

VOCene

Adventures make one late for dinner.



Photo of the Week: Knot tying ceremony. Picture by Luca Malaguti

Announcements

Join us in celebrating the

VOC Centennial



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:

[June BBQ](#)

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)?

[Day Hike at Baden Powell](#)

Sunday, Jun. 11th, 8:00 am ---North Vancouver

It is a pretty easy and transit-accessible day hike so if you don't have a vehicle, don't fret!

Next week:

[Boot fixing workhike](#)

Thursday, Jun. 15th, 6:45 pm ---club room

We have a large amount of telemark boots that are in disrepair. Let's get together on a Thursday night and power through these.

[Beginner Friendly Backpacking to Harrison Hut](#)

Friday, Jun. 16th - Sunday, Jun. 18th ---Harrison hut

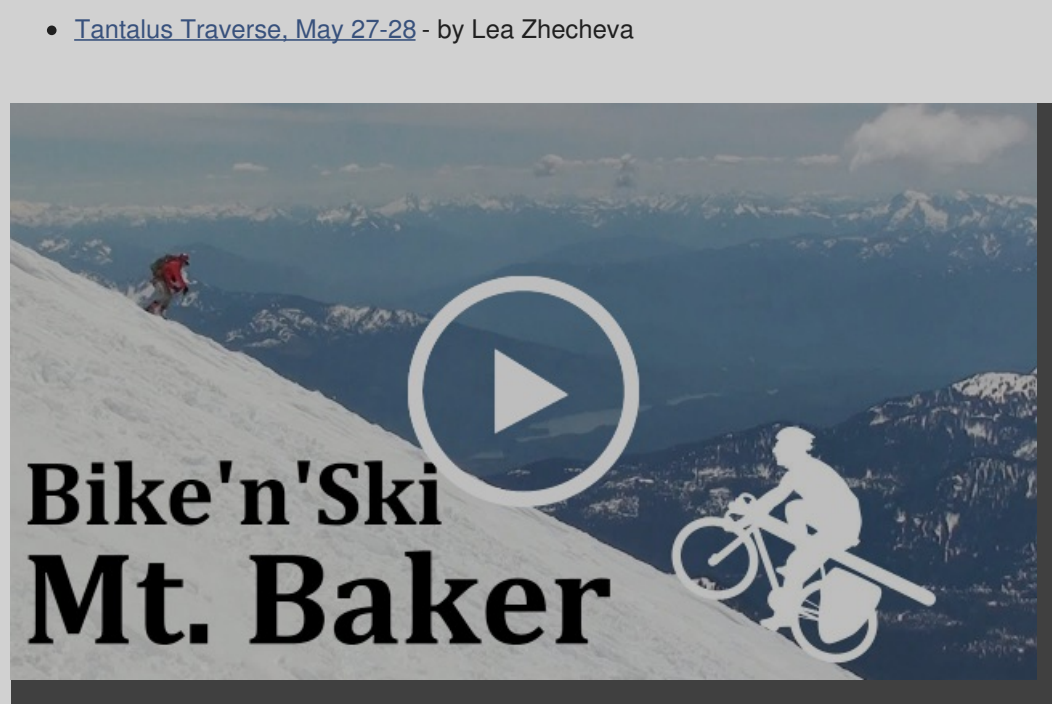
Did you know the VOC maintains four alpine huts? Harrison Hut, one of the harder huts to access in winter, is becoming easily accessible again as the snow melts.

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

Trip reports:

- [Tantalus Traverse, May 27-28](#) - by Lea Zhecheva



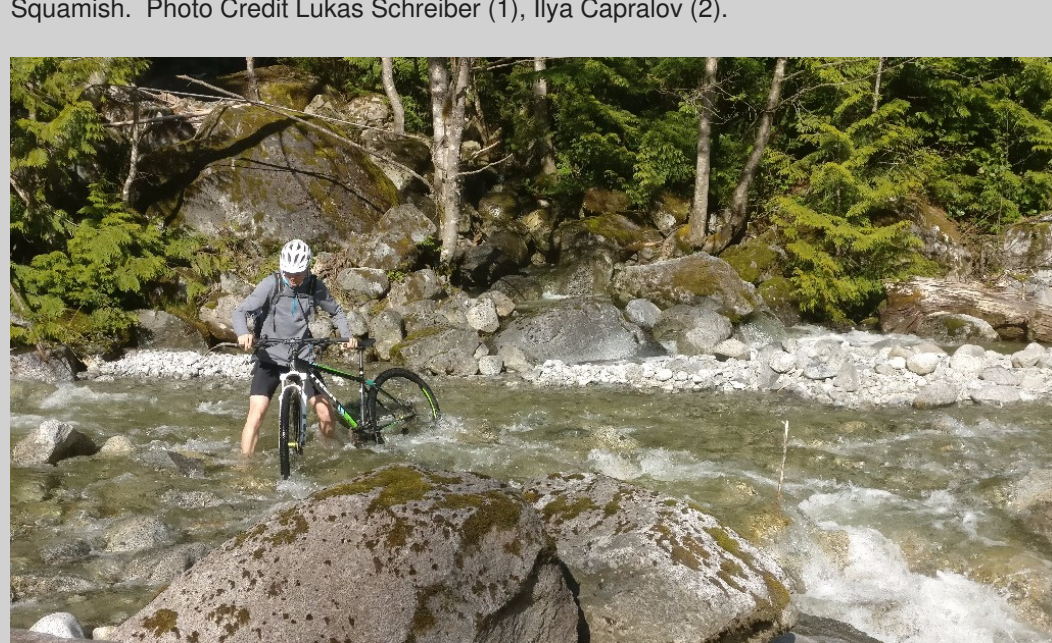
Martin Cermak released a wonderful video trip report about the trip to Mt. Baker in WA.

Short trip notes:

Brew Hut, Solar Lighting: A group of altruistic volunteers went to Brew hut having a few DIY projects in their TO DO list. Word goes to Roland: "We think the solar panel is all good now. We investigated the outhouse and think we know what is wrong. We will refer our recommendations to the Outhouse Committee. We saw a coyote and two frogs. Five people skied but the other four did it with just boots, which worked fine. Trip report is coming soon, probably. Some of us got sunburned pretty much."

Bike Recon - Sunshine: Ilya Capralov and Lukas Schreiber went for a bike reconnaissance on Lower Sunshine Coast to investigate the potential of bike riding in so far weakly explored area on West side of Howe Sound. They reached previously unexplored Box Canyon Pass and proofed that the access is possible, though the road is steep and in bad condition.

Further trips will be probing the possibility of riding from Sunshine Coast to Squamish. Photo Credit Lukas Schreiber (1), Ilya Capralov (2).





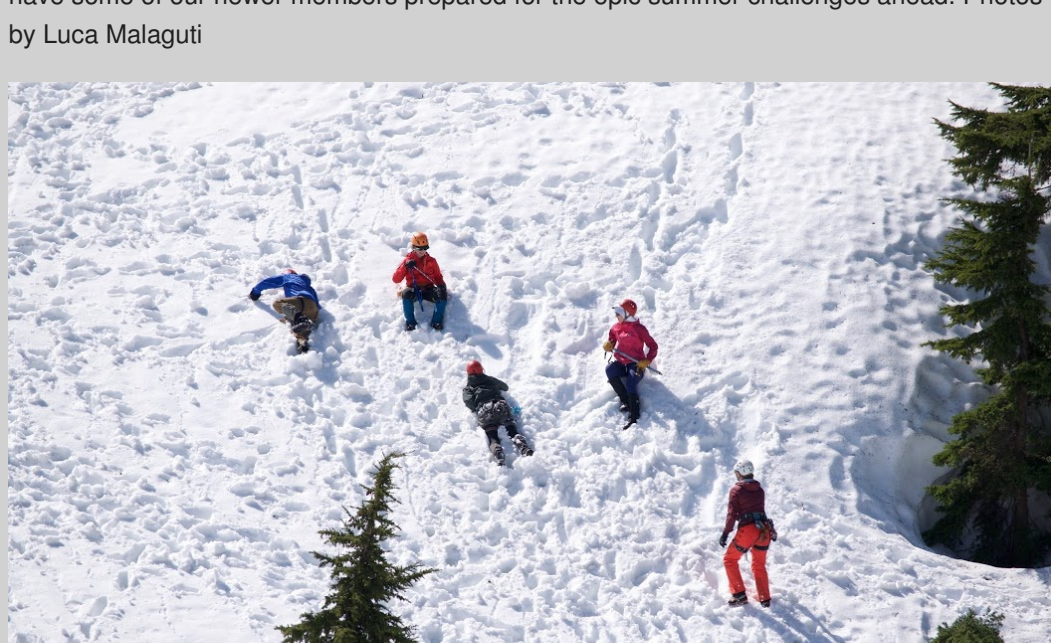
Weekend Squamish Climbing: A fresh but already well established group of VOC climbers (thanks in part to Son of Rock) have been practicing some lead climbing in Murrin Park and Seal Cove. Pictures by Jnani Wiebel



Crevasse rescue practice: It is never fun to use these techniques in real life but practicing them is not only necessary but also fun. We had awesome time: some were lying on the grass on small hill in front of Nest pretending to be victims, some had to drag them across the grass to "save" them. Photo by Jnani Weibel



Intro to Mountaineering (26-27 May weekend): On the beautiful and excessively hot sunny day of May 27th this year a group of VOC'ers headed up Mt. Seymour for this year's intro to mountaineering course. A few of the instructors decided that it would be good to have some of our newer members prepared for the epic summer challenges ahead. Photos by Luca Malaguti



Peakbagging Leaderboard

#	Name	# of Peaks	Total Points
1	Duncan Pawson	3	53
2	Vincent Chan-Ying	3	38.15
3	Emily Kuang	3	37.05
4	Nick Hindley	1	10



Duncan Pawson's skis on top of Mt. Garibaldi - 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

- [Experience needed\] Hiking Garibaldi Lake and Taylor Meadows \(06.10th-11th\)](#)
- [Summer BBQs!!](#)
- [Yosemite Climbing June 27 - July 10](#)
- [Room for Rent: June 1st - Ash and Cambie](#)
- [free old VOC Journals \(between 1997 - 2009\)](#)
- [Free Ride to Canmore](#)
- [Weekend backpacking and current snow levels in the mountains](#)
- [Summer Peak Bagging Challenge](#)
- [Neve this weekend? want to swap cars?](#)
- [Looking for used cell phone](#)

Ms. Manners

Hi Ms. Manners,

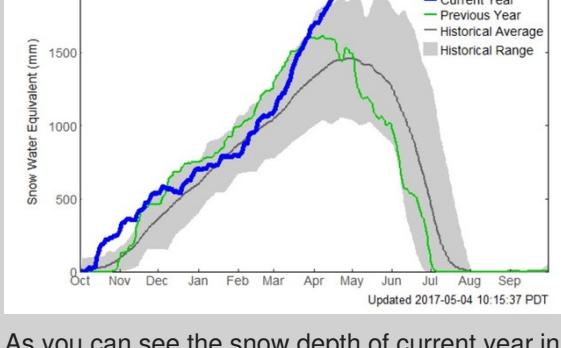
You are quite experienced outdoor guru (don't get me wrong). Do you remember when Coastal Mountains in BC got that much snow in one winter? I want to go hiking, but the snow keeps me close to the sea level.

Rude

Hi Rude!

Rude! I am experienced, but not as experienced to remember all history of BC.

Here is a snow water equivalent graph from Avalanche Canada.



As you can see the snow depth of current year in May has exceeded the historic maximum, so even Avalanche Canada don't remember when that happened last time.

As for hiking, the snow is already hard enough to simply walk on without skis or snowshoes, just make sure to have gaiters and water resistant hiking shoes (here you can rely on my experience).

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:

"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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