



Varsity Outdoor Club

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Dear V.O.C. Grads;

Greetings from the Varsity Outdoors Club! This letter comes to you with the hopes you have happy, prosperous careers, and continue to seek peace and beauty in the mountains.

The Varsity Outdoors Club has had a funny year weather-wise. An exceptionally wet summer in '76 put a damper on many trips, including Sphinx Camp. At Easter-time twenty V.O.C.'ers skied in to Sphinx; the helicopter with the Sphinx food supply, however, never materialized due to bad weather. Fortunately most of the food was happily purchased by some V.O.C.'ers who thrive on Stone Wheat Thins, Granola, and gorp! During the summer many trips were cancelled due to the soggy weather. The few successful ones included Mt. Garibaldi, Castle Towers, and Weart Mountain.

The autumn was a busy time for the V.O.C. The Club joined the B.C. Mountaineering Club on several trail work-hikes at Singing Pass and Rainbow Lake. We were pretty muddy after these trips! A "garbage" hike to the Lions in September resulted in the collection of numerous bags of litter. The grand finale of autumn--Longhike--was once again a great success!

At Christmas-time there was a chronic shortage of snow in the local mountains. Whistler, Seymour, and Grouse were closed for downhill skiing. V.O.C.'ers, however, knew the best spots in B.C. for snow, and enjoyed good skiing and good times at McGillivray, Kokanee, Bow Hut, and Yoho. One group of V.O.C.'ers trekked down to California for a bicycling trip in Death Valley. They experienced more precipitation there than any of the B.C. groups who had sunshine every day for a week!

The banquet this year is to be held on Friday, March 18, in the Dogwood Room of the B.C. Building at the P.N.E. A fantastic smorgasbord dinner is planned, followed by an exciting talk by a surprise guest speaker, after which there will be the results of the photo contest, and dancing. Tickets may be obtained by sending in the form below. More information is available from Julie Ourom (228-0977) or Margaret Symon (224-6873). Come out and "dance all night to the Salty Dog Rag!"

Throughout the year the Club has been trying to negotiate an agreement with the Alma Mater Society over the Whistler Cabin. So far we have had little success, but recently a couple of V.O.C. grads who are studying law have come to our aid. Please read the following enclosure; we would be grateful if you sent us your letters of support.

Keeping in touch with V.O.C. Grads is one of the nicest parts about the Club! Best of luck in '77-'78!

Sincerely yours,
Margaret Symon
Margaret Symon, Archivist,
Jay M^{ac}Arthur
Jay M^{ac}Arthur, President.

Please send me _____ tickets (\$6.⁵⁰ each) for the V.O.C. banquet.
Please send me _____ copies (\$1.50 each) of the new ('76) V.O.C. Songbook.
Please send me _____ copies (\$2.50 each) of the '76-'77 V.O.C. Journal.
My name and address are: