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0. Deadline Feb 5th for Journal Submissions

The deadline for submissions for VOCJ 54 is fast approaching, Sunday February 5th! I noticed that you haven't submitted anything yet. Yes, I'm talking to YOU! Now go ahead and do it!

From our lovely Journal Editor, Kelly P:

"Send files (or ideally a zip file) to [journal@ubc-voc.com](mailto:journal@ubc-voc.com). Include:

- the article, with a title and your name. Text (.txt or .rtf) or word (.doc or .docx) file formats are good. No pdfs, please.
- pictures, if you have any. Name them as name-of-article\_pic1.jpg, name-of-article\_pic2.jpg, etc, where name-of-article is - you guessed it - the name of your article. Include a text file with picture info: where, photographer, subjects."

For more information, see the message board: <http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?1,79263>

#### I. Upcoming Events and Trips

##### 1) 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. The pre-trip has already happened, so you should already be sorted out if you're going. Don't forget to go though!

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,79631>

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

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=221>

##### 2) Beginner Friendly Red Heather Day Trip 📅 Sunday, January 22nd

This trip is suitable for beginners and is to one of the best places around to learn how to backcountry ski!

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=218>

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,81524>

##### 3) Slideshow: Tentatively Titled The Top Ten Enervating Things To Try at in a Kayak 📅 Wednesday, January 25th

The VOC's own Murray Down will be showering us (clothed, mostly) with stories about his awesome travels in a kayak. Slideshow is at 7:00 in the clubroom.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=217>

##### 4) Brew Hut for GNAR points 📅 Sat. Jan. 28th - Sun. Jan. 29th

Are you wondering why everyone is always going to the Brew Hut, even when there are plenty of other places to go? Come find out for yourself (warning, spoiler ahead. hint: it's awesome and cozy warm).

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=216>

##### 5) Intuition Buy Night 📅 Thursday, February 2nd

So there's this awesome company based in Vancouver that makes ski boot liners. They're called Intuition, and if your intuition has any merit then it will lead you to come to our second special VOC only buy-night at Intuition, where they sell all their perfectly good dead-stock to us dirtbags at ridiculous prices. You can also buy their closed cell foam to use as backcountry yoga mat, or to make the whole floor of your apartment really soft, or maybe even something useful.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=220>

##### 6) Sphinx Hut Beginner Friendly Ski Mission (if the lake is frozen) to celebrate Waitangi Day 📅 Sat. Feb. 4th - Sun. Feb. 5th

Woohooo it's almost Waitangi Day! I know you just went to Wikipedia to look that up, and quickly realized that the freedom of the Internet (which mind you includes the VOCene) is in peril. Sign a petition!

Anyway, from the trip description: "Sphinx is an awesome hut, and has some sweet skiing either down the glaciers or in the trees near the garbage pile, unfortunately while the other VOC huts (Brew and Phelix) get a lot of ski trips to them in the early season, we have to wait for Garibaldi Lake to freeze before this hut becomes easily accessible. Usually the Lake freezes around the end of January or start of February. So hopefully the lakes frozen, otherwise we will find

somewhere else to ski."

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=210>

7) Full Moon snowshoe/ski trip to hollyburn or seymour (beginner friendly)) 0  
Tuesday, February 7th

From the trip description: "It's full moon. and according to an ancient lunar calender, this is the beginning of spring. so let's take a break from study for a few hours and snowshoe/skin up our back yard."

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=208>

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,81242>

## II. Trip Ideas and Partners Sought

-Don't forget that there is a week of solace tucked away in your semester: Reading Week. Traditionally, a bunch of VOCer's set up a nice homebase up at the Sphinx hut and bag gnar-covered peaks. Other, equally adventurous souls head to the desert and climb at Red Rocks while trying not to gamble. Keep an eye on the message board for details about both of these mischievous schemes.

## III. This week in the VOC

### 1) Past trips and events

-Last weekend was Tele school! Thanks to Caitlin S. for organizing!

-Andrew C. led an overnight trip to Red Heather and Paul ridge. Check out the TR here: <http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,80789>

-A VOC crew encountered Ice Crust of Doom Death and Destruction and confusing signage on an attempt to ski Gin peak: <http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,81364>

-A VOC crew went up Seymour on a weeknight evening beginner-friendly trip: <http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,80402>

-Breanne's posted a TR from skiing on the Duffey: <http://www.ubc-voc.com/2012/01/13/the-dismal-ski-trip-of-gloom-jan-7-8-2012>

## 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) 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

Dear Ms. Manners,

I'm on the fence about whether I should write an article for the VOC Journal. Do you have any numerological arguments to push me over the edge?

Thanks,  
Hesitant

Dear Hesitant,

Why yes I do! So funny you should ask. This year's journal will be our 54th. I know, that's a lot! In roman numerals 54 is LIV. And yes, I know what you're thinking, LIV as in LIVRE - French for "book", which is exactly what the VOCJ is an instance of! So much so that even gets stocked by the Vancouver public library. That's right, you can have your writing on those hallowed shelves alongside Emerson and Dostoevsky.

Now, scoop this: R and E aren't roman numerals for anything. But, R is the 26th letter of the alphabet. Similarly, E is the 5th. Since R is a consonant, we subtract it: the universe utters  $54 - 18 + 5 = 41$ . Now take the current year 2012, and subtract the year that the VOC started, 1917. That gives the current age of the club: 95. Now subtract the value of LIVRE (41) from the age of the club:  $95 - 41 = 54$ . Did you just get your mind blown? Yes, that's right: 54, the volume of the current Journal. If that kind of serendipity is not enough to get you to write something, then I don't know what is.

Sincerely,  
Ms. Manners

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