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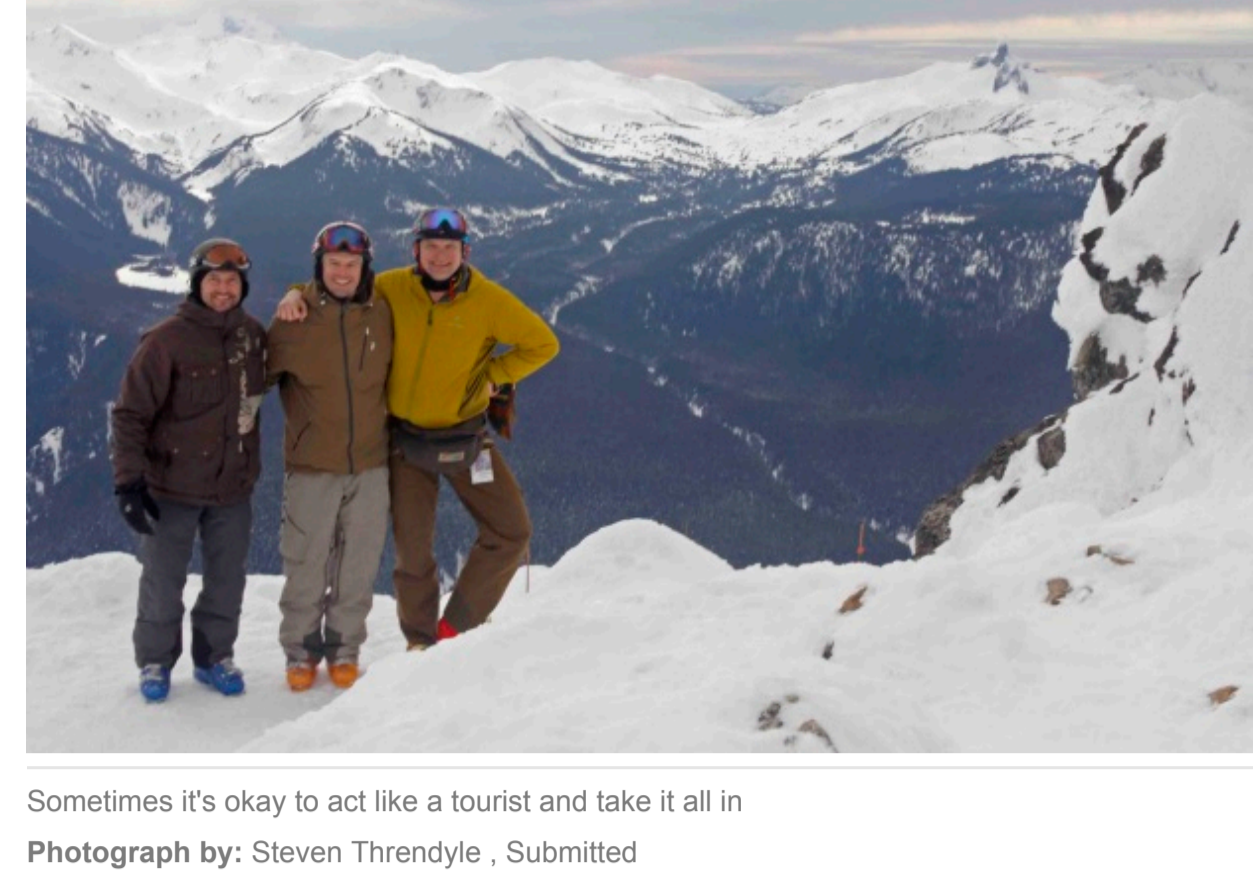
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B.C. ski news: VIMFF update, 24 Hours of Winter and how to ski like a tourist

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Sometimes it's okay to act like a tourist and take it all in Photograph by: Steven Threndyle, Submitted

POWDER magazine has a column called The Jaded Local. It's really funny, and offers a satiric take on how goofy skiers, especially ski tourists, can behave.

Well, there was a moment on Sunday at Whistler where the three guys I was skiing with did something so utterly touristy that I'm embarrassed to bring it up.

As the Sh*t narrator says, "what a great day for a great ski!"

The lesson here is simple - we can all get jaded from time to time (matter of fact, Darren's daughter is named "Jayda").

Here's a round-up of newsy winter items from the past week and a look at a couple of events coming up.

Canadian Downhillers Go 1-3-5 in France

Though you don't ever want to see me running gates ("your skiing hurts my eyes!"), I do love watching ski racing on TV, as imperfect as the broadcast and commentary sometimes is.

Red Bull Travis Rice Supernatural at Baldface Catskiing

No matter what you might think of the taste of Red Bull, their contest and marketing ideas are breathtaking. The Red Bull Travis Rice Supernatural brought an invite-only A-List of the top slopestyle snowboarders to Baldface Lodge catskiing north of Nelson, BC, for a one-day shoot-out contest.

Vancouver International Mountain Film Festival - Weekend Number One!

There are so many amazing presenters at this year's Vancouver International Mountain Film Festival that it's hard to know where to begin. Now in its 15th year, the sheer diversity of speakers and films truly boggles the mind - everything from chasing tigers with John Vaillant, BASE jumping with Steph Davis, chasing freedom with climbers in Communist Poland, paddling the Great Bear Rainforest, and skiing throughout South America will be highlighted.

City and Slope - The Best of Both Worlds

From Yaletown clubs to Mount Seymour's snowy slopes, the Olympic legacy lives on this weekend with a series of parties and special events happening at the City and Slope festival. There are just a ton of concerts, activities, events, and promotions happening from Thursday through Sunday, including Grouse Mountain's 24 Hours of Winter (yes, just like during the Games, the mountain will be open over the midnight shift).

Ski-Mo in Golden at Kicking Horse!

Most skiers know about 'backcountry skiing' - where skiers apply adhesive mohair skins to the base of their skis in search of distant powder bowls and craggy peaks. And, well, since humans are naturally competitive, there are even 'ski mountaineering races' (ski-mo). These events are very popular in Europe, where many of the top skiers have fitness levels which rival that of top Nordic racers, and must be outstanding downhill skiers to make up time through a pre-determined course set up in advance.

Viral Video of the Week: "Saved by the Bag! - The BCA Float 30, to be exact...

Finally, here's one for the backcountry skiers. My pal Bruce Edgerly with Backcountry Access (BCA) was at the Outdoor Retailer trade show two weeks ago in Salt Lake City when a woman came up to their booth and told him their Float 30 Airbag backpack had likely saved her life.

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