



Varsity Outdoor Club

University of British Columbia
VANCOUVER 8, B.C.

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Dear Grad,

1971 has been another good year for VOC. Membership has increased to over 300, and all are as active as ever.

When exams were finally over last spring, 75 VOCers (a record number, perhaps?) headed for Sphinx Camp. This large number of keeners is indicative of the increasing interest in ski-touring within the club. During the past year, VOCers have done as much ski-touring as they have downhill skiing.

Sphinx Camp was a fine start to the summer activities. For four VOCers, it was followed by an ambitious expedition to the Misty Icefields--a relatively unexplored area east of Garibaldi Lake, and north of Pitt Lake.

Summer weekends were spent hiking, climbing, cycling and canoeing, and week nights, rockclimbing, scavenger-hunting and car rallying.

Last spring, VOCers voted to decrease membership qualifications for the coming year. One workhike is all that is required to join the club. Yet several introductory hikes were held, as well as large work hikes at our Whistler Cabin. Curtains were hung, the furnace was converted to burn coal (wood is no longer available in the valley) and other construction jobs were completed.

Long hike, held at the cabin this year, was a great success. Approximately 160 attended, and many new members were introduced to the joys of the Salty Dog Rag.

Singsongs are still an important part of VOC functions. This year the VOC songbook was updated and enlarged. By popular demand it still contains many of the old favourites.

Ski trips were popular at Christmas, with VOCers downhill skiing at Whistler and Rossland, and ski-touring in the Rockies, and at Tenquille Lake and McGillivray Pass.

The banquet this year will be held at the Coach House Inn in North Vancouver on March 17. Dr. Neal Carter will be the guest speaker, and grads are invited to attend. Tickets are available from Sue Macek (2441 Ottawa Ave., West Vancouver, 922-7778).

The photography contest winners will be announced at the banquet. There are numerous categories for 35mm slides, and mounted black and white and colour prints. Call Peter Jordan (732-7820) for details.

We apologize to all of you who have ordered a 1970 Journal. The delay was caused by numerous problems with the printers. However, copies will be mailed out very shortly.

If you would like to receive a copy of the 1971 Journal, please send \$1.50 to John Frizell, Journal Editor, V.O.C., U.B.C., Vancouver 8.

Times change and people change, but the spirit of VOC remains the same.

We wish you all the best for the next year.

Sincerely,

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