



Varsity Outdoor Club

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Dear V.O.C. Grads,

The V.O.C. is having another successful year in '85-'86, despite the decreased membership from last year. Participation in and organization of club activities have been helped by our relocation into the new clubroom in the bottom of S.U.B. We are located in the new section, opposite the Aquatic Society.

Last March, the V.O.C. sold its last cabin kit to the BCMC, as it was felt to be too large for our purposes. The Brew Cabin, however, is now completed at its new site, after a successful work hike in September, which saw the insulation and end-wall tiles finished. With kerosene heater, the cabin is an ideal destination for winter trips with excellent potential for ski-touring in the area.

Longhike was a great time, as usual, with a very successful rock school held on both Saturday and Sunday, and numerous hikes going out. Sev Heiberg attempted to teach most of us klutzes the Salty Dog Rag - we had fun trying in any case.

Christmas trips to Little Yoho Valley, Kokanee Glacier, and Sphinx Cabin saw some great skiing over the holidays. The Christmas trip slide-show this year was combined with a weekend trip to Manning Park in mid-January. Despite the rainy weather on Saturday, we had a great potluck dinner that night, and some clear weather on Sunday allowed for a bit of aesthetic touring.

The steering/policy committee is continuing this year with a mandate to provide an opportunity for discussion of environmental concerns, and to decide on directions for the V.O.C. with respect to environmental policy. Voicing our concerns is becoming increasingly more important at this time, during meetings of the Provincial Wilderness Advisory Committee. The committee, as you probably know, will make recommendations concerning the new Provincial Wilderness Act.

The V.O.C. library has been moved into new display bookshelves in the clubroom; generous donations of old journals have given the V.O.C. a complete

set of Canadian Alpine Journals as well as many other books. May I take this opportunity to request that you kindly return any V.O.C. books and/or journals which you may have borrowed in past years? We are missing quite a number from our library and it is often difficult or impossible to track down the borrower. As always, we have t-shirts(\$6.00), songbooks(\$3.00), ski guides(\$6.00), and other paraphernalia for sale.

We have been experiencing problems with donations made to the V.O.C. via the U.B.C. Alumni. We have been informed that apparently donations to the club are not tax-deductable and therefore for this purpose cannot be made through the alumni. However, donations can be sent directly to the club at the address on the letterhead. We greatly appreciate any support.

Last, but not least, this year's banquet will be held on Friday, March 21st at Kits House; the guest speaker is not yet confirmed, but should be interesting. Tickets will be about \$13.00 and can be purchased from V.P. Jill MacDonald (222-2441). We look forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,



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