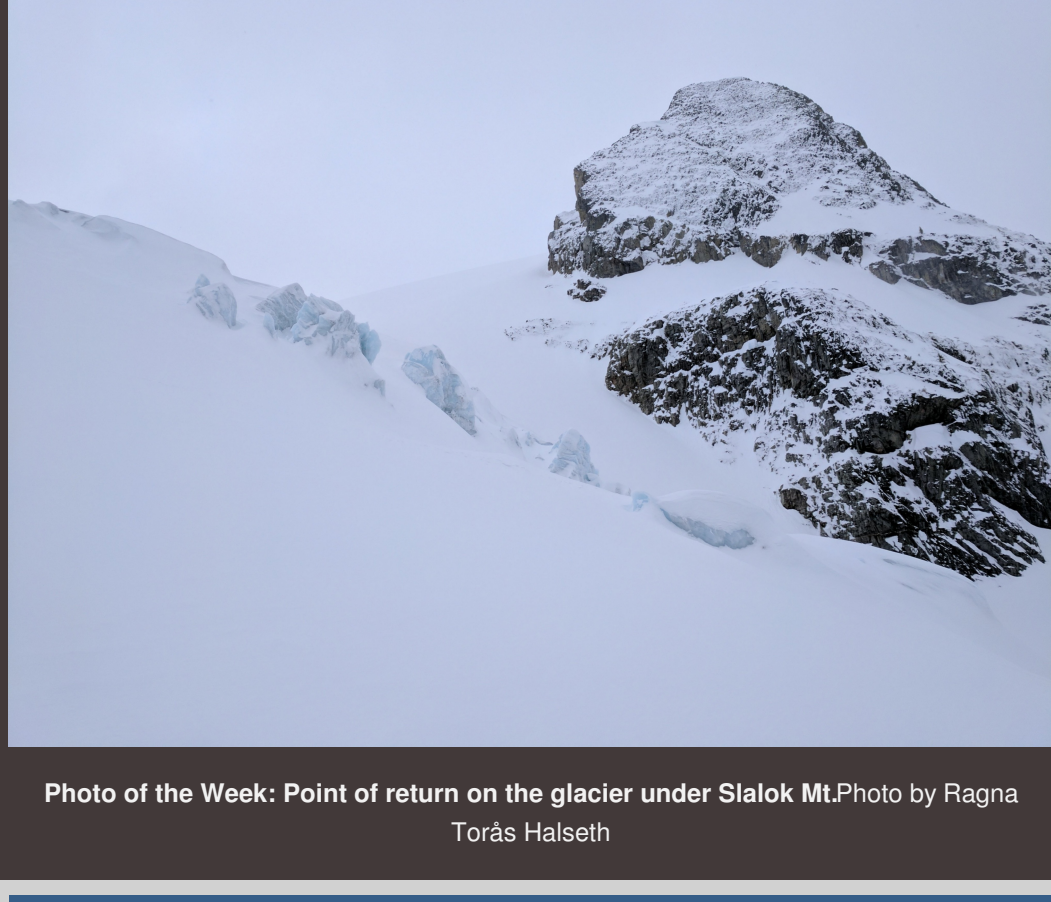




*Adventures make one late for dinner.*



**Photo of the Week: Point of return on the glacier under Slalok Mt.** Photo by Ragna Torås Halseth

## Upcoming Trips

**This week:**

**[Summer kickoff beach BBQ!!](#)**

**May. 3rd, 6:00 pm ---**Locarno Beach.

Yay summer! Missed VOC BBQs all winter? Come to Locarno Beach to meet your fellow VOCers and don't forget to bring something delicious to please them!

**[Son of Rock - Learn to Rock Climb in Squamish!](#)**

**May. 6th, 8:00 am - May. 7th ---**Squamish

This is the annual spring climbing instructional event in Squamish. This is for people who have never before touched real rock, all the way up to learning to lead trad. Now serving Rock 5!

**[Cypress sunset skiing](#)**

**May 4th, 6 pm ---**Cypress skiing resort

Cypress is closed and that means it is time for mid-week evening skiing!

**Next week:**

**[MEC Club Night get 10% discount](#)**

**May. 11th, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm ---**MEC

VOC and MEC give you the opportunity to buy stuff at a 10% discount.

**[Creeping over Challenging Crevasses: Glacier Skills Training](#)**

**May. 13th ---** Seymour

A two day session to give interested VOCers the opportunity to learn and practice glacier travel skills for the upcoming summer season.

## 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](mailto:il_kapralov@mail.ru)

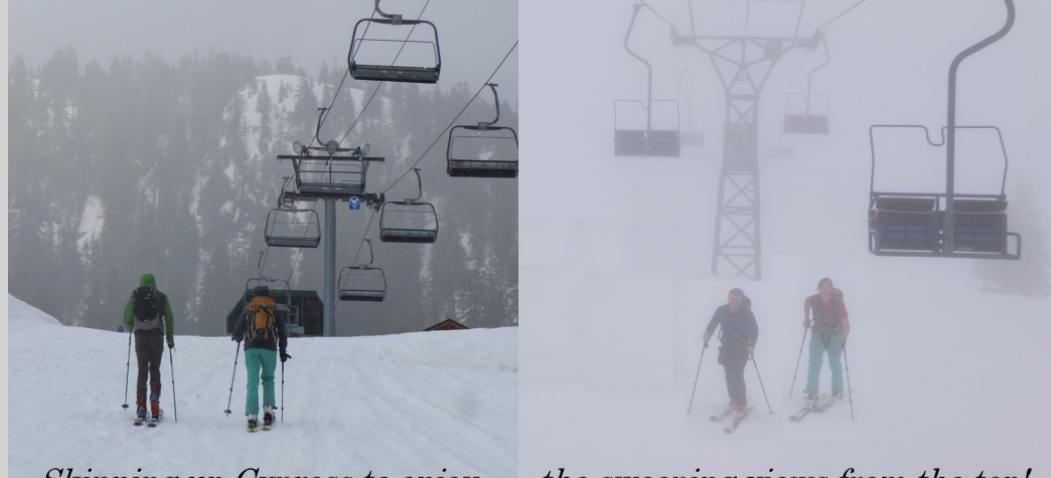
**Trip reports:**

- [Unparalleled Skiing at Cypress](#) by Roland Burton.

**Short trip notes:**

**Summer Kickoff Backyard Campout & Barbeque:** "Joyous VOCers and friends convened after hurtling down steep trails on bikes and whisking across the north shore by foot, to eat, drink and laugh beside a warm fire. People came and people went, but everyone left with new friends and brilliant smiles." - George Hill

**Weekday evening skinning at Cypress:** "A group of 5 VOCers drove away under an evening sun in Vancouver, up into the North Shore clouds where they found a brief snow flurry, enjoyed soft skiable snow and an incredible sunset panorama over the city. There is still more than a meter of base, so spring evening skinning laps should last yet a while!" - Elliott Skierszkan. Photo by Elliott Skierszkan



*Skinning up Cypress to enjoy .... the sweeping views from the top!*

**Joffre Lakes:** "Three skiers and one snowshoer with a snowboard on his back headed for Joffre Lakes on Saturday morning, hoping for some good skiing/snowboarding and maybe a summit of either Slalok Mt. or Tszil Mt. Only one of the two goals was accomplished, as the snow conditions in the steep parts below the summits were a little bit too sketchy for our liking. But turning back was not a disappointment! We found so many good lines with fresh and puffy snow, and returned to our cars very tired and vary satisfied on Monday afternoon." - Ragna. ON the photo: Tom and Justin playing around in the snow and practicing beacon search. Photo by Ragna Torås Halseth.



## Message Board Notes

- [Summer BBQs!!](#) First Wednesday of each month
- Participate in [Summer Peak Bagging Challenge](#)
- [Room for a couple in the Dunbar House \(or two very good friends\)](#)
- Vote on [MEC board elections](#)
- [Looking for advise on Balaclava/Face shield.](#)
- [Selling our 2005 Ford Escape](#)
- [Free stuff](#)
- [Re: Intro to Mountaineering Instructors?](#)
- [Trailbuilding summer job](#)
- [Searching for homies in Calgary!](#)
- [Room for Rent: June 1st - Ash and Cambie](#)
- [Son of Rock Call for Instructors](#)
- [VOCJ available on the general internet?](#)
- [Any left-handed males for a once-off dart-throwing, kinesiology study on campus?](#)

## Ms. Manners

Hello miss Manners!

I am planning a bike trip to Snowy Pass Road next weekend. Do you want to come with me?

Fast Cyclist.

Hi Fast,

Not so fast! Before you organize a bike trip in early season make sure that the road you are going to is clear of snow at high elevation. If the road in question is paved, chances are you will find information about road conditions online. If it is a logging road then you could try to estimate the road conditions by asking people who were recently in the area about the snow line elevation. If you still didn't find any information, there is the last trick in your pocket. Go to [Zoom.Earth](#), service that provides daily satellite imagery, find your area, find the latest day with the best visibility and zoom into the closest layer of daily image. You will be able to see if the pass is clear of snow or not.

Remember that just knowing the elevation of snowline doesn't mean you can extrapolate it on any road. The snowline elevation changes with aspect and presence of forest: You can reach the pass on the southern slope but might hit one meter deep snow as soon as you start descending, so take these factors into consideration.

Let me know if the pass is clear!

Cheers,

Miss 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.

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**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?](#)

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**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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