



Varsity Outdoor Club

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Dear Grad,

Once again V.O.C.'ers have shared a very active year. Prospects of comradeship in the outdoors have attracted a record number of 360 members to our club. To handle this increase, two new executive positions have been added; they are: Clubroom Marshall and Quartermaster.

Long Hike was the usual fun-packed weekend at Mt. Wrottesley; the traditional rain didn't even appear. Short Long Hikers were not so fortunate. They stomped up Rainbow Mountain through new-fallen snow. Although skiing is very popular with the members, V.O.C.'ers continue to climb anything that appeals to them, whether it be a rock-face, a sand cliff, a tree, or a building. Recently a first ascent was made on the new Henry Angus building at U.B.C.

The majority of the members spent their Christmas at either Rossland, Tod Mt., Kimberly or Whistler. Over ninety people gathered at Whistler to take advantage of the improved facilities. For something different, one group of V.O.C.'ers went camping to Mexico during the holidays.

The new cabin at Whistler is steadily progressing. It is now completely sealed in, with insulation, ~~shaking~~, windows and doors. There are boys and girls changing rooms, two lounges with fireplaces, ski and boot racks and a furnace that works. The kitchen has arborite counters, running water and an electric stove. A dark brown stain in parts of the cabin provides a rustic atmosphere. With these

features, it is no wonder the cabin is so popular. Next year we plan to construct dorms. Lack of money is a major drawback in the building of this new cabin. As of yet, there have been no buyers for our cabin on Mt. Seymour.

We hope that you will come to Whistler for Open House on February 25th-26th. If you arrive on Saturday night you can participate in a lively party, then next day see the displays and enter the Steeplechase.

Because of the large membership we are not always able to recognize old members. To solve this problem, a plasticized card showing that you are a Grad Member will be available upon request.

V.C.C. now has its own record. The selections on this record are: Troika, Korabuschka, Raunchy, Lighthouse Reel, Windmill Dance, Hokey Pokey, Blue Skirt Waltz, Beer Barrel Polka, Viennese Waltz, Schottische, Clarinet Polka and the Salty Dog Rag. The cost is approximately \$2.50. If you wish to obtain one, please contact Marg Latimer at HE 1-8582 or 6475 Telford Ave., Burnaby 1.

Last year the Conservation Committee altered its goals and its name. It is now the Parks and Recreation Committee, commonly known as PARC. Its main project this year was the initial building of a trail into Singing Pass. Upon completion, this trail will provide excellent access to ski-touring and hiking areas. PARC has also been encouraging the government to make the Cathedral Lakes a park. In addition, it has investigated boundary changes in Garibaldi Park and plans a book about this area.

It is time again for the annual Photography Competition. Monica Nasmyth as Photography Chairman would be glad to supply you with the particulars. Her address is 4614 West 4th, or phone 224-7723. We hope you will enter the competition and also plan to attend the Reunion Banquet where the winners will be announced. Our banquet this year is being held on Saturday, March 11 at 6:30 in the Manhattan, 1727 W. Broadway. It will include turkey dinner, a guest speaker, presentations and

dancing. We particularly wish to see many grads attend this year. For information, please contact Linda Lassalle at 54 East 60th Ave., Vancouver 15. phone: 321-8750

Journal editor Barb Booth was very pleased with the interest and response of old V.O.C.'ers. This year's volume features some of the adventures and misadventures of grad members - the D. Holdens et al climb of Kilimanjaro and Dick Culbert's wanderings in South America. The grad news section is more extensive mainly due to the work of Earl Ricker. If you fill out the enclosed form and send it with \$1.00 to the Journal Editor in care of the address on the envelope, we will be glad to send you one.

The members of V.O.C. wish you a year filled with many hours of fun in the outdoors. Do write us and let us know where you are and what you are doing.

Yours sincerely,

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