

VOCene #22: Tuesday December 2, 2014

We have updated the mailing list! Since we have transferred over to a new system, we are still working on getting everything set up. If this is the first VOCene you have received, then welcome! We hope you enjoy it!

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1. Climbing Wall Logo Competition!

We've decided on a name for the new climbing wall: The Aviary! I'd like to get a head start on a few things like having signs/banners made, getting staff shirts, and maybe even something as snazzy as membership cards. I'd love a cool logo for the gym!

The following might provide inspiration:

The name: The Aviary. This is following the UBC Thunderbird theme, and the fact that the gym space is tall and narrow.

The colour scheme. The wall is mostly a grey colour ("Stone" - RGB 201,207,204) with accent areas in a light blue ("Azure" - RGB 51,128,184)

The final version will need to be in a vector format (SVG, etc).

There is now a deadline set of December 31st at midnight! There is nothing like saying Happy New Year like a good old logo submission!

2. Geology Talk and Winter Social 📅 Wednesday, December 3rd

Rob Turner will present a talk in the Norm Theater at 7 PM. He will discuss remarkable geography in Garibaldi Park, which has remarkably diverse volcanic landforms, including 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. 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.

After the talk, we will have a winter social on December at 9 PM in the Pit in the basement of the SUB. We are allowed to bring potluck items after 9 PM, so feel free to bring dinner/snack/desert or what ever food you'd like to share (just no drinks). Sign-up isn't necessary but please sign-up if you want to join so that we can give some numbers to the Pit.

3. Recent Trip Reports

Team Bad Idea Recuperate Abandonment

A new alpine route. From town. In a day. How many places in the world do you know where that is possible? Bolivia is rad. Let me say that again. Bolivia is RAD. There are countless unclimbed peaks, let alone lines. Infinite unexplored potential. And the peaks are no joke either 5 and 6 thousanders, steep and glaciated. All a stone's throw away. I cannot fathom why so few climbers go there...

Lynn Peak and the Baden Powell Trail to Deep Cove, Sunday 23rd November

Last weekend seemed liked the ideal time for a short escape from the city, just enough time to forget about the impending doom of finals. So a group of 10 of us, new and experienced VOCers alike set off on a day hike, leaving from downtown in the (relatively) early hours of Sunday morning. We made it to North Van on transit hoping the rain would stop (it didn't) and walked the fairly short distance from Lynn Valley Road to the trail (proving you don't need your own vehicle to get to the great outdoors!). We set off as it was getting light and headed up to Lynn Peak...

Ski Red Heather 5 Nov 23

Last weekend a group of 8 VOCers headed up to Red Heather to get in some turns and in the words of Alfred "it was easily the best skiing of the season so far". Two all star drivers, Kasia and Chai drove us to the access road above Quest and we took a stab at parking at the upper parking lot, but were forced to turn around when we hit the snow line and ended up parking at the lower lot. There was some confusion in the parking lot as I had borrowed some AT bindings from a roommate, and I was promptly encouraged to go home by the rest of the all-tele crew. Eventually they consented that I could still join them on the trip despite the need for the liberation of my heel. We were able to skin once we hit the upper lot and were soon making progress toward our goal...

4. Upcoming Trips

THIS WEEK

Presentation: If Mountains Could Talk: a geologist's tour of the geological wonders of Garibaldi Park 5 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.

Winter Social 📅 Wednesday, December 3rd

We're having a winter social on December 3rd at around 9pm in the Pit in the SUB (basement). On December 3 is also the Bob Turner presentation (starts at 7pm), so lots of people are around already and we're going to the Pit afterwards. We are allowed to bring potluck items after 9pm. So, feel free to bring dinner/snack/desert or what ever food you'd like to share (just no drinks). Sign-up isn't necessary but please sign-up if you want to join so that we can give some numbers to the Pit. Meet at 9:00 PM in the Pit (in the basement of the SUB on campus)!

THIS WEEKEND

National Ski Day 📅 Saturday, December 6th

Saturday is National Ski Day (apparently), and Cypress Mountain has \$10 lift tickets. <http://www.alpinecanada.org/nationalskiday>. I thought this would be a perfect opportunity to practice tele skiing because I can get lots of runs in at a resort without forking out \$60, and I can do so without a giant pack on my back. Additionally there are no other trips that weekend, and I don't have exams to prepare for :) If anyone would like to join and learn/teach, you're more than welcome. I have room for 3 more in my car, but whether I go or not depends on the weather. It's forecasted to be a slushy day, which I guess is better (i.e. less painful) to learn on than icy conditions.

NEXT WEEK

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.

NEXT WEEKEND

Avalanche Skills Training Block B (AST-1) 📅 Sat. Dec. 13th - Sun. Dec. 14th

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. This trip requires

sign up in advance in the clubroom, along with payment. Cost is \$230 (course and avy kit) + \$110 (Whistler Pass). There will be an in-class session on the evening of Tuesday, December 9th.

5. Message Board Highlights

a. Looking for some New Years Fun? Come join the VOC for the annual New Years Powder Slaying at Waddington Hut ☞ Fri. Dec. 26th - Sun. Jan. 4th! Check out details and sign up here.

b. Want to start planning your awesome January weekend trips? Check out details for the following and sign up early: Winter Longhike 2015: January 10th-11th 2015, TeleSchool @ Mt. Seymour, Jan 17th, Intro To Back-Country Skiing (Jan 24-25th 2015)

c. Here's what I've been up to.... (post your adventures!): post awesome photos here of what adventures you have been up to lately and check out what other's have been doing for fun.

d. Banff Mountain Film Festival 2014, December Vancouver Shows: December 5th and 6th

e. A visitor is looking for a place to stay in van for January. Please check this out if you have room.

f. Want to be a Quartermaster Helper and learn how to fix gear? Check out how to be here!

g. Looking for a place to stay longer term January onwards? Check out the ad here to live with some wonderful people!

h. Remember that you can find gear being sold by other members on the message board!

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,

I have heard reports that people have successfully skied near Vancouver recently. Is this true?

Sincerely,
Hopeful Skier

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Dear Hopeful Skier,

What you have heard is true! Snow has been making an appearance here and there over the past week or two. The snow quality ill hopefully only improve from here onwards! For proof of such things, please check out recent trip reports which show actual pictures of snow! Further, check out the January events (Winter Long Hike, TeleSchool and Intro to Back Country) if you are keen to get out as well!

Sincerely,
Ms. Manners

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