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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)

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 Tuesday or 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) Veenstra's annual "Moderate Friendly Summer Traverse" around Powder Mountain, Aug 14-15 (Sat-Sun)

This is the awaited "Veenstra moderate-friendly Traverse". Powder Mountain is located West of the Callaghan Valley, and North of the Alcoholic Divide. The plan is to start from Callaghan Lake (good 2wd parking) and traverse on trails across the valley bottom to Conflict Lake and then up into the alpine at Ring Lake. From there it's all open alpine and glaciers up around Powder Mountain and over to

Brandywine, where we'll take the "standard route" back down from Brandywine. Total of 33km and 2000m elevation gain.

If you've been on a few trips, perhaps nothing too serious, but are reasonably fit (or at least very tough) and own (or can borrow - maybe from the club) the gear you need, this is the trip for you. If you're wondering whether or not this is the trip for you, go ahead and email Veenstra or better yet post on the message board, as other people might have the same question. The idea is for the trip to be pretty cool without requiring absolutely everybody have special skills and experience.

Note: the trip was postponed to the coming weekend (Aug 14-15 due to weather)

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=14126&t=14126>

http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/7Aug2010_PowderTraverse

4) Climbing Action, various dates

With the sunny weather of the past few weeks, there has been a lot of rock climbing being organized on the message board. Take a look for yourself on the Trips Board (<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/list.php?f=3>).

Some upcoming action:

Todd is looking for a partner for Aug 11 (Wed): <http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=14510&t=14510>

Michelle is looking for climbing partners: <http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=14258&t=14258>

5) Jared's Bike Tour, Aug 16-26

From Jared: "I'm looking to tour somewhere on my bike between August 16th and 26th and am looking for a partner. I don't know where I want to go or for how long just so long as I'm back by the 26th. If anyone has a trip planned or wants to plan a trip with me, let me know and we'll set something up!"

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=14368&t=14368>

II. Miscellaneous

1) VOC is looking for a Journal Editor

Our beloved Journal Editor has been whisked away by a government job on the Island. This means that the coveted job of Journal Editor is now open! If you've been feeling that you'd like to contribute something more back to the club, this might be your chance.

Here's what the Journal Editor position requires:

- * Publishes the annual Varsity Outdoor Club Journal (VOCJ)
- * Coerces members into submitting articles, photos, etc. for the Journal.
- * Works to a deadline. The journal must be out before the end of term.
- * Is solely responsible for the quality of the finished product.
- * Works to a budget of sorts. Collects advertisements to defray the cost of the Journal.
- * A good position for someone with computer skills, and the ability to deal with a heavy workload for a short time in the Spring.

2) VOCene back on weekly schedule

The VOCene is back on normal schedule - expect to receive it (approximately) once a week, hopefully on Tuesdays.

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,

Looking through the trip reports on the message board, it seems some members of the VOC are fixated on nudity, to the point where they feel they have to take off their clothes on every summit, and even publish the photos online. What's the deal with this?

Thanks for your advice,
Nude Dude

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Dear ND,

This is a common problem amongst VOC'ers. In several cases, the annual journal has even featured members fully exposed to the camera, shriveled up sausages and all. There is a tradition of nudity in the VOC, apparently going back many years. Some feel the custom itself is somewhat questionable. Why do the unsuspecting hikers/climbers/readers of the journal, need to be subjected to these unsightly sights? But the truth is, when they look through the journal, that's the first thing they look for, and on the summit, they will sneak a quick look at that fair lady's pink behind.

Personally, I've never taken part in this summit ritual, but it sure seems like a hassle, especially in winter!

Yours,
Ms. Manners

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