

Adventures make one late for dinner.



Photo of the Week: Group photo on top of the Chief this Sunday. Picture provided by Tim Fisher.

Thank you for reading the VOCene this past year! I've enjoyed writing it. From next week onwards, you will be in the hands of the new editor, Ilia Capralov.

Over and out, Your VOCene editor --- Birgit Rogalla

Upcoming Trips

THIS WEEK

<u>Slideshow: CPAWS and trails BC</u> March 22 --- ESB 2012 Presentation featuring The Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society (7-8pm) as well as Trails BC (8-8:30)!

Spring-y salsa social

March 23 --- the Nest

Hike on the North Shore

March 25 --- Baden Powell trail Tired of winter? Go for a hike this weekend!

Companion rescue drills

March 25 - 26 --- Elfin Lakes Join for a weekend of skiing and companion rescue drills.

Galiano Island bike tour (beginner-friendly)

March 25 - 26 --- Galiano Island A nice mellow tour with a good weather forecast.

NEXT WEEK

Slideshow: HitchBiking North America

March 29 --- ESB 2012

Matthias will recount stories from bicycle traveling From Alaska To Panama City.

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:

- North ramp Mt Harvey winter ascent
- Looking for dry rock in Skaha

Hike up the Chief: A group of hikers enjoyed a sunny day up at the Chief in Squamish this Sunday. Thank you for organizing, Tim!



Whistler tele-fest: Was lots of fun! About a quarter of the telemarkers present were VOCers.

Message Board Notes

- <u>Centennial Book production team</u> looking for members
- <u>VOC summer plans 2017</u>
- Looking for van docking station
- <u>Sea kayaking</u>
- <u>Crag keeping program</u>
- ACC jop posting: community outreach director
- FS: climbing shoes
- FS: 50L pack
- Looking for roommate

Ms. Manners

Dear Readers,

The program used to create this Newsletter gives a bunch of funny statistics about the readers of this email (not creepy at all). So, as a conclusion for the year, Ms. Manners looked back through the reports. Here's her quick summary of observations:

- Most frequently clicked links: job opportunities, items for sale (or especially if free), and female backcountry advise.
- You, my dear minions, come from or are in the following countries: Canada, USA,

Denmark, Russia, Australia, UK, Switzerland, Germany, Netherlands, Sweden, Norway, Italy, Nicaragua, Spain, New Zealand, and France.

- Most email opens occur within the first hour of sending out the Newsletter. If sent out in the evening, there are two peaks in opens, one right after it's sent out and the other when people arrive at work in the morning.
- The largest number of times somebody opened a single VOCene is 36. What were you doing?

Conclusion: VOCers want free things, are looking for jobs, and often get distracted at work.

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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Ye Olde VOC:

A weekly recollection of the past of the club.

In the late 1960s and early 1970s, Longhike was a mandatory introduction to the club in the form of a hike and evening celebration at the Whistler Cabin. New members would gather in groups by gender and perform a dance to music, referred to as the Chorus Line.

Quote of the Week:

"I thought climbing the Devil's Thumb would fix all that was wrong with my life. In the end, of course, it changed almost nothing. But I came to appreciate that mountains make poor receptacles for dreams." --- Jon Krakauer, Into the Wild

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: vocene@ubc-voc.com