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I. Upcoming Events and Trips

- 1) VIMFF Best of the Fest, March 27-31

The best of the Vancouver International Mountain Film Festival! Just two more days to go, Mountaineering night (today) and Climbing night (tomorrow). Special 33% discount for VOC'ers! Apparently there's a size-able group of VOC'ers heading out to the show tonight.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=1&i=52963&t=52963>

- 2) Beginner Friendly to Elfin, April 2

A non-threatening beginner friendly trip to Elfin Hut or Red Heather, either as a day trip or with an overnight stay at the Elfin Hut.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=18453&t=18453>

http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda_details.php?tripid=29

3) Neve Say Never - Garibaldi Neve Traverse, April 2-3

Let's cross the Garibaldi Neve this weekend! We plan to camp midway, to maximize our enjoyment of the spectacular scenery.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=18494&t=18494>
http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda_details.php?tripid=30

4) 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

5) Vantage Rock Climbing Weekend, April 1-4 (Sat-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) 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>

7) 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>

8) Croquet Competition, April 5 (Tue)

A "croquet" competition - all abilities welcome! Looking forward to new routes not found in the guidebook.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=1&i=52951&t=52951>
<http://buildering.net/>

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

II. This week in the VOC

1) Welcome our new exec!

The banquet and AGM were last week: if you were there, you know it was a blast, if you weren't, that's too bad!

Please welcome our new execs!

President: Katherine Valentine

Treasurer: Kathrin Lang

Vice-President: Veronika Schmitt

Secretary: Murray Down

Membership Chair: Caroline Jung

VOCene Editor: Len Goff

Trips Coordinator: Chris Yuen

Quartermasters: Jacob Slosberg, Caitlin Schneider, Aron Zahradka, Julia Stafford, Todd MacKenzie

Journal Editor: Kelly Paton with help from Skyler Des Roches

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2) Past trips and events

Another exciting week for the VOC!

- Phil's group crossed the Garibaldi Neve in sunny weather and fast conditions
<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=18263&t=18263>

- A group kayaked the Chilliwack, looks like some rough water
<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=18450&t=18450>
<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=18472&t=18472>

- Melissa's group headed to Joffre Lakes on snowshoes
<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=18261&t=18261>

- Andrew and his dad did the Spearhead Traverse in a day
<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=18436&t=18436>

- Gili's day trip to Nak turned into a Yak-Nak-Thar summit day with some good turns to boot
<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=18392&t=18392>

3) From the exec's desk

- We approved Veenstra's application for permission from the fed to build a trail up to Harrison this summer. It will connect the end of the Pemberton Valley Road to the "rough road" marked on this map:

http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/dsq/Engineering/Meager_Slide_Aug6_2010_Area_Base_Map.pdf

Staying on the South side of both Lilloet and Meager rivers, thereby avoiding all bridges which are likely to be destroyed by future landslides" (so long as they aren't of biblical proportions)

- The execs are working on their exec reports to share some of the knowledge gained in the past year with the new exec members

- SPOT: one of the SPOT devices broke and has to be warrantied. We are working on buying batteries which we will supply for use with the SPOTs on VOC trips

III. Miscellaneous

1) 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

2) 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 feel like maybe I'm ready to lead a trip. Maybe something easy. But, it seems so difficult to organize a trip. How do I start? Am I really the right person to do this? I'm not that experienced...

Thank you,
Future Trip Organizer

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Dear FT0,

Organizing your own trip is a breeze! Especially with our new fancy trip tool. First you need to decide where you want to go and the dates. If you are unsure, you might want to consult with a more experienced member. Then add the trip, remembering to make it sound cool and attractive, and that's most of the work already... You can use the trip tool to organize rides. For some trips you might

want to have a pretrip meeting where you can explain about the trip and organize rides, tents and food groups.

Organizing a trip doesn't necessarily mean that you have to lead it - you can ask around to see if any experienced people want to go along and wouldn't mind dealing with that part... Start small. If you are going to be leading the trip, choose a destination that you are comfortable with. There is a lot of demand in the club for beginner friendly "non threatening trips" so we could definitely use more of those.

Trips are the heart of the club. We need to keep it beating!

Yours,
Ms. Manners

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