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1. Climbing Movie Night Double Feature - Wide Boyz II and King Lines 🍿 Wednesday, October 15th

Climbing movie night double feature!!!! Like Chris Sharma? Like Chris Sharma climbing trad and plugging cams? Like Chris Sharma doing huge dynos while deep water soloing? Then King Lines is the movie for you! King Lines is one of my favourite climbing movies. It's one of the most beautifully shot climbing films I've ever seen. Check out the trailer here. Over the summer of 2013, the Wide Boyz turned their attention to thin cracks and made a trip to Squamish in search of Cobra Crack, arguably the hardest finger crack in the world. The story of their trip, along with a history of the Cobra Crack, was captured in Wide Boyz II: Slender Gentleman. Watch the trailer here.

We'll start King Lines at 7:00pm and Wide Boyz II at 8:00pm. I'm going to ask everyone everyone to chip in \$1 or \$2 (depending on turn out) to help pay for Wide Boyz II. We'll be in Buchanan A202

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2. Call for Slide Show Presenters

Have you done an amazing trip either locally or somewhere else in the world? Do you want to share your experience? Then why not make a slide show and present it to the club?

We will have ongoing slideshows on Wednesdays at around 7pm starting in October. If you know someone who has done some great trip, you can also make suggestions and we can email them and ask for a slideshow.

Either comment on the message board thread or send an email to Steff at [steffiyo@gmail.com](mailto:steffiyo@gmail.com) to sign up to present a slideshow, or suggest someone who has a trip worth sharing!

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3. Recent Trip Reports

Team Bad Idea Pencil-In Currie

Good and bad ideas are a relative concept. There is however, a fine line in

mountaineering, particularly when pushing for big objectives. The overbearing lines off the North face of Currie were our objective, via the new West Currie trail and the summit of this monolithic mountain. Before I tell the tale of what happened I would like to express my gratitude to the Pemberton SAR for their professionalism and Nick, Artem and Sam (and his parents) for dealing with my sorry broken soul! I hope people can learn something from our adventures, mistakes were made but in the end everyone got home safe and happy having in some part completed our objective!

### Call of the Wild: Bike-packing B.C.'s Coast Mountains Part 1

On a late August afternoon, I rolled out my door into the summer heat. I loaded my bike onto a public bus, and took it to the farthest stop of Vancouver's transit system Mission, British Columbia. What started off feeling like a daily commute through the city was actually the beginning of a three week solo excursion following British Columbia's biggest, highest, wildest mountain range...

### Alternative Anvil Ascent

Anvil island is steep, my neck is starting to hurt said Piotr as we were approaching the East side of Anvil. Rewind to a week ago. In a conversation on another trip, it turned out both of us have been up Leading Peak on Anvil by means of the conventional trail that starts at the Bible Camp. And both of us wanted to try a more interesting more direct approach. And both of us figured it's likely to turn into a silly bushwhack, but do it anyway...

### Barr Creek Log Pullarama

I'd been prompted by Ben Singleton-Polster to remove the log jam that threatened the bridge over Barr Creek for over a year. I had intended to do this when we upgraded the bridge and re-skinned the hut at the end of August, but I thwarted myself by forgetting the handle for the tirfor in my trunk..

### Khyber Pass (BC) via Mountain Bike Summer Slack Country

The Khyber Pass connects Afghanistan, Pakistan and India and, being part of the silk road, is one of the oldest known passes in the world. This trip didn't take place in that pass. The Khyber Pass (in Whistler) is an area off the Whistler Peak to skiers (bikers) left and apparently a very popular place for winter out of bounds skiers to get super lost and get either helicopter rescued, or forced to spend a cold night at Cheakamus Lake before slogging out...

### Indian Arm Sept. 27-28

There is only one good reason to wake up before sunrise on a Saturday and it is to go kayaking. I drag myself out of bed as the alarm drills it's way into my sleep and get a rush of adrenaline when I see the time; I'm being picked up in twenty minutes. I scramble together the rest of my poorly packed gear, throwing things into open trash bags, and for the thousandth time, I check that my flashlight works. I grab my bags and head to meet the others at the street corner across from my residence. We all throw our gear into the back and head towards Deep Cove...

### Hot Springs Party Weekend! A First VOC Encounter

I had just joined the VOC and this would be my first hike with the crew. My friend Shuvi had been begging me to join for years, and now that he was about to leave the city for a few years, I had finally agreed to join in order to meet new people and have some quality outdoor time with him. This trip was awesome for a number of reasons: 1. First time hiking with a VOC crew, 2. It was called a beginner friendly hike which I soon found out was not that friendly, 3. It was Anne's birthday and we would celebrate at the camp ground, 4. I had the opportunity to contribute by bringing my car...

## Baker

Having lived in Langley for a year I have been under the gaze of Mount Baker and have always wanted to climb it. Further, I had seen it from Vancouver Island, Sky pilot, Seymour, Grouse, Strachan, Coliseum and therefore had it on my Must-Do list for three years. Having the trips just not working out over the past few years, I was super stoked leaving Vancouver at 4 pm Friday September 12...

Scraping up the Scree 🐾 Beginner Friendly Scrambling in Wedgemount Lake  
Standing outside my house early on Saturday morning, my pack fully loaded with gear, I was struck by how quiet and serene the city is in the early hours of the morning, while most normal people are still in bed. This serenity, however, was soon unashamedly shattered by the roaring of a truck chugging up the hill in my direction. Before I even saw the vehicle I knew for sure that this would be my ride. Only VOCers would be blasting country tunes out of a truck with a broken muffler that sounded like an elephant with gas, at 6 in the morning. Two hours, several country albums, and a Timmies stop later, we pulled into the Wedgemount Lake car park. With 22 VOCers on the trip we were a big group; but everyone was stoked and ready to send some mountains...

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## 4. Upcoming Trips

### THIS WEEKEND

Beginner Friendly Hotsprings Trip! 🐾 Sat. Oct. 18th - Sun. Oct. 19th  
What is this terrible wet? You can't climb, you can't ski, what do you do? This can't be good for anything, right? Wrong! I've been told that water is almost essential for hot springs. So, seeing as it doesn't look like it's going to stop raining for a couple of weeks, I'd like to check this myth out first hand. Pre-trip meeting will be Thursday, October 16th at 7:00 PM outside of the clubroom.

Hanes Valley Day Hike (Beginner friendly) 🐾 Saturday, October 18th  
Tired of studying for midterms or working on reports? Feeling like the wildest hike you've been on recently is through the construction on campus but don't have the time to spend an entire weekend out of the city? Well this is the trip for you! The current plan is to head up to Lynn creek early Saturday morning and then hike for a few hours (however long it takes us to hike 16km) and end up on top of Grouse Mountain and then take the BCMC trail or gondola down, depending on how people feel. Conveniently we can take buses to and from the start and end of the trail so we won't be limited by number of car spots AND it's a great opportunity to use your bus pass for something more enjoyable than the b-line. I'm calling this beginner friendly for now as I'm willing to take anyone that's stoked enough to do this, however I can't promise it'll be a walk in the park. Some level of fitness would be ideal as it will be a longish day of hiking. More details on the hike can be found [here](#) and [here](#)! Pre-trip meeting is Wednesday, October 15th at 6:00 PM in the clubroom.

Beginner Friendly Mt. Gardner Dayhike 🐾 Saturday, October 18th  
It's always nice to sail away from the stresses of school and the city, so let's do that with a trip up Mt. Gardner. Mt. Gardner is the highest point of gorgeous Bowen Island, which is only a 20 minute ferry ride from Horseshoe Bay. The hike should be straightforward and pretty simple, though starting at sea level means that the 719 m summit will take 719 m of us moving ourselves uphill, with 11km of hiking in total. More details about the hike can be found [here](#). Pre-trip meeting

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#### NEXT WEEK

VOC Fall Gearswap: Sell your surplus gear/buy used gear 📅 Wednesday, October 22nd  
The VOC Gearswap is an outdoor gear buy and sell event. If you have some extra gear that you no longer need, come sell it. If you are looking to buy used/new outdoor gear for reasonable prices, come on out. Actual swapping of gear is encouraged as well. There will also be a "free table" - if you have items that could still be used by others but are not fit for selling, or you'd just like to give them away, please consider putting them in the free pile (no junk please). This event will occur from 6:00-7:30 PM in Irving K. Barber Room 261.

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#### NEXT WEEKEND

Workhike - Harrison Hut Trail Final Hurrah 📅 Sat. Oct. 25th - Sun. Oct. 26th  
It's been a long 4 years, but we can finally say that we have restored access to our Harrison Hut thanks to the hard work of many, many, VOCers and financial assistance from MEC. However, there remain some critical tasks for the trail before this trail-building season draws to a close. This will be a great opportunity to give back to the club, and one of the few major workhikes this fall where you actually get to, you know, work. Hard. This trip is "beginner friendly" in the classic VOC sense of the term - not in the sense that it will be easy, but we will welcome you to come help out even if you are not an experienced overnight hiker. Pre-trip meeting will be Wednesday, October 22nd at 7:00 PM in the clubroom.

Cousin Of Canyon 📅 Sat. Oct. 25th - Sun. Oct. 26th  
Shoulder season? Too wet to climb, no snow to ski? False - it's canyoning season. Note that given the nature of the activity, the number of participants on this trip is limited. You need to have previously rappelled, scrambled, and jumped into water from up to 3m. General coordination desired. Pre-trip meeting will be Wednesday, October 22nd, TBD, outside of the clubroom.

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#### 5. Message Board Highlights

- a. You can still get your Climbing Stoke going despite the coming of fall! Alternatively, you can also start getting stoked about skiing or stoked about ice climbing! Or, get your Mountain Bike Stoke on year-round. Check out these threads for awesome videos, photos and more!
- b. Haven't gotten in enough climbing yet and want more despite the upcoming rains? Check out the The indoor climbing faff thread!
- c. Remember to post pictures of your awesome adventures for others to enjoy as well!
- d. 2014-2015 CWMS Avalanche Safety Training Courses: Are you considering avalanche safety training this coming ski season? The VOC partners every year with the

Canada West Mountain School to make discounted avalanche safety courses available to members. Check out information [here](#)!

e. Gear for sale? MEC Tarn 3 Tent, Free skis, gear in general, more gear.

f. Suggestions for the WORST 100 climbs in Squamish? Yes, Neil did say worst - they are looking for bush, moss, slime and loose rock - the more jaggy the bushes the better! If anyone has any suggestions, or is willing to take part in this project pipe up now.

g. The Co-operators: now no longer covering technical climbing. BCAA does, however, cover rock climbing and mountaineering, so check them out instead!

h. Debunking Shoulder Season: Need something to do with the impending rains? Check out this thread for half a dozen great ideas!

i. Remember to play it safe out there as numerous deaths caused by avalanches have occurred across the world in the last few weeks.

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#### 6. Ms. Manners

Do you have a question for Ms. Manners? If so, email it to to your friendly neighbourhood VOCene Editor and it'll get forwarded Ms. Manners for review. Remember, there's no such thing as a stupid question, so ask away.

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Dear Ms. Manners,

The rain season has begun, what am I suppose to do with my time now that the rock is wet and climbing is fruitless for those who cannot climb overhangs, AND the snow has not yet come to permit skiing? Is this the often feared shoulder season?

Sincerely,  
Sopping and Sobbing

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Dear Sopping and Sobbing,

It is certainly no fun when your seasonal favourite activities become bogged down by weather. However, as you may have heard, shoulder season need not exist! In fact, there are many activities which can be enjoyed during this transition period between climbing period and shoulder season. For example, you could peruse such amazing activities as caving, canyoning, kayaking, rafting, scuba diving and rafting! Do you have another great suggestion for club members? Be sure to suggest it!

Happy adventuring!

Sincerely,  
Ms Manners

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