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0. Climbing Competition Postponed

The climbing competition has been postponed due to some difficulties with booking. It is tentatively rescheduled for Monday, March 26th but check the message board and trip agenda for updates.

I. Upcoming Events and Trips

- 1) Slideshow - Nevermind the bouldering: Trad cragging in the UK - Wednesday February 29th

Presented by Jon L. and Jenny W:

"By Canadian standards, the UK is a tiny group of islands with way too many people on them (it's practically shoulder to shoulder, that's why we stand up in pubs). What could there possibly be of interest for the adventure seeker? This is not a slideshow on why trad climbing is better than bouldering, that's just a silly musical joke that I couldn't avoid. This is about what makes climbing in Britain, Great, from the perspective of two individuals with an accumulated 35 years of experience"

As usual, 7:30 in the clubroom!

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=255>

2) Intermediate Ski Adventure 📅 Sat. Mar. 3rd - Sun. Mar. 4th

This will be an overnight intermediate ski trip, destination TBD (likely Duffey). Pretrip meeting will be tomorrow.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,83040>

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/functions.php?tripid=256>

3) Xtreme Yak and Zoa dual day trip 📅 Sat. Mar. 3rd - Sun. Mar. 4th

Stoked by Veenstra's double daytrip two weekends ago, Norkio is organizing to do it again, this time actually on the Coquihalla. Despite the extreme name, this trip is not only for extreme folks.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=245>

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,82684>

4) Movie Screening: Long Road North, 7pm (Norm Theatre) 📅 Tuesday, March 6th

"Seen from the handlebars of a bicycle, the world is a lot smaller than they ever thought. Leaving behind his office with no windows, a young Canadian dreams up an adventure to travel halfway across the planet at a human pace and experience the story of the road. From the mountains of Patagonia, through Latin American megacities and small-town America, to the sparse reaches of the Canadian arctic, the people and places he comes to know will forever change his perspectives about the world and the choices he decides to make. At the Norm Theatre (in the SUB), doors at 6:30pm, screening at 7pm. Tickets can be bought at the door, \$5 - the proceeds to be donated to the VACC (Vancouver Area Cycling Coalition)"

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=242>

5) VOC Spring Gearswap 📅 Wednesday, March 7th

We'll be having another VOC gear swap; the last few have been a huge success! All outdoor-related gear is appropriate, and it's open to non-members.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=215>

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?1,81464>

6) Ice Breaker Pro Deal Night - Thursday, March 8th

Katherine exercised superhuman powers in organizing this buy night for us; come get 50% off Ice Breaker gear!

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=249>

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?1,82903>

7) Revived Annual Girls Just Want to have Fun Ski Trip! ☺ Sat. Mar. 10th - Sun. Mar. 11th

A newly revived tradition! Unfortunately, Ms. Manners will not be in attendance. From the trip description:

"This trip will involve:

- No-tan-line sunbathing, skinning and skiing
- Laying beautiful curves in the powder
- Hot chocolate and baileys
- Pillow and tickle fights at night"

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=241>

8) To Brew and back again ☺ Sat. Mar. 10th - Sun. Mar. 11th

This trip is "Beginning friendly" and will deposit you up in one of our clubs huts: the Brew Hut. Brew is known world-wide for it's awesome cozy-warm wood stove.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=258>

9) Annual Banquet ☺ Wednesday, March 28th

The Annual Banquet is one of our most important yearly events. We'll elect our new exec, give out awards and laugh about the year, listen to a sweet slideshow by Skyler, and then dance the night away with our resident DJ Oker. This is also the first and best opportunity to grab your copy of the VOC Journal. The banquet is a no miss event!

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=254>

II. Trip Ideas and Partners Sought

-Philippe L.B. is looking to ski the Spearhead Traverse on a (possibly extended) weekend in March, likely the 24-25 weekend. <http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,83032>

-Some folks are talking about getting out skiing this week, maybe Wednesday: <http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?1,77773>

-The Radical Reels film festival will be coming up, March 15th: <http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?1,82969>

III. This week in the VOC

1) Past trips and events

-Sphinx! Sphinx! Sphinx! A bunch of VOCers had a bunch of fun up there over Reading Week. Get Reading about it here: <http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,81791,page=3>

- From the Red Rocks group, so far we've heard this: "One carload of happy, dry VOCers returned from a full week of desert climbing with fingertips sanded thin by the rock, the smell of campfire in their clothes, untrimmed beards, a suntan, and smiles from ear to ear. " <http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,82575>

-A VOC group had some beautiful conditions in Tetrahedron Prov. Park this past weekend. Check out their pics here: <http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?>

3,83015

-A crew of VOCers slayed some serious pow at Zoa Peak last weekend:

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,83070>

-Gili R. posted a TR from a recent trip to Gin Peak: <http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,83228>

2) From the exec's desk

So, our situation regarding the liability of club members on trips has turned out to be very different from what we thought, and what it used to be. We're still determining exactly what that situation is, and what to do about it. This is definitely a conversation to stay on top of: <http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?1,82446>

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

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>

4) Mammut Pulse 3.2 Firmware Update - Available Now from the VOC

From the message board post: "The VOC can now offer firmware updates to Mammut Pulse beacons. This is handy because firmware version 3.2 was recently released. Why is the VOC offering this service? Because no one else in Vancouver does and because the same tool that lets us do this also lets us record the health of our new rental beacons. The cost for getting the upgrade through the club is \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members."

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?1,82371>

5) Matt's Awesome Maps

Matt P. has been putting together some super access maps for our huts, which are printable high quality PDF's. Check them out in the subsequent discussion here:

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?1,82415>

Update: There's a new Neve one on the Sphinx Camp thread!

V. Ms. Manners

Dear Ms. Manners,

If the floor of a hut get's soaking wet from people tracking snow inside, is it acceptable to put on my crampons to increase foot traction?

Thanks,
Spikey

Hey Spikey,

Crampons are only acceptable in the hut if you are actually on hard snow or ice, which means you'll be stuck hanging out where that pesky strip of ice likes to form in the doorway. Please clear it out while you're there.

I would suggest that rather than trying to gain traction on your feet, you just give up on the floor altogether. Climbing from bench to ladder to berth can be fun and effective, but make sure to apologize if you step in someone's food. There is also the "I'm a climber in the summer" method, which involves using the hands to move about the hut by hanging off of various things (ice tools are not acceptable here). Another approach is "I claim this spot for me" strategy, in which you avoid the wet floor by simply staying in one place. Finally, there's the "my 30L pack leaves no room for hut booties" method, in which one just keeps their ski boots on in the hut and thus maintains adequate traction. This also makes kicking steps out of the outhouse easier.

A few intrepid VOCer's have put little pieces of climbing skin on the bottom of their hut booties. A natural question to ask is if this would allow one to skin up to the hut in their booties were the snow packed enough. Let me know if you find out!

Sincerely,
Ms. Manners

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