

VOCene

Adventures make one late for dinner.



Photo of the Week: Hiking on Juan de Fuca Marine Trail. Photo credit: Elyes

Upcoming Trips

THIS WEEK

[Longer Ski Trip](#)

Apr. 5th - Apr. 8th

Is anybody keen for a long ski traverse, or camping at a hut for several days? Harrison and Brew hut? Neve traverse?

[Old-school Neve Ski Traverse](#) (for real this time!)

Apr. 7th - Apr. 9th --- Garibaldi Neve

The idea is to do cross the Garibaldi Neve, a classic ski traverse in the Coast Mountains, clad in old-school skiing/mountaineering attire.

NEXT WEEK

[Sunshine Coast Trail](#)

Apr. 10th - Apr. 14th --- Sunshine Coast

Are you one of the lucky people who have no exams on the next week? Don't miss an opportunity to hike on world-famous Sunshine Coast trails.

[Easter Weekend Far-Far Away Climbing Trip!](#)

Apr. 13th - Apr. 17th --- Smith Rock or Skaha

The purpose of this trip is to get VOCers together and car share to reach such a far-away land and have some fun!

[The Spearhead Traverse](#) (tentative)

Apr. 15th - Apr. 16th --- Whistler

The Spearhead is a classic. First completed in 1964 over the course of 9 days by members of the Varsity Outdoors Club, its only right a trip be organized on this, the centennial year.

Past Trips

Ms. Manners enjoys sharing your trip pictures. Please send them to her intern (so that she doesn't have to harrass you to get them)! Email: il_kapralov@mail.ru

Trip reports:

- [Close, but no Cigar: a Winter Attempt on Gunsight Peak](#) by Julien Renard
- [An ascent of the Nipple](#) by Birgit Rogalla
- [Stairs: An account of the Baden Powell Trail](#) by Linda Kiritchkov

Juan de Fuca Marine Trail: The trip was just two people, Tim and Elyes. "We were really lucky with warm sunshine and zero rain for 3 of 4 days. The track was recently built with amazing long suspension bridges spanning big ravines, waterfalls falling directly from cliffs into the sea and stairways following the coastline for 45 km. Hitchhiking back took just a 10 min wait! After returning to our vehicle on day 4 unfortunately someone had smashed a window on every vehicle in the carpark the night before so there was glass everywhere and an expensive repair bill" - Tim Fisher

On the photo: Elyes using a log to cross the creek. Credit: Tim



Bike-ski-hike trip to Mt. Sheer: Nick Hindley, George Hill and Ilia Capralov made an attempt to ascent Mt. Sheer on the west side of Howe Sound Inlet. The bikes were involved in getting to the snow line from Sea to Sky highway on a gated logging road. After the snow was reached, the bikes were left and the skis were applied. We got nowhere close to the trail head since the snow level was lower then we expected and also the number of creeks that we had to pass didn't facilitate rapid movement. The approach on bikes wasn't faster then hiking speed, but was proven to be more fun (type 2 more fun) - Ilia Capralov

On the photo - Nick Hindley learning ski-biking. Credit: Ilia



Message Board Notes

- [Where to buy a used snowmobile for the VOC?](#)
- [What did we learn from Helicopter drops at Phelix?](#)
- [Buy, Rent, or Borrow White Gas stoves](#)
- [Can I borrow someone's dynafit ski crampons?](#)
- [Older model Dynafit bindings](#)

Ms. Manners

Hi Ms. Manners,

I have posted a new trip on the trip agenda but my friends can't join me because they have a lot of assignments to do. Can you give them any advice on how to manage their time?

Cheers!

VOC member, PhD Candidate
Department of Engineering
A Capella Exec Team
Varsity Swim Team

Dear VOCer,

Unfortunately I can't give any advice to your friends, but I know how you can help your friends show up. If you organize your trips on long weekends your friends will be able to join your trip and have a spare day to finish their assignments. I attached a list of remaining BC holidays in 2017 bellow:

Remaining BC holidays:

Good Friday --- Friday, April 14
Victoria Day --- Monday, May 22
Canada Day --- Saturday, July 1
B.C. Day --- Monday, August 7
Labour Day --- Monday, September 4
Thanksgiving Day --- Monday, October 9
Remembrance Day --- Saturday, November 11
Christmas Day --- Monday, December 25

[Source](#)

Hopefully your friends will join your long weekend trips!

Cheers,

Ms. Manners

Ms. Manners is the VOC's resident expert on mountaineering and outdoors etiquette. Do you have a question for Ms. Manners? Email the VOCene editor and it will be forwarded on to Ms. Manners.

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Ye Olde VOC:

A weekly recollection of the past of the club.

In the late 1960s and early 1970s, Longhike was a mandatory introduction to the club in the form of a hike and evening celebration at the Whistler Cabin. New members would gather in groups by gender and perform a dance to music, referred to as the Chorus Line.

Quote of the Week:

"Alternatively, we could drill a hole into the gas tank [of the snowmobile] and give out a fitting plug with the rental."

--- Jens Vent-Schmidt, [Where to buy a used snowmobile for the VOC?](#)

Weekly recipe:

Every now and then I'll include a recipe from the [VOC wiki](#) here. Try them out and share yours!

**For questions, comments, or rants contact your clueless VOCene editor/Ms. Manners:
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