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I. Special Announcement: Banquet and AGM today!

Once a year, we all meet up for a merry evening of eating, slideshowing, voting on the new executive members, laughing at VOC awards and dancing, and of course, marveling at the wonderful new VOC journal, which will be unveiled and given out that evening. Luckily that event has yet to happen this year! On the 23rd of March (today!) we meet at the ANZA club (near MEC) at 7pm. Come on out!

See more info here:

http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Banquet_2011

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=1&i=52349&t=52349>

II. Upcoming Events and Trips

- 1) End of Year Banquet and AGM, March 23 (Wed)

The year is starting to run out! Time for the end of year banquet! That's right, time to dress up, eat food, elect the new Exec and watch an epic slideshow and then dance and party until we're politely asked to leave! There will also be a slideshow by John Baldwin, the guy who wrote the backcountry ski guidebook, who happens to be a longtime VOC member!

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=1&i=52349&t=52349>
http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Banquet_2011

2) Nak n' Cheese, ski day trip to Nak Peak, March 27 (Sun)

A Nak is a female Yak - let's go shred some fluffy cheese on Nak Peak on the Coquihalla!

http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda_details.php?tripid=26
<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=18392&t=18392>

3) The Neve - For Real, March 25-27 (Fri-Sun)

Last year VOC'ers crossed the Garibaldi Neve twice during Sphinx camp and then at least once more by March. This year we've had three attempts so far get cancelled due to the slightly ridiculous amount of snow that's been falling. The weather may finally be starting to cooperate though, so we're going to take another stab at it. Only this time, we're going to make it.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=18263&t=18263>
http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda_details.php?tripid=22

4) Mel's snowshoe trip (beginner), March 26-27 (Sat-Sun)

A non-threatening beginner overnight snowshoe trip to Joffrey Lakes on the Duffey Lake Road.

http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Mel%27s_26-27_March_2011_Sphinx_Snowshoe
http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda_details.php?tripid=3

5) Vantage Rock Climbing Weekend, April 1-4 (Fri-Mon)

A rock climbing trip to Vantage, Washington, where hundreds of basalt column routes await you!

http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda_details.php?tripid=19

6) Kayaking to Lighthouse Park, April 2 (Sat)

Yes, we plan to kayak across to Lighthouse Park in West Van, and back. Should be exciting.

http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda_details.php?tripid=8
http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Sea_kayaking_to_Lighthouse_Park

7) Pelion Ski Ascent (Intermediate), April 2-3 (Sat-Sun)

A rare opportunity to ski in the Tantalus Range. We will start from sea level (lots of elevation gain), and have a final scramble to a beautiful peak!

http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda_details.php?tripid=27
<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=18396&t=18396>

8) Semi-Weekly Kayak Polo, April 5 (Tue)

Come play with whitewater kayaks in the UBC pool. Fun (almost) guaranteed.

http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Kayak_Polo_%40_the_Aquatic_Centre
Previous session: <http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=18294&t=18294>

9) Relaxing(ish) Beginner Friendly Zupjok Day Mission, April 9 (Sat)

A day trip to Zupjok Peak in the Coquihalla for some great skiing and an option of visiting Alpaca Peak as well, or just more skiing.

http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda_details.php?tripid=23
http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/9April_ZupjokPeak

10) Iago Intro to Backcountry Skiing, April 9-10 (Sat-Sun)

If you have never been on skis, or never been on skis in the back-country, never camped in the snow or just wish to have a relaxing weekend in the outdoors - then this trip is for you!

http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda_details.php?tripid=25
http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Iago_Intro_to_backcountry_skiing

III. This week in the VOC

1) Past trips and events

Lots of trips went out this weekend!

- Snowshoers headed up to Mt. Hollyburn to see the (large) moon rise
<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=18121&t=18121>

- An epic trip to Mt. Rohr
<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=18174&t=18174>

- (Yet) another day trip to Telemagique - don't forget your camera at home!
<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=18312&t=18312>

- Two VOC'ers headed to Rainbow Mtn. to enjoy the sun and an alternate route up the peak
<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=18351&t=18351>

- A tour up to Nak Peak on the Coquihalla
<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=18317&t=18317>

- At least three VOC groups headed to the Joffre Group. Some climbed Mt. Matier and others fumbled in the fog
(partial TR) <http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=17815&t=17815>

2) From the exec's desk

- The latest meeting with the new SUB planners involved a lengthy discussion about

the future climbing wall. It should be bigger, better, and have a whole wall of windows.

- There have been some negotiations with sledders regarding an unresolved area near Tricouni (should it be motorized or non-motorized), Scott W will be representing the club.

- The budget is close to finalized, we are looking at continuing to spend on gear, and will have some expenses for hut maintenance. The budget will be presented at the AGM (today), to be voted on.

VI. Miscellaneous

1) The exec needs YOU!

The VOC exec will be changing over at the banquet. If you think the club is doing a great job, join the exec to keep us moving in the right direction. If you think we're doing things terribly, join the exec to help guide us in a better direction. This is YOUR club, help keep it awesome.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=1&i=52358&t=52358>
http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Exec_nominations_2011

2) Rewards and incentives for trip organizers

Woohoo, prodeals for VOC Trip organizers! In return for leading trips, you now get not only immense satisfaction, but cheap gear too.

<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

3) VOC T-Shirts and Voile straps on sale

The colourful and inspiring VOC t-shirts have been a hit! We still have a few left, so why don't you come over to the clubroom to get one for yourself or as a gift? We also have lots of VOC Voile straps on sale, very useful in many situations (I own at least ten).

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=1&i=51097&t=51097>

IV. 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 heard that tonight at the banquet, a new exec will be voted in, and that Ms. Manners might be laid off?!

Thank you,
Banquet Goer

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Dear BG,

Well, it's true that I work on an annual contract base, from banquet to banquet, so there is a possibility that I won't get a new contract. To be honest, it is completely up to the new VOCene editor. If he or she decide to lay me off, good luck to me in surviving through my old age without a pension!

Yours,
Ms. Manners

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