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I. Upcoming Events and Trips

- 1) VOC First Monthly Summer BBQ - Wednesday May 4th

This will be our first monthly BBQ for the summer, starting at 6:30 PM along the beach at the end of Tolmie St. - in between Locarno Beach and Spanish Banks East. This is a great opportunity to hang out with all your VOC friends, share some food, and conspire towards epicness for the weekend!

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=18784&t=18784>

- 2) Golden Ears Snowshoeing Day Mission - Saturday 7th May

Katherine is leading another of her popular Day Missions, this one to the impressive Golden Ears. Pretrip is Thursday at 5.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=19053&t=19053>

http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda_details.php?tripid=55

- 3) Trip to Brew Hut - May 7-8

Roland is leading a trip up to the cozy Brew Hut this coming weekend. Pretrip at the Beach BBQ tomorrow!

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=19063&t=19063>

http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda_details.php?tripid=56

4) Tentative: Kayak Polo on the beach! - Tuesday, May 10th

It's time to move kayak polo to the beach, weather permitting.

http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda_details.php?tripid=46

5) MEC Gear Swap - Sunday May 15th

The next MEC Gear Swap is coming up fast! Typically a bunch of VOCers can be found camping out the night before in order to get their grubby little hands on cheap gear!

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=18898&t=18898>

II. This week in the VOC

1) Past trips and events

- Charlie's Mt. Baker trip got turned into a Duffy ski mountaineering fest, with groups going to Mt. Matier and Vantage Peak. Check out this TR from a successful bid on Matier: <http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=19061&t=19061>

- Some VOCers moved this weekend. If they chose wisely, then they all have more space to store gear now.

2) From the exec's desk

Should we have some sort of vented heater up at Phelix? This has been a recent discussion in among the exec and on the message board. Join in the conversation here: <http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=1&i=53556&t=53556>

III. Miscellaneous

1) 2010 journals available for pickup

If you haven't grabbed your VOC Journal yet, you are really missing out! This year's journal is packed with epicness, hilarity, and thought-provoking discussion about the outdoors, the VOC, and everything in between. The cost of the Journal is included in your membership fee, so you owe nothing for your first copy. If you'd like more than one, extra copies are available for \$20.

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/wiki/Discounts_for_VOC_Trip_Organizers

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,

Some dear friends who live overseas sent me an unmarked bottle of Schnapps. It comes with a request that it should be had every time I summit a mountain. Should

I oblige?

Yours,

Pretty Thirsty

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Pretty Thirsty,

Whether to drink alcohol on summits is, like most decisions in the backcountry, a judgement call that only you can make for yourself. Ms. Manners cannot endorse this activity. Lugging up some alcohol to enjoy in the safety of a hut is, on the other hand, a fairly ordinary occurrence in the VOC. Yet there's no easy way around the fact that alcohol is heavy. Especially in this age of super-light gear, it is easy to feel like an alcoholic when your booze weighs as much as your sleeping bag. If you want to take alcohol on a trip, then you'll have to carry more weight, or make cuts elsewhere in your gram budget. In Ms. Manners' experience, the surest way to free up enough weight in your backpack for drinks is to find yourself a Husband or Wife. With a Spouse, you can pack way more efficiently and unlock some serious real estate in your bag. Some VOCers will rave about how they co-pack with their Significant Other. But unlike a Spouse, a Significant Other can break up with you without having to file any paperwork, which makes it hard to plan trips more than a few weeks in advance. Finally, if you aren't looking for romance, you might try to find some sort of platonic Packing Buddy - but it's still best if you don't mind sharing a sleeping bag with them.

Bottoms Up,
Ms. Manners

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