

VOCene

Adventures make one late for dinner.



Photo of the Week: Blue skies in Rogers Pass over reading week. Picture taken by Natan Villarreal.

Upcoming Trips

THIS WEEK

[Powdercap traverse](#)

March 4-5 --- Powder Mountain

Days are getting longer. It's time to do switch into traverse mode! Pre-trip tomorrow.

[Avalanche Awareness Clinic](#)

March 2 --- Clubroom

This clinic is designed for those with no avalanche expertise or experience in the winter backcountry.

[Beginner-friendly skiing + camping](#)

March 4-5 --- Taylor Meadows

Want to play in the snow, get some exercise, spend a night shivering in a cold tent, practise beacon skills, and have a good excuse to eat lots of tasty snacks?

NEXT WEEK

[Annual General Meeting \(AGM\) & Banquet](#)

March 8 --- St. James community square main hall

To celebrate the end of another year, the VOC is holding its annual general meeting in the form of a banquet in potluck style.

Past Trips

Ms. Manners enjoys sharing your trip pictures. Please send them her way (so that she doesn't have to harrass you to get them)!

Trip reports:

[Hoppin' Hawaiian Hollyburn Snowshoe](#)

[Take II: Feuerzangen Brew ski trip](#)

Skiing Rogers Pass: "Our group of 8 set up a base camp in the Asulkan Valley for 5 days. Conditions were stellar; super stable snow, and a mix of cloud and blue bird skies. We got a dusting of fresh snow two of the nights, and the others were cold and clear. Between breaking trail and finding the will to get out of the tent on the -15 mornings, we definitely felt like we had earned our turns. We all agreed that this was some of the best skiing of our lives; cruising down powder covered glaciers is pretty satisfying..."



Sphinx Bay Reading Week: A group of 8 (including the organizer) was turned off of Sphinx due to inclement weather during their available trip dates, instead opting for powder-tree skiing in the Duffey. This included a lovely stopover with another VOC group doing AST-2, at a cabin by Lillooet Lake on the drive up, followed by excellent skiing and better visibility than we figured we would find at Sphinx. Songs were sung at night, Steep Peak and Peak 2318 were summited, a cornice broke a little too close for comfort and powder turns were enjoyed by all. Cassandra is slowly discovered that yes, she can actually enjoy downhill skiing, but is still considering a day or two in the resort to work on downhill technique. Elliott still is keen to make his way to Sphinx, for skiing, sometime, this year.



Message Board Notes

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Ms. Manners

Hey Ms. Manners,

I keep hearing about this 'switchbacking' thing while I'm on skis, particularly when I have older, grizzled VOCers behind me on a skin track. What's a switchback?

Thanks!

Skier

Dear Skier,

Switchbacks kind of look like a lightning track leading up the mountain. They're intended so that you don't slide with your skins and to make life a bit nicer. Some people enjoy going straight up; but laying a good skin track will make the people behind you a lot happier.

Cheers,
Ms. Manners

Ms. Manners is the VOC's resident expert on mountaineering and outdoors etiquette. Do you have a question for Ms. Manners? Email the VOCene editor and it will be forwarded on to Ms. Manners.

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Sorry, the VOCene editor forgot about the existence of the VOCene last week due to field school.

Ye Olde VOC:

A weekly recollection of the past of the club.

The Centennial banquet will be held on September 2, 2017. Make sure to keep your schedules free!

Quote of the Week:

"It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade."

--- Charles Dickens

Weekly recipe:

Every now and then I'll include a recipe from the [VOC wiki](#) here. Try them out and share yours!

**For questions, comments, or rants contact your clueless VOCene editor/Ms. Manners:
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