for updated information.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=13419&t=13419>

- 3) 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. Co-hosted by James Murphy, Phil Tomlinson and more. Starts at 7pm, room TBA.

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

4) 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

II. Miscellaneous

1) New Cloudburst Newsletter

The Spring/Summer 2010 issue of the FMCBC's newsletter is now available online. The VOC is a member of the FMCBC, the Federation of Mountain Clubs of BC, which deals with conservation and access issues in the province.

If you have any comments on this issue or contributions for the next issue please contact admin.manager@mountainclubs.org

<http://www.mountainclubs.org/Cloudburst/2010/Spring10.pdf>

2) 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 went on a trip with the VOC this weekend, to try and climb Matier. They kept on complaining about "faffing", even though we left Pemberton at 8:30 after planning to leave at 9am, managed to get up at 2am and leave within half an hour, and arrived back to the cars in the early afternoon. I ask, where is the faff? What the hell is faffing anyway?

Thanks for your advice,
Faffed Out of My Mind

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Dear FOMM,

Longtime VOC'ers are known to sneer at newbies for their indulgence in "faffing". That being said, even the best of them wake up at 5am just to stop at Tim Horton's in Squamish for half an hour, and then regroup in Pemberton, and regroup again at the trail head. Talk about efficient use of time. They arrive to the trail head and still haven't dressed or put on their boots. Some even stop on the way to go grocery shopping or even pick up a little something from an outdoor gear store.

In other words, many long time VOC members have become pro faffers. They exploit every opportunity to waste time, the more ridiculous the better. One VOC member

recently forgot to take his skins on a four week kayaking and ski expedition and had to drive all over Vancouver Island to find a replacement. We should take lessons from him. It's a love hate relationship. They profess to hate the faff, but in fact, deep inside, they love it and cannot keep going without it.

Yours,
Ms. Manners

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