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I. Upcoming Events and Trips

- 1) SLIDESHOW: Climbing in the Bugaboos by Rich So and Christopher B.-L. -
Wednesday, Mar. 14

Come hear these alpine climbers spin tales from the epic and beautiful Bugaboos!
7:30 in the clubroom.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?1,83708>

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=263>

- 2) RADICAL REELS Tour (Film Festival) ☺ Thursday, March 15th

Note: if you act fast, you can get a discounted ticket through the VOC! (see
message board)

"Faster, steeper, higher, deeper! The most outrageous mountain sport films from

the 35th annual Banff Mountain Film Festival will thrill and inspire you with big-screen adventures when RADICAL REELS comes to the Denman at 7:30 pm on Thursday March 15th. Bike tough trails, paddle wild waters, and ski steep slopes"

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=262>

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?1,82969>

3) Quasi-Cancelled: Snowshoeing to Elfin Lakes (beginner friendly) 📅 Sat. Mar. 17th - Sun. Mar. 18th

From the trip organizer: "Because of the avalanche situation we cannot go to Elfin Lakes this weekend. Email me or better use the message board (<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,81973>) if you have any thoughts on this or would like to go to Red Heather instead".

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=229>

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,81973>

4) St. Patrick's Day Phelix Hut Trip 📅 Sat. Mar. 17th - Sun. Mar. 18th

This trip promises to be a delicate balance of drunken St. Paddy's Day hut fun and epic skiing! Pre-trip and gear hours tonight.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=259>

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,83116>

5) Annual VOC Climbing Competition 📅 Monday, March 26th

"It's back! Once a year, the VOC climbing competition brings together climbers of every level to test their climbing prowess, rope skills, balance, and boldness on the climbing wall behind the Norm Theatre in the SUB." This competition includes, in addition to real climbing, such awesome things as the prussiking competition and the world-famous VOC pastime of Crate Stacking. It only costs \$5 to compete, and there will be prizes!

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=240>

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,82699,83131#msg-83131>

6) Kayaking sessions in the UBC Outdoor Pool 📅 Tuesday, March 27th

Come out for some kayak polo or to practice/learn how to roll! Kayaks are usually available by arrangement.

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

7) 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>

8) Rock climbing season kick-off / Birthday climbing in Leavenworth 📅 Fri. Mar. 30th - Sun. Apr. 1st

This trip (tentative on some dry conditions) will be a great first chance to start the climbing season. Plus, you can celebrate some VOC birthdays with some cheap yankee booze!

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=261>

9) Elstone and his technicolor dream tights 🕒 Sat. Apr. 7th - Sun. Apr. 8th

You've been waiting your whole life for this. Nothing is more powerful than an idea whose time has come.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=264>

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,83714>

II. Trip Ideas and Partners Sought

-Tonight, the Greater Vancouver Orienteering Club's (GVOC) weekly training session will be at UBC, at 6:30 pm. This is a great first time to try orienteering!

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,83696>

-Noriko is looking to organize some afterwork paddling as the kayak season starts:

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,83690>

III. This week in the VOC

1) Past trips and events

-18 VOCers went up to the Brew Hut: <http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,83672>

-The Revived Annual Girls Just Want To Have Fun Ski Trip went down last weekend, and they discovered the key to everyone being on time: don't invite boys! Awesome TR here: <http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,83752>

- Last week an industrious Gili R. organized a screening of the documentary Long Road North as well as another successful VOC gearswap, while Katherine V. put together a special VOC Icebreaker buy night for the club!

2) From the exec's desk

What is the best way to lead a trip, and what makes you excited about it? A discussion for sharing questions, tips and experience has started on the message board and the exec would love to hear what you have to say.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?1,83689>

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>

V. Ms. Manners

Dear Ms. Manners,

I keep having dreams about the VOC, and my friends from the club. What does that mean?

Thanks,
Dreamy

Dear Dreamy,

On the Freudian view, dreams are efforts by the subconscious mind to fulfill wishes or resolve conflicts from waking life. Since I've got a soft-spot for theories that have fallen out of fashion, I'll run with that. First of all, most everything in your dream is a symbol, and in particular for you men anything long and skinny, or containing three parts, is a symbol for your awesome genitalia. That's right, all of those ice axes, avalanche probes (I know some of you are into the extra long ones), sick couloir lines, and those scary dreams where you are missing either your tent body, tent fly, or poles. If you happen to be wearing two skis in a dream, that is just a resolution of your latent fear of castration. And for you ladies, your VOC dreams probably involve roomy tents, dark snowcaves and cozy womb-like huts.

An associate recently told me that she had a VOC nightmare involving an avalanche. Well, according to one website on the Freudian interpretation "all kinds of playing (playing instruments also), sliding, slipping and breaking branches are symbols of masturbation". I think the implication here is clear: if you want to avoid such horrible dreams you are going to need to "resolve" that conflict before bed.

Sincerely,
Miss Manners

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