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#### I. Special Announcements

- 1) T-shirt design competition winners

The winners of the t-shirt design competition are Doris Leong, Scott Webster and Christian Veenstra!

We decided to have two different t-shirt designs. Doris' and a combination of Scott's (front) and Christian's (to be modified, back). T-shirt colors will be decided soon. Please update the wiki with your size so we get an idea what sizes to order. This is especially important if you want an extreme size (very small or very large).

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=1&i=50642&t=50642>  
[http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/2010\\_T-Shirt\\_Competition](http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/2010_T-Shirt_Competition)

## 2) Journal deadline coming up

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 link below, and feel free to contact the Journal Editor, Kathrin Lang at [journal@ubc-voc.com](mailto: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](http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/VOC_Journal_2010_-_2011)

## 3) Winter social, Nov 29 (Mon)

Our end-of-year party. 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 dancing, dancing and some more dancing at the end. We'll have a DJ and there will be a beer special. Please sign up on the wiki if you intend to come, so we have a better idea of how many people to prepare for. The social starts at 7pm, and will be at the Gallery, on the ground floor of the SUB. Don't forget a delicious dish for the potluck, and a dish and cutlery. Dress code: formal or ugly sweater. There are some easy and fun workhikes to be had, contact Lisa at [lisa.pittl@gmail.com](mailto:lisa.pittl@gmail.com) if you are interested.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=16373&t=16373>

[http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/VOC%27s\\_Winter\\_Social\\_2010](http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/VOC%27s_Winter_Social_2010)

## II. Upcoming Events and Trips

### 1) Slide show: the pipedreams project: 3 kayakers, 900 km, 2 months, Nov 24 (Wed), 7pm

The Pipedreams Team embarked on a 900km, 2-month kayak expedition from Kitimat, BC to Vancouver, BC in opposition to the Enbridge Northern Gateway Pipeline proposal. Faroe, Ryan and Curtis will be presenting a slide-show of their trip, sharing tales from their journey, and the insights they gathered from their search for meaningful and effective ways to stop the pipeline. Curtis, Ryan and Faroe (from left to right) looking at the chart while on route during their two month kayak expedition from Kitimat to Vancouver to oppose Enbridge's Northern Gateway Project.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=1&i=50671&t=50671>

### 2) VIMFF Fall 2010 Speaker series, Nov 23-25 (Tue-Thu)

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.

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

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

### 3) Ski debacle to Phelix Hut, more snow this time (promise), Nov 27-28 (Sat-Sun)

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 be nice people to help you out.

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

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#### 4) 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](http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Elfin_Lakes_Ski_Nov_27-28)

#### 5) Skookum Logging Road Alder Thrash & Make Merry Party, Nov 27-28

The plan is to "interact destructively with some slide alder on the Skookum E Branch, a logging road which leads up towards Mamquam mountain from the Mamquam valley near Squamish. Mamquam is a beautiful peak which is otherwise hard to access in a normal 2-day weekend (access via Elfin and Mamquam lake), but this logging road leads right up towards it from the valley - although it is now horrendously overgrown by slide alder. The idea is to use the very last of the fall to clear as much of this road as possible so that folk can ski-mountaineer their asses up to Mamquam this coming spring. The trip will involve hiking up and down the logging road cutting, pruning and sawing dense bush. There'll be car camping, bonfire-ing, and hopefully lots of VOC merry-making on Saturday night". This is Piotr's leg's homecoming party, and recent reports claim that workhikes with the death machine (featured prominently in Machete) are actually lots of fun. It's a karma thing even, specially if you've been whacked by alder on your way down a logging road.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=16284&t=16284>

[http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/index.php?title=Skookum\\_E\\_Branch\\_Alder\\_Thrash\\_Nov\\_27-28\\_2010](http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/index.php?title=Skookum_E_Branch_Alder_Thrash_Nov_27-28_2010)

#### 6) Roland's one day hiking/snowshoe/whatever, Nov 27 (Sat)

From Roland: "I'm thinking of heading up, perhaps Saturday 27 November, with a carload, to hike up Hollyburn Mtn. I think I'll bring snowshoes, but it will probably be doable in boots + gaiters. I'll only go up if there's others wanting to do a day trip, to fill my car. Seems like there was a lot of demand for a day trip when we went up Lynn Pk. Trip should require only a small amount of cardio output, and we are likely to get back home in time for an afternoon nap. Let me know if you want to do this and I'll issue you with one of the seats in my car."

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=16370&t=16370>

#### 7) Jared Stanley mountain safety memorial lecture, Dec 1 (Wed), 7-8pm

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/phorum2/read.php?f=1&i=50697&t=50697>

#### 8) Beacon practice session, Dec 1 (Wed), 8pm

Beacons are devices that we wear when we play in the snow in avalanche terrain. In the event of a burial, we hope to use them to find our partners before it is too late. This event is for everybody. If you have never used a beacon before and want to know what the big fuss is, or if you want to practice your triple burial recovery skills with that new Tracker 2 you just bought, this event is for you. The practice will start immediately after the Jared Stanley mountain safety lecture, at 8pm at Wreck Beach.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=16320&t=16320>

[http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Beacon\\_practice\\_session\\_Dec\\_1](http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Beacon_practice_session_Dec_1)

#### 9) Brew Hut Snowshoe and Potluck, Dec 11-12 (Sat-Sun)

A trip to Brew Hut to celebrate the end of the school term and the beginning of the winter holidays. The aim of this trip is to get people who have not been up to Brew Hut in winter a chance to make it up there. Since a fair few folk don't ski, people are encouraged to come on snowshoes. This is because as long as you walk, you can pretty much snowshoe. Skiers are welcome of course, but any lame skier heard mocking snowshoes will find that they have neither in the morning.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=16290&t=16290>

[http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Brew\\_Hut\\_Snowshoe\\_and\\_Potluck](http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Brew_Hut_Snowshoe_and_Potluck)

### III. 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/wiki/2010_2011_Avalanche_Courses)

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

#### 2) 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. Note that MEC is now renting avalanche gear. There is an ongoing discussion on how to best address these issues on the message board:

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

### 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](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](mailto: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) Banff Mtn. Film Festival: 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](http://www.accvancouver.ca/bmffworldtour_2010.htm)

### III. 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 just returned from three weeks of cycle touring in Mexico, and my skin is as brown as a dirty baseball glove. Everyone loves it. In the meantime my system is in complete shock - going from sandals and shorts on the beach, to down jackets on the snow is quite a change. Is this at all relevant to anything in the outdoors?

I hope to hear from you soon,  
Shocked

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Dear Shocked,

Lucky bastard! First you go gallivanting around in the sun in November and then you come back and complain that you are suffering from the cold? Shame on you.

Give it a few days, your system will adjust to the cold. After that, act fast - you've got to make the switch from cycling to skiing fast, or else you will suffer from extreme depression. Good luck.

Yours,  
Ms. Manners

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