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Note on Club Ski Gear:

Ski and avalanche gear is in short supply. Seems like demand far outpaced supply, and the gear room stands practically empty. Because of this, it's important that members return gear after each weekend, so that everyone gets an opportunity to enjoy the snow. For those skiing this weekend, but weren't able to score avi gear from the gear room, MEC is renting avalanche gear. There is an ongoing discussion on how to best address these issues:

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=1&i=50367&t=50367>

I. Upcoming Events and Trips

1) Mount Bryce, a giant in the background of the Columbia Icefield. (slideshow), Nov 10 (Tonight!)

Yann Pennec will be presenting a slideshow about how he met and eventually climbed mount Bryce:

The slideshow will take you on three classic lines around the Columbia Icefield. The first time I saw Mount Bryce was on a winter ascent of Mount Columbia. We skied the pyramid in a stunning pure blue sky days that only the cold winter of Alberta can offer. The second line is the direct north face of Mount Athabasca: a steep ice face with a loose rock band awaiting you at the top. After climbing it in the clouds, the sky opened for summiting and revealed again Bryce in all its majesty. I had to wait another four years before finally taking a week off this summer to give a visit to the endless knife edge ridge of Bryce itself.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=1&i=50492&t=50492>

2) Day trip to Red Heather, Nov 20

Katherine Valentine is organizing a day trip to Red Heather, geared specifically for the people that have to study (isn't that all of us?), and use that lame excuse to justify not going on slugfests, debacles and epics. I use that excuse myself all the time.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=16147&t=16147>

http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/2010_Daytrip_RedHeather

3) Ski/Snowshoe Red Heather with tenting, Nov 20-21

Next up, a mixed-mode overnight camping trip to Red Heather. The plan is to drive up Saturday and park. Pay the box at the start of the trail \$5 for the privilege of using the park. Haul our tents and all our worldly possessions the 5 kms up to Red Heather, and camp in the snow. Sunday, we do a few ski runs (lots if the weather is good) before heading down.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=16133&t=16133>

http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/2010_RedH

4) VIMFF Fall 2010 Speaker series, Nov 23-25

Stands for Vancouver International Mountain Film Festival. A 3-day special festival edition featuring presentations by bike travelers Anik Choinière and Stu Coleman (Tue Nov 23); world-class adventurer Colin Angus (Thu Nov 25); and screening of the Reel Rock Tour (Wed Nov 24). At the Centennial theatre in North Van. More info on tickets and stuff here:

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=1&i=50442&t=50442>

<http://www.vimff.org/>

5) Kayak Polo, Nov 23, 7:30 - 9:30

Twice per month we're renting the outside pool, bringing in kayaks, and having an evening of learning how to roll, followed by a session of kayak polo. Everybody can come, just put your name in the wiki list if you will need gear, there's typically enough kayaks for all, and if not we share. The water is warm, there's a hot tub inside, and the kayak polo is crazy fun. You also get to practice skills that will take you to the rough waters of the Capilano and the Seymour.

http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Kayak_Polo_%40_the_Aquatic_Centre

6) Ski debacle to Phelix Hut, more snow this time (promise), Nov 27-28

Since the ski debacle to Brew was very successful, although not too debacle-ish, we'll be trying our best to arrive to our nicest hut after much ridiculousness. Or perhaps we'll be able to drive the cars all the way up to the bridge and we'll be there after 3-4 hours. The hut already has plenty of snow, we're just hoping for more. The Phelix hut fits plenty more than the Brew, and the more the merrier. This trip is open and almost intended for beginner backcountry skiers. It won't be easy, but there will nice people to help you out.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=16203&t=16203>

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

7) Doris' intro to backcountry skiing at Elfin lakes, Nov 27-28

The theme is 'Intro to Backcountry Skiing'. Yet another trip going up to the Diamond Head area, but this time we'll continue past Red Heather to stay overnight at Elfin Lakes Shelter. This is an excellent beginner-friendly destination, and new-to-skiing folks are highly encouraged to come!

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=16222&t=16222>

http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Elfin_Lakes_Ski_Nov_27-28

8) Evening class for the first AST1 group, block 1, Nov 30, 7pm

The classroom session for the first avalanche training course is happening soon. It will be November 30th, at 7pm in Buchanan B308. A few more spots might be open in other sections, but the spots are closing fast. There are also open spots in an ACC course

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=15889&t=15889>

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=16269&t=16269>

9) Jared Stanley mountain safety memorial lecture, Dec 1, 7pm, Math100

For the past few years the VOC has been in charge of organizing the yearly Jared Stanley memorial lecture. Jared was a UBC student that died in Seymour mountain after getting himself in an accident. It took several days for the search operation to even start, as he hadn't informed anyone of his whereabouts, and his

abandoned car was ignored. This year we'll have three 20 minute talks, two SAR members and a VOCer who was involved in an avalanche last year, followed by an avalanche awareness movie.

<http://www.geog.ubc.ca/avalanche/Jared.html>

http://www.ubc-voc.com/gallery/v/linelc83/Jared+stanley+poster_001.jpg.html?g2_imageViewsIndex=1

(last year's poster, we'll update it soon)

10) Winter social, Dec 29, 7pm, the Gallery (SUB)

Our end-of-year party. We typically do a potluck followed by a couple of slideshows, followed by about five minutes of dancing. This year there was a near-unanimous vote for more dancing, and our amazing VP managed to get us the Gallery, so this year we'll have a potluck, followed by a couple of, well, dancing, and five minutes of dancing too at the end. We'll have a DJ and a beer special. Look for more details in the message board.

II. Miscellaneous

1) Avalanche Course signup

Don't want to get hit by an avalanche this winter? Well, the easiest thing would be to stay in the city... but if you want to keep going on out into the mountains then taking an avalanche course would be a good start. Soon there will be meters of snow covering our favorite playground, and these courses give you the basic knowledge you need to start becoming aware of the special hazards so much snow poses - that way you can actually make decisions. Information on specific dates/prices is posted on the wiki, so find a date which works for you and pay as soon as possible - payment is the only way to secure your spot, and these courses fill up quickly.

http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/2010_2011_Avalanche_Courses

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=15889&t=15889>

2) T-shirt design competition! (Deadline this Friday!!)

Every once in a while the club designs its own shirts so that you can show the world that you are part of this awesome club! We would like to get new shirts out before Christmas and therefore we're looking for a new design. This is where you come in. We need your ideas, your creativity and your talent for a new fun VOC shirt! Winner gets a free t-shirt. Rumors claim that they will be manufactured in the softest organic cotton in a range of sizes that will actually fit most VOCers this time.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=1&i=49967&t=49967>

http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/2010_T-Shirt_Competition

3) Rewards and incentives for trip organizers

In an effort to reward our dedicated members who spend time teaching and leading our beginner members on some of the most fun trips to some of the most beautiful places in BC, we have developed a partnership

with ProMotive.com to offer discounts on backcountry brands. These discounts are open to members who we call VOC Trip Organizers. You may be thinking to yourself, "I have led trips for the VOC! Am I a VOC Trip Organizer?" Or "how do I lead trips for the VOC to become a VOC Trip Organizer?" Well, in order to answer these questions, the exec has come up with a handy check list to determine if trips you have already led qualify you as a VOC Trip Organizer, or how help you lead your first trips to qualify you as a VOC Trip Organizer. See more info in the links below.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=1&i=49623&t=49623>

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

4) Looking for slideshow presenters

Every year we hold weekly slideshows at the clubroom (and sometimes in bigger rooms if it gets crowded). We're looking for people to talk about cool trips and adventures they've been involved in, basically show us your cool pictures and tell us about all the cool/hardcore stuff involved. After the slideshows we usually go for a beer at the Gallery upstairs.

Email Ignacio at rozada@math.ubc.ca if you want to give a slideshow. The format is very flexible and we've had a few instructional seminars too (how to build a harness, how to pack super light). We might even show some of the movies in our library, especially since we now have a new fancy projector, and a freshly painted wall (coming very soon).

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=1&i=49186&t=49186>

5) VOC Journal: call for articles and your help, first deadline coming soon

Every year around March/April the VOC publishes its annual journal. This wouldn't be possible without the help of all of you! To find out how you can contribute/help take a look at the links below, and feel free to contact the Journal Editor, Kathrin Lang at journal@ubc-voc.com. First deadline for articles covering stories from April to October 2011 is December 1st!

http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/VOC_Journal_2010_-_2011

6) Banff Mtn. Film Festival: we still have tickets on sale

This is a great chance to see a selection of mountain films from the famous Banff Mountain Film Festival, from the comfort of Vancouver. We are selling a limited number of tickets. The shows will be December 2 and 3 in the Hollywood theatre, and December 4 in North Van. If you buy them from the VOC you'll save \$3 compared to if you buy them online. To buy the tickets drop by the clubroom during gear hours or most days during lunch time and ask an exec member to sell you the tickets.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=1&i=49878&t=49878>

http://www.accvancouver.ca/bmffworldtour_2010.htm

III. Ms. Manners

Ms. Manners is still missing in action, although rumors claim that she was seen in the cruise ship that broke down around San Diego, and there are reports that she was involved in the release of Aung San Suu Kyi. Some people claim that the 95%

drop in traffic to various backcountry websites has something to do with her absence. Please continue sending her questions, she will promptly respond to them in next week's VOCene.

CONTRIBUTIONS to the VOCene are welcome. Please send all inquires or additions to: vocene@ubc-voc.com. To unsubscribe from the VOCene mailing list, sign in at <http://www.ubc-voc.com/member/update.php> and uncheck the "want VOCene" box

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