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### 1. Climbing Wall Name Decided! New Logo Competition

Congratulations to Ted Angus for winning the climbing wall naming vote! The new name of our climbing gym coming in 2015 will be The Aviary. The opening of our new climbing wall is currently scheduled for March of April of 2015, corresponding to when the new SUB opens.

We will now have a competition for the logo! This process will work in much the same way as the wall naming. Anybody is welcome to submit a design, and we'll vote on the one we like best. The person who submits the winning design will win a free year at The Aviary.

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### 2. 10th Annual Jared Stanley Memorial Lecture 📅 Wednesday, November 26th

In January 2005, Jared Stanley, a UBC student, passed away while back country skiing on Mount Seymour. An annual memorial lecture has been held, and this year's will be the 10th installment. Jared's family, Anna and Bob Parton, fly out from Texas every year to attend the lecture and speak a little bit about Jared. The Partons are great speakers and great people. In previous years, after learning about SPOT devices from our guest speaker, a Search and Rescue team member, they promptly went out and bought the club a three pack of the devices because they felt that if such a device had existed back in 2005, then maybe Jared would still be with us. Much like the VOC sort of adopted Jared, the Partons sort of adopted the VOC.

This lecture will be held on Wednesday, November 26th at 7:00 PM in Buchanan A202. Come and show your recognition and support.

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### 3. Recent Trip Reports

EXPEDITION IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC RANGES

As I reach my final week of classes in university this year, my mind wanders again

and again to the mountains. The wilderness expanses of British Columbia have my heart clutched in its mountainous claws and oceanic palm. As I struggle to sit still and focus on school, I think writing about the poignant elements of my experience this past spring in the Coast Mountains will help. It was definitely a superb experience; characteristically because the moments of pain, the moments of fear and the moments of fatigue helped to starkly portray and contrast the moments of exhilaration, of intense joy, of sense of place, of friendship, of adventure and of exploration...

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#### 4. Upcoming Trips

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##### THIS WEEKEND

The Annual Brew Hut Debacle (Beginner Friendly) 📍 Sat. Nov. 29th - Sun. Nov. 30th  
We'll be heading up to Brew for the Annual Brew Hut Debacle. My last two attempts at being a part of this trip have involved not actually getting to Brew. We'll see if the third time is a charm. This will be a ski trip, but it is beginner friendly, so it's ok if you don't know how to ski. People will be there to help you out! It is not "Introductory Friendly" though - It'll take us the better part of a day to get there, so overnight backpacking experience is necessary. We'll have a dessert potluck on Saturday night, so bring some snacks and perhaps something to imbibe if you like. Pre-trip meeting will be Wednesday, November 26th at 6:00 PM in Buchanan A202 (NOTE: ROOM AND TIME CHANGE!).

Beginner friendly trip to Taylor Meadows (hopefully skiing!) 📍 Sat. Nov. 29th - Sun. Nov. 30th

Winter is coming! And that means it's 📍.SKI SEASON! A few years ago we went up to Taylor Meadows for an attempt at early season skiing. Due to relative lack of snow, there wasn't much skiing to be had, although there were many mini-mis-adventures, including: a lost and found sleeping bag, 5 or 6 flame-engulfed stoves (admittedly I contributed one), backwards skiing with skins on, lost car keys in Black Tusk Meadows, and for most, a reasonably chilly night sleeping on snow. Despite the impressive faff-tacle, it was actually a pretty fun trip with lots of type 2 humour and some type 2 fun! This year, I'm older and hopefully somewhat wiser, and I figured it's my turn to run a similar trip. In theory, this will be an overnight ski trip. However, if there isn't enough snow, it might change to a winter hiking trip. Either way, we will bring full avi kits so we can do beacon

practises and get you used to using your gear. Pre-trip meeting will be Wednesday, November 26th at 5:30 PM in the clubroom, or just outside of it.

Avalanche Skills Training Block A (AST-1) 📅 Sat. Nov. 29th - Sun. Nov. 30th  
Every year the VOC works with Canada West Mountain School in order to provide its members with discounted rates on avalanche safety courses, with the intent to help students mitigate the risks of backcountry skiing. The courses available to VOC members run from November thru February and in total include four sessions of Avalanche Skills Training I (AST I), and one session of AST II. The dates, details and deadlines for each course may be viewed in the table below. Web links to the CWMS course descriptions may be found [here](#). Please contact Tes at [tedangus@gmail.com](mailto:tedangus@gmail.com) with questions or concerns about experience level. Sign up will take place in the clubroom during gear hours, and full payment is required at time of registration.

Tentative: Beginner friendly ski day trip 📅 Sunday, November 30th  
Plan is to have a day to get a taste of what backcountry skiing is like. It's okay if you've never skied or even seen snow before, all you need is general fitness, autonomy and curiosity. Probably we'll head up to Zoa or Zupjok on the Coquihalla for a day. Tentative, based on weather and other things. Trip size is limited to a car load-(spots are prioritized to beginners). You can borrow everything you need from the gear room, because the VOC is special. Pre-trip meeting will be on Wednesday, November 26th at 6:00 PM in the clubroom.

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#### NEXT TWO WEEKS

Presentation: If Mountains Could Talk: a geologist's tour of the geological wonders of Garibaldi Park 📅 Wednesday, December 3rd  
by Bob Turner

Garibaldi Park has great geological stories, everywhere you look. There are remarkably diverse volcanic landforms: flat-topped Table, lava-dammed Garibaldi Lake, blocky-topped lava flows, multi-hued Opal Cone and Cinder Cone volcanoes, 1857 Barrier landslide that buried 10 km of valley, and the red-rock desert crater of Mt Price to name a few. There are also glacial features: the stunning glaciers of today, and the debris fields and moraines that mark their rapid retreat over the past century. And there is the surprising contrast of soft ridges of sedimentary rock adjacent to craggy granite spires. This is open to everyone (VOC members and non-members, students or not...). So, please spread the word and invite people you know. Feel free to invite others to the event on facebook. The event will take place on Wednesday, December 3rd in the Norm Theatre at 7:00 PM.

Evening course: Decision making in the mountains 📅 Tuesday, December 9th  
Bruce Kay (CAA Affiliate Member with extensive experience in the Avalanche forecasting/control/planning industry, as well as Guiding and Mountain Safety) is offering a course on decision making in the mountains. Bruce offers the course commercially with the Canada West Mountain School as an 8 hour course: <http://themountainschool.com/info/decision-making.html> Since Bruce wants to further test the course and gauge interest, we'll get a 4 hour course on UBC campus for free! The maximum group size is 20 and spots will go to those who sign up as committed first. The committed sign-up opens on Thursday, November 6th, 1pm. Only VOC members can participate. The event will be on Tuesday, December 9th from 6-10 PM in Henry Angus 435.

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## 5. Message Board Highlights

- a. For sale: Mountain Bike, Ski/Bike Gear, gear, ski and climbing gear.
- b. Want to know how other VOCers are getting involved in the Burnaby Mountain Protests? Have an opinion? Join the discussion here.
- c. Solar Panels at Brew Hut? Check out the details!
- d. Experience, Mistakes, Tricks and Tips: Join the discussion and share your experiences, mistakes and tips to help inform others, or read up on other's experiences to improve your own knowledge!
- e. Haven't gotten in enough climbing yet and want more despite the upcoming rains? Check out the The indoor climbing faff thread!
- f. You can still get your Climbing Stoke going despite the rains! 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!

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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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Ms. Manners is on hiatus for the week because she has not received any questions... and other commitments have come up. Please send inquiries to the VOCene Editor, and she will be happy to pass them on to Ms. Manners for consideration.

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