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0. Free Journals for Student and Associate Club Members!! + The VOC now sells stuff!

If you haven't already then please come and pick yours up from the clubroom! You don't want to forget to collect this years awesome little book of memories.

ALSO

The VOC now sells a variety of VOC branded swag, as well as Zebralight H51 headlamps + John Baldwin's and Matt Gunn's guidebooks and maps (Baldwin).

Check it out!

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/stuff-the-voc-sells>

## I. Upcoming Events and Trips

### 1) !!!!!!!VOC monthly Summer BBQ 📅 Wed June 6th at 6:30!!!!!!!

Come down to Spanish Banks/Locarno Beach at the base of Tolmie street with some food to grill for the first monthly bbq of the summer! There will hopefully be frisbee, slacklining and hackysacks.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=301>

### 2) Lead Ladder Summer 2012 📅 Wed. June. 13th

As per recent discussions on the message board, the inaugural VOC Lead Ladder, will kick-off on Wed 13 Jun with the first of 4 x 2 hour evening session. This will culminate with a weekend in Squamish on 14-15 Jul.

The Lead Ladder is not a formal qualification, merely an organised means of passing on skills. It is aimed at teaching people to lead (mainly) single pitch routes well within their comfort zone of at least 5.6 and up.

Whilst you will learn skills required to lead climb, it won't necessarily turn you into a 'climber', this is for you to evolve into afterwards.

More info in the link below!

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=295>

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,85627>

### 3) Bike to Sooke 📅 Fri-Sun, June 15-17th

Bike to Sooke with Noriko! Looks like a fun chill weekend filled with good food and beautiful island views

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=302>

### 4) A Traverse of Legendary Proportions 📅 Sat-Sun, June 16-17th

A two day traverse. Destination (and exact date) to be decided on after Jeff spends some more time gazing through map books. Garunteed stellar views, alpine scenery, fun scrambling, and general all-around sweetness. Also expect long days (20-30km/day is the goal)

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=283>

### 5) Haines Valley Loop 📅 Sun, June 17th

Enjoy a fathers day trip with Roland! This trip is medium intensive and beginner friendly (you won't be left behind to die)

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=297>

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,85601>

## II. Trip Ideas and Partners Sought

Stephanie G. has started the current Squamish weekend car faff - get in on the action here!

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,85802>

On Sat June 30th there will be an event to hike Mt. Gardner to raise money for Alzheimer's research. More info here:

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,85816>

## III. This week in the VOC

### 1) Past trips and events

-Sea Kayaking in Howe Sound was a blast!

## 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 next semester by contacting our new PR exec member Cora

Skaïen:[http://www.ubc-voc.com/members/show\\_extended?target\\_id=3375](http://www.ubc-voc.com/members/show_extended?target_id=3375)

### 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

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Dear Ms. Manners,

Being the dirtbag VOCer that I am I tend to save my \$\$\$ for when it counts (i.e. for good gear). This results in a substantial number of my clothes having holes in them. Some are blatantly obvious (torn knees in jeans) and others less so (that sneaky inner thigh rip). My question for you, is how many holes is too many? Or is there even such a thing?

-Holier than thou

Dear Holier,

While holes do portray the dirtbag (DB) image, I find they can actually be quite useful. Arm pit holes, for example, provide an excellent source of ventilation - the same thing can be said for underwear holes... they make those hot city days in the summer a whole lot breezier. They can even be fashionable! Some people pay good money for a pair of brand new ripped jeans... just think how much you could make if you sold your sweaty old pair of Costco low risers to some innocent city dweller. What's more, the more holes you have, the faster AND lighter you are!

I must warn you though, there is a major con that could potentially outweigh the pros listed above - I call it the total eclipse of the holes. \*If you are male, never go climbing with a hole in both your underwear and your shorts\*

Yes, they may be staggered

Yes, that gush of air really cooled you off

BUT every once in a while those two holes will align themselves on top of each other. During the course of this rare event the poor sod who's belaying you (be it your friend, girlfriend, boyfriend, AYL you're trying to impress) will be forced to watch at least one of your balls come popping out, thus making the total eclipse of the holes complete.

Like staring directly into the sun, this manoeuvre could blind and impair your belayer - in an extreme case (depending on how big the eclipse is) they may drop the rest of you.

SO, moral of the story is, pick one or the other - shorts or boxers but NEVER BOTH

Sincerely,

Ms. Manners

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