



Varsity Outdoor Club

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Dear Grad,

Once again VOC'ers would like to fill you in on how the club is getting along. There are 230 members in the club this year and we are as active as ever.

Every weekend sees from two to five groups of VOC'ers heading in different directions. Climbing, of course was most popular in the fall. That special art of rock climbing was also pursued. Rock schools are now held at Whytecliff Park near Horseshoe Bay since climbing at Lighthouse Park was banned.

Long Hike this year was held on Hollyburn Mountain. Some of the more ambitious also climbed Strachan. The day was sunny and the berries on the way up were delicious. The party at West Lake Lodge was a great success and taught new members the VOC style of dancing.

Skiing really got under way at Christmas with trips heading for Rossland, McGillivray Pass, Assiniboine and Lake O'Hara. About 100 members participated. Ski touring is the favourite for weekend trips.

Trail Work Hikes this fall have resulted in the completion of the Singing Pass trail. We are planning to work on a Seymour trail next year.

Cabin work hikes at Whistler consisted mainly of finishing work. The upper lounge has been enclosed, making it congenial for small groups. The kitchen has been tilled and cupboards have been added.

The water line, which in past winters has frozen, has now been sufficiently burried - we hope.

The sale of the old Seymour Cabin was completed last year. The provincial government bought it for \$12,000. This has enabled the club to pay back the loan for the Whistler Cabin.

In conjunction with ACC, VOC has erected another shelter. It was completed in the Fall of 1970. It is of the same design as the Burton Hut. The new hut is situated on Pringle's Ridge, which is the east ridge of Mt. Garibaldi. This completes a series of huts, within a days hike of each other, from Diamond Head to Garibaldi Lake.

By the way, those of you who attended last years Banquet will remember that Roland Burton received a Gold Pin. He is the fourth person in the clubs history to do so.

Open House happens on February 13-14 at the Whistler Cabin. We hope that you will come and join in the fun. If you arrive on Saturday night you will be able to participate in a lively party, featuring the Boys and Girls Chorus Lines. Also appearing will be our new club band. The Steeple Chase on Sunday promises to tax the endurance of everyone. As well as the Dam Downhill, we are sponsering a new Dam Uphill - for touring fanatics. Remember that grads may use the cabin three times a year without charge. You can show that you are a VOC grad by writing to us for a Grad Card.

The VOC annual Photography Competition is alive again. Entries may be in the form of 35 mm slides or mounted black and white prints. Ken Lefever, the Photography Chairman, will be glad to supply you with

the particulars. His address is 8421 Oak Street or phone 261-8392. We hope you will enter the competition and also plan to attend the Banquet where the winners will be announced. Our Banquet this year is being held on Friday, March 19 at 6 PM in the Johann Strauss. Guest speakers Dick and Alice Culbert will be giving the slide show. If you would like tickets, please contact Cindy Materi at 922-3581 or 80 Bonnymuir Dr., W.Van.

The 1970 Journal will be ready this spring. If you would like one please fill out the enclosed form and send it with \$1.50 to the Journal Editor in care of VOC, U.B.C., Vancouver, B.C.

Due to the large number of grads that have accumulated over the years, we have found it necessary to cut down on our mailing list. If you wish to receive our letter in the future would you please let us know.

The members of VOC 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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