

VOCene #40 January 10th, 2012

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"I might look big, but I can't chew bru, I only have plank-ton"

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#### I. Upcoming Events and Trips

- 1) Extremely Beginner Friendly Ski Evening ☺ Wednesday, January 11th

From the trip description: "If you keep looking longingly at the 'beginner friendly' trips but hesitate to sign up in case it is more than you can handle, this is the outing for you! We will head up to the free trails at Seymour and experiment with the concept of skiing uphill, and then getting back downhill."

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,80402>

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=203>

- 2) Skiing trip to Elfin Lakes Shelter (beginner-friendly) ☺ Sat. Jan. 14th - Sun. Jan. 15th

This will be an overnight trip to the Elfin Lakes shelter. The trip is over-capacity at the moment, but a separate snowshoe trip could potentially splinter

off. Check the message board for updates.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=171>

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,80789>

### 3) Tele/AT School @ Seymour Resort 📅 Saturday, January 14th

A VOC annual tradition, Telemark School is an opportunity for young, earnest, telemark skiers to learn the ropes from old, grizzled, VOC telemark veterans. A ski resort, while lame, is a great place for learning telemark technique without the added difficulties of fatigue, a heavy backpack, route-finding, and buried hazards.

NOTE: there will also be a parallel (in more ways than one) AT school occurring on the same day, also at Seymour.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,80541>

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=194>

### 4) High Output Summit Series: Sky Pilot 📅 Sat. Jan. 14th - Sun. Jan. 15th

From the trip description: "If you are looking for a high-pain low-gain kind of ridiculous adventure, this is the trip for you!"

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,81096>

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=212>

### 5) Kayak Roll Sessions and Polo - Tue. Jan. 17th.

Tuesday night kayak polo and rolling practice in the UBC pool will be starting up again for the semester, beginning on the 17th. A bunch of kayaks are available for those who don't have their own.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,77067>

### 6) How to Organise a trip 📅 Wednesday, January 18th

From the trip description: "Want to organise a VOC trip but don't know how? Feeling a bit intimidated? Then this info session is for you. Find out how to make your ideas become an actual trip." At 7:30PM in the clubroom.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=213>

### 7) Intro to Back Country Skiing 📅 Sat. Jan. 21st - Sun. Jan. 22nd

This trip is one of our Classic Annual Traditions - a weekend trip sleeping in tents and learning how to back-country ski.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=178>

## II. Trip Ideas and Partners Sought

-Skyler is looking for anyone who might be interested in buying a "pack raft" and joining him on awesome amphibious adventures: <http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?1,81238>

## III. This week in the VOC

### 1) Past trips and events

- The annual winter Wethike trip (previously known as Longhike) was this past weekend, up in the Seymour backcountry. Snow turned to freezing rain overnight and you should check the pictures to see what it looked like in the morning!

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,79997>

- Last night was our second ever Canadian Avalanche Centre fundraiser at The Gallery - we raised over \$1500 for them! Thanks to everyone who came out, and Phil T. for organizing.

-Maya G. and Gili R. posted a trip report from their recent trip to Cuba! It is

in-depth and full of great photos! <http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,81016>  
-A friend of Lee W. was caught in an avalanche over the holidays, and lived to tell the tale. He wrote up his story and it's on the message board:  
<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?1,81111>

#### IV. 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/wiki/Discounts\\_for\\_VOC\\_Trip\\_Organizers](http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Discounts_for_VOC_Trip_Organizers)

##### 2) Call for Slideshow Presenters

Have you been on some crazy adventure lately, or do you have some advice to share? Consider attaining instant fame by giving a VOC slideshow this semester:  
<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?1,80896>

##### 3) Call for VOC journal articles - 54th edition!

It's getting down to crunch time! Your last chance is approaching to write up those crazy memories of outdoor experiences this past year, or just turn your existing TR's into journal articles! Every year, the VOC immortalizes the wonderful fun we have in the outdoors in the VOC Journal. Receiving a journal is a priveledge of membership in the VOC, and it relies completely on submissions from people like you! Check out the message board for more information about the deadline and types of things you can contribute: <http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?1,79263>

##### 4) 21 Mile Creek User Survey

From Scott N: "The 21 Mile Creek drainage is a non-motorized zone and snowmobiling is prohibited. The Federation of Mountain Clubs of BC is conducting a user survey to measure the frequency of illegal snowmobile use in 21 Mile Creek. The results from the survey will guide compliance and enforcement actions by government conservation officers." Please take a brief moment to complete the survey, if you've been on a trip to 21 Mile Creek.  
<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?1,80729,80729#msg-80729>

#### V. Ms. Manners

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Dear Ms. Manners,

I keep running into this guy on VOC trips. He has a cute smile, he seems really sweet, and he looks good in hut booties. We seem to be into some of the same things. How do I let him know I'm interested without making things awkward if he just wants to be friends? Because good friends are great too.

Sincerely,

Cautious About That Happy Attractive Trekker

Dear CATHAT,

Thanks for your question. It turns out that VOC men can actually be quite hard to catch. That's not because they have high standards (they don't, but tend to have befittingly great Significant Others anyways). Rather, it's because they are woefully oblivious to romantic advances. Remember, this is a group of males that actively avoids culture on the weekends. So if you want to nab a VOC guy, you'll need to bust out the big guns. Forget twirling you hair, you're going to want to skip right to the following:

- 1) Aggressive Spooning. This should always be step one. Don't worry if you don't really know him yet; spooning is a great way to get to know somebody.
- 2) Aggressive Spooning #2. If the above is unsuccessful, you'll need to ratchet up the aggressiveness. For you ladies, you might try positioning yourself as big spoon. Be sure to have a strong entrance, and maintain your lock. Female big-spooning is uncommon enough that it might spark some glimmer of recognition in your prey. Think of it like trying to wake yourself up from a dream: you need to do something so crazy that it can break his heavy daze of obliviousness.
- 3) Confession. If spooning fails, you may just have to put it to him point blank. Try shaking him violently as you say it slowly and clearly: "I WANT YOU...". Writing it in the snow is not recommended, as he'll likely be looking at the surrounding peaks.
- 4) Let Ms. Manners Take Care of It. If he's so dense that even violent shaking can't get the message across, I'm always happy to put a not-so-secret-admirer note for you in my column. With luck, enough of his friends will ask him about it that he'll begin to catch on. I also do marriage proposals.

Sincerely,  
Ms. Manners

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