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Special Features

1. Annual VOC Climbing Competition- Tuesday, March 17th (TONIGHT!!)

It's that time again. Climbing season was forever ago. You've touched nothing but plastic for months now, and you're getting pretty good at it. We'd like to give you a convenient opportunity to show off your ability to pull t-nuts through plywood in the name of sendage.

Come to the annual VOC climbing competition at the Norm climbing wall! Generally you can enter from the entrance to regular showings of movies, and then turn left at the snack station, turn right down the hall and go all the way to the end :) We'll have a friendly-format comp, as well as crate stacking and sock wrestling.

The Events:

- Climbing (male & female)
- Crate Stacking (unisex)
- Sock-stripping battle (unisex)

The entry fee is \$5, which covers prizes for to the winners in each category as well as door prizes (drawn at random). Please use the sign up tool so we have an idea what to expect in terms of numbers!

What to bring:

- Harness *
- Climbing Shoes *
- Belay Device
- Chalk (optional)
- Helmet (crates will fall from the sky)
- Clean socks, the more colourful the better (If you're participating in sock stripping)
- \$5

* Can be rented during gear hours

2. Want to get more involved in the club? Join the VOC Exec!

Why should you consider running for an executive position for the VOC on March 25th? Executive positions are not only for the most experienced or extreme VOCers, but are also for anyone who seeks responsibility or wants to become more involved in the club.

Being on the exec increases opportunities to get to know other club members through executive meetings and get-togethers, and also through an increased awareness of the activities being hosted each week, which exec members are encouraged to support and attend. Your responsibilities as an exec member are what you make them, but the added responsibility of running two trips a year on top of your position-specific duties often offers the opportunity to increase your involvement and meet more people. Furthermore, being on the exec can be very fulfilling and provides you with the opportunity to make suggestions regarding changes that you feel could benefit the club.

The positions that are available are described more specifically (here), but are: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Membership Chair, VOCene Editor, Trips Coordinator, Quartermaster(x5), Journal Editor, Public Relations, Archivist, FMCBC/ACC Rep, Huts Coordinator, Trail Coordinator, Climbing Wall Coordinator (new climbing wall in the fall!), and Swag Master. You must be a UBC student to run for an executive position. Execs meet once a week for meetings at a time that fits most exec members schedules. Execs must organize a minimum of two trips in a year in addition to their executive position responsibilities (e.g. Public Relations Rep organizes weekly slideshows when applicable)

Nominate yourself or others here

3. VOC Annual Banquet and General Meeting 📅 Wednesday, March 25th

Every year, VOC members get together at the Annual banquet to celebrate another amazing year in the club, elect new executive members, get free VOC journals and dance the night away! Many Details are TBD, but some things that will likely happen are:

- (1) Potluck! (Please bring some food to share with everyone, and your own eating surfaces and utensils)
- (2) Dance and a DJ
- (3) Announcements of this year's Photo Contest Winners
- (4) Presentation of submissions from this year's Video Contest
- (5) Release of this year's journal
- (6) Elections for exec positions (nominate yourself or others here)
- (7) Socializing (alcohol sold at the venue- bring money!)
- (8) and other general meeting business (year end finances, etc.)

Location: Thea's Lounge, Thea Koerner House, 6371 Crescent Road V6T 1Z2
Time: 6:30 PM

We hope to see you all there!

4. The Best of Vancouver International Mountain Film Festival 2015 [Film] 📺 Monday, March 30th

Come out and watch the selection of the best adventure films of 2014. This year's films explore nature by skiing, climbing, fly camping, rafting and mountaineering. The exact films to be aired this year are still TBD, but check out the trailer [here](#). We will have raffle and door prizes.

Tickets can be purchased in the clubroom or online ahead of time, or at the door.

Time: 7:00 PM, doors open at 6:30 PM

Location: UBC Norm Theater

Cost: Advance tickets: \$12, \$15 at the door

5. Vote in the Transit Referendum!

There is a Metro Vancouver Referendum happening between March 16 📺 May 29, the referendum is being called to support the Mayor's Council VISION. The VISION is a document that proposes a 7.5 billion dollars of improvements for transit and transportation development in Metro Vancouver. To learn more about how voting 'Yes' can help you as a student: <http://www.students4yes.ca>; read the facts and make your decision.

Voting will take place through a mail-in ballot. Once you are registered to vote, you will receive your ballot in the mail, which you can send back to Elections BC with pre-paid postage. Students may register to vote at the following link: <http://www.elections.bc.ca/index.php/voting/online-voter-registration/>

The Usual Suspects

6. Recent Trip Reports

Day trip to Mount Seymour from Deep Cove 📺 About expectations and reality
Our day trip to Mount Seymour from Deep Cove started with meeting downtown in the morning. On the bus to Downtown I had time to think about the different understanding about hiking that obviously exist and I already experienced last weekend. I started to hike last year and was quite proud of my longest hike in Switzerland, which was about 800 meters in elevation gain...

7. Upcoming Trips

THIS WEEK

Annual VOC Climbing Competition 📺 Tuesday, March 17th

It's that time again. Climbing season was forever ago. You've touched nothing but plastic for months now, and you're getting pretty good at it. We'd like to give you a convenient opportunity to show off your ability to pull t-nuts through concrete in the name of sendage. See full details in section number 2 above. This event will start at 6:00 PM and be at the climbing wall behind the Norm Theater in the sub.

Slideshow - Everest Region of Nepal! 📅 Wednesday, March 18th

In the spring of 2011, I [Sam] spent four weeks trekking in the Everest region of Nepal. I'd anticipated it since childhood, and it was one of the few experiences of my life that matched all my expectations. All told, I spent about 12 days over 5,000 meters and saw several of the world's highest mountains... This event will be held in Buchanan A202 and will start at 7:00 PM.

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THIS WEEKEND

The Classic Garibaldi Neve Traverse (Beginner Friendly) 📅 Sat. Mar. 21st - Sun. Mar. 22nd

According to John Baldwin (who wrote the book on skiing this region) the Garibaldi Neve is "THE classic glacier traverse of the Coast Mountain". It's a must-do for every budding backcountry skier. In the spirit of tradition, we'll be relying on the route description from 1983's A Guide to Ski Touring in the Lower Coast Range, published by our very own VOC. The Diamond Head Chalet is no longer, and we use avalanche transceivers instead of 20m of red cord, but the mountains haven't changed, right? This trip is beginner friendly in the sense that everyone will be friendly to beginners. This should not be confused with "easy". The traverse is 40km long and requires about 750m elevation gain per day with an overnight pack. Moderate slopes and well-graded switchbacks will be the most difficult skiing. You should have at least been on backcountry skis before, and summer backpacking experience will be very helpful. Pre-trip meeting will be Tuesday, March 17th at 6:00 PM.

[POSTPONED] Erockita (Climbing Beginner Trip) 📅 Saturday, March 21st

The Joy of Climbing is a celebration of all things rock. This engagement will take virgin rock climbers (you) to stroke/pull/caress on some granite. Don't worry if it's your first time, there will be 'instructors' there to make sure you do everything safely and keep our members protected. The curriculum covered will be Rock 1, focused on teaching to tie-in, belay and climb safely on top-rope. Pre-trip meeting will be Wednesday, March 18th at 6:30 PM in the clubroom.

Beginner-friendly Coquihalla trip for skiers 📅 Sat. Mar. 21st - Sun. Mar. 22nd

Beginner-friendly non-ambitious overnight ski trip to the Coquihalla area for people with some previous ski experience (you should be comfortable skiing an intermediate/advanced run in a resort). Nicole Ong and I (Alexander) have the tentative plan to head up to the Needle Peak/Flatiron area (<https://goo.gl/maps/oJ6CX>) to do some skiing in moderate terrain in a stunning location followed by camping in the snow up high (let's all pray for cold weather and snow). Avalanche training is highly desirable, but not required - but all participants must bring Avy Beacon, Probe and Shovel. Pre-trip meeting will be Wednesday, March 18th at 5:00 PM, location TBD.

High Angle Self-Rescue Series 📅 Sat. Mar. 14th - Sat. Apr. 4th

Ever found yourself in a situation where your partner was in trouble but you didn't know what to do and needed to enlist outside help? Ever wondered what you

would do in the event your partner gets severely injured while on a committing climb? Or are you just an experienced climber hoping to push their limits and knowledge-base, and wanting to have a backup in the event of an emergency? For whatever situation you fall into, there's a solution! Join me, Zack Wentz, a certified AMGA Single Pitch Instructor, to show you the basic skills necessary to rescue yourself and your partner in a high-angle environment. See link above for the curriculum. ONGOING! Contact Zack for details.

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NEXT WEEK

VOC Annual Banquet and General Meeting 📅 Wednesday, March 25th

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International Paddling Film Festival 📅 Friday, March 27th

The Sea Kayak Association of BC presents the 10th Annual Reel Paddling Film Festival at Langara College, A130 Theatre: 100 W 49th Ave, Vancouver (2 blocks E of Langara 📍 49th Ave SkyTrain). With 23 inspiring paddling films short-listed for the World Tour, including the ten festival category winners, audiences can expect to see stand-up paddle surfing, hairy whitewater action, sea kayakers exploring remote coastlines, headwaters canoe expeditions, international river travel films, motivating environmental documentaries, gruelling kayak fishing battles and hilarious short films capturing the lighter side of paddling life. \$15 (advance) or \$17 (at door). Please note: This is not an event that is organized by the VOC, but rather is being advertised to members in case they are interested.

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NEXT WEEKEND

Wedgemount Winter Romp 📅 Sat. Mar. 28th - Sun. Mar. 29th

So I'm [trip organizer Nick] thinking of doing a snowshoeing trip up to Wedgemount Lake, then up one of the surrounding mountains, such as Cook or possibly Weart. It's an overnight trip where we're planning to stay in the hut, which supposedly sleeps 8 comfortably, but I'm sure we can get cozier than that if need be, though you are more than welcome to bring a tent and camp if you'd prefer... This trip involves 2 long-ish days of snowshoeing up steep terrain. Pre-trip meeting will be Tuesday, March 24th at 6:00 PM in the clubroom.

Brew Hut Trip, lights 📅 Sat. Mar. 28th - Sun. Mar. 29th

This is the trip you have all been waiting for. We will go up to the Brew Hut and use our diverse skills to install the solar lighting kit. Actually we don't have any diverse skills but that's totally OK because we will develop skills. We have a moderate amount of stuff to carry, like the biggest piece is 1.5 kg, so that should not be a problem. We should bring snowshoes because the last time I was up there I punched holes for a long way and that was tiring. As usual, rides will be scarce, but we can probably get two cars up there, or 1 x 4wd + 1 with the passengers being ferried. If you are pretty sure you can come and you want to come, sign up as committed asap. This trip should be HOT! Pre-trip meeting will be Wednesday, March 25th at 6 PM in the clubroom.

8. Message Board Highlights

- a. Climbing season has arrived early with this beautiful sunny weather! Check out the Squamish Climbing FAFF thread and get your climbing stoke on!
 - b. What are your goals for 2015? Check out what others have to say and contribute yourself!
 - c. A chance to rappel in downtown Vancouver this April!?
 - d. VOC Spring Gearswap: Sell your surplus gear/buy used gear 🕒 Wednesday, April 8th- Save the date!
 - e. Trail running is awesome all year round! Check out the Trail Running FAFF thread!
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9. 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.

CONTRIBUTIONS to the VOCene are welcome. Please send all inquires or additions to the VOCene Editor.

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