

# VOCene

Adventures make one late for dinner.



Photo of the Week: This is what pure and utter joy look like, Kelsey Miller. Photo by Jessica Landing

## Announcements

### Join us in celebrating the VOC Centennial



PC: Carman & Barb Snjith, 1960, Garibaldi

Dear VOC members and alumni,

Our centennial year is on its way and the date of our centennial weekend is slowly approaching: Labour Day weekend 2017.

The Centennial committee is inviting you to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Varsity Outdoor Club in style at the Beaumont Studios in Vancouver on the night of Saturday, September 2nd. This night will include plenty of time for socializing, a lovely dinner, and a program of entertainment and dancing.

You can find more information about the centennial weekend, and buy your tickets on this [website](#).

[Find Out More](#)

#### Important information:

There are a limited number of tickets available for the centennial banquet: 100 student tickets and 150 alumni tickets!

Slow release dates:

- May/June --- 50 Student tickets and 50 General tickets
- July 1st --- 25 Student tickets and 50 General tickets
- August 1st --- 25 Student tickets and 50 General tickets

Student tickets are available for paying student VOC members while general tickets are for associate, honorary and alumni VOC members. No refunds on tickets.

#### VOC Centennial book:

In recognition of our rich club history, the VOC will be releasing a special Centennial Coffee Table Book. This is a beautifully-laid out hardcover book which is being produced entirely in-house, and contains a collection of photos and stories of VOCers from 1917 until today.

Order your copy [HERE](#) for \$50 (\$40 student price). Copies can be shipped to you at an additional cost.

**Alumni, please distribute this email to other alumni since our contact database is far from complete!**

## Upcoming Trips

#### This Week:

[Brew Hut Solar Lighting re-install](#)

**Jun. 3rd - 4th** --- Brew Hut

The plan is to drive up the logging road as far as possible, walk the hard summer snow, install the solar panel and hope it works.

[What shall we do with the sea sick cripple, beginner friendly canoe and hike](#)

**Jun. 3rd - Jun. 4th** --- Widgeon Lake

The goal is to head for Widgeon Lake on the north shore. There is a short description of the trail [here](#)

[Bike Recon - Sunshine](#)

**Jun. 4th** --- Lower Sunshine Coast

The plan is to make a one day long reconnaissance to [Varley South Spur](#) road on mountain bikes to see if the road is accessible for further investigation.

#### Next week:

[June BBQ](#) --- Locarno beach

**Jun. 7th, 6:00 pm** --- Locarno Beach

Frisbee, food, slackline, friends - come on out! At Locarno beach, the base of Tolmie. Look for the VOC flag.

[Pender Pedal Party \(Bike touring\)](#)

**Jun. 10th - Jun. 11th** --- Pender Island

Let's go ride our bikes on Pender Island!

[Indian Arm Kayaking and Camping](#)

**Jun. 10th - Jun. 11th** --- Indian Arm

Anyone interested in kayaking up Indian Arm and spending the night at Berg's Landing (close to the end of Indian Arm)?

## Past Trips

Ms. Manners enjoys sharing your trip pictures. Please send them to her intern (so that she doesn't have to harrass you to get them)! Email: [il\\_kapralov@mail.ru](mailto:il_kapralov@mail.ru)

#### Trip reports:

- [22 hour ski tour: Lost on the Neve traverse](#) by Shane Monks O'Byrne

#### Short trip notes:

**Boyfriend of Boulder: Beginner Friendly Intro Bouldering:** The trip expectedly gathered many people at the base of the Grand Wall in Squamish last weekend. Many people broke free from ropes and harnesses. Lots of wisdom was passed down to new generation of boulderers who now know how not to fly away into the sky when the rope is not pulling to the ground.

**Diez Vistas Day Hike VOCene report:** "Despite going to this trip alone, because no-one signed up it was a lot of fun! I was planning on leaving at 5 am, but then I found out that the entrance gates didn't open until 8 am, so I left a little later. The first half of the lake was very hilly, and I got some great views of Indian Arm. Then I ran back along the second half of the lake, because the trail was nice and flat." --- Alex Wharton.

Alex is planning to organize trips frequently this summer, he already organized 8 trips since start of April, so keep an eye!

**Squamish Climbing:** Gabe Frame, Lukas Schreiber, Jnani Weibel and a few others climbed Chief on Banana Peel route. Photos provided by Lukas Schreiber.





## Peakbagging Leaderboard

#	Name	# of Peaks	Total Points
1	Vincent Chan-Ying	3	38.15
2	Emily Kuang	3	37.05
3	Nick Hindley	1	10



**Vincent Chang-Ying - current leader of Peakbagging Challenge**

Submit your peak harvest to this [form](#) by Monday midnight each week to be included in the next leaderboard update on VOCene. For more details see [trip agenda](#) and [wiki page](#).

## Message Board Notes

- Update on [Tantalus Provincial Park Access Issues](#)
- Waiting for [Tough tags order?](#)
- Need [FS Skis and Boots?](#)
- [Friend is selling Nissan Pathfinder 2000 for \\$3000](#)
- Did you know about [BC Ferries Experience Card?](#)
- [Photos of the Norm Climbing wall](#)
- [Reviving a sad MSR whisperlite stove](#)
- [Climbing helmet for sale](#)
- [Driving to Alberta June 14th: Anyone want to hop part way and split gas?](#)
- [Keyhole \(Pebble Creek\) hotspots closed due to bears](#)
- Want to become a [Travel buddy for exchange student?](#)
- [Looking for a room or sub-let for July](#)
- [Need a Stove for the Summer?](#)
- [Servicing older Primus stove to bring it back to life advice](#)
- [VOC vehicle: 1997 Rav4 - adventure edition for sale](#)
- [Funemployed?](#)

## Ms. Manners

Hi Ms. Manners,  
How do I organize a blockbuster trip and don't go to the next trip alone?

Never Together.

Hi Never,  
You might think that attracting many people to your trip is difficult and requires sophisticated marketing techniques and black magic, but it is not so because organizing a trip with many people is a straightforward process if you follow these recommendations:

- **Be recognizable.** People often ignore trips that are organized by people that they don't know. In order to become more recognizable you should try to run more trips. Oh, you noticed a logic paradox here? Try solving it - help yourself and millions of university graduates worldwide.
- **Know the market and follow the trends.** Is it 5 meters of snow in the mountains? Forget about cycling logging roads on Vancouver Island. (Actually forget about that forever if you don't want to go with a group less than a couple of people.)
- **Organize beginner friendly trips.** We know from ecology that there is more biomass at the bottom of food chains (at least in terrestrial ecosystems; might not apply to kayaking).
- **Lead annual instructional trips.** It is like buying the rights on a famous brand and using it to collect revenue. But if you decide to land a brand, don't screw it up, Mickey.
- **Have a good advertisement.** Don't be stingy in blurb section when adding a trip to trip agenda. Don't forget to resort to your best writing skills, spectacular pictures, maps and all sorts of filthy marketing tricks. Make a potential attendee feel that you have all logistics in place.
- **DO NOT be original in trip choice.** People usually tend to go to the places they heard of and know people have returned from there alive.

And remember, these are advises will only help you to organize a *popular trip*, **not** a trip that everyone will remember for decades and will be perpetuated in VOC songbooks. Those two are usually located at the opposite ends of VOC trip spectrum.

Cheers,  
Ms. Manners

PS. Have anything to add? Tell us how you organize popular trips at [Message Board](#).

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:

"When you get to the summit and you push the watch, first you try to breath a little bit and get some oxygen in your lungs. When I saw this time I was like, 'Ah, that's not possible.'

Yeah...that was a good moment."

--- Ueli Steck

### 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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