

2015

December 30, 2015

Boxing Week Blowout!

9 am tomorrow at the end of Forest Rd. [#80]

We should be able to finish the last stretch of the Gertrude Pacific Trail which will be a nice way to finish the year. 'Closure' so to speak.

Michael

December 22, 2015

Let It Snow, Let It Snow, Let It Snow.

9 am tomorrow at the end of Forest Rd. [#80]

We'll be continuing the main trail upgrade between #75 and #80. I'll bring my rake as always but an additional steel rake would be handy.

Michael

December 15, 2015

Summit Fever

9 am tomorrow at the Forest Rd entrance [#80] by Lou's house.

We'll continue to spruce up the main trail between #74, #75 and #80

Refreshments will be served.

Michael

December 9, 2015

Trees, Trees, Trees

9 am tomorrow at the end of Forest Rd. by Lou's house.

There are trees across the trails in 4 locations:

Biggest is all over the start of our latest trail re-route.

Two others need a simple cut and toss.

The fourth is an uprooted one by #76 which needs a minor trail re-route.

After taking care of the above we'll carry on with the new route up the hill.

Hopefully Ken can bring his saw tomorrow as well.

Michael

December 1, 2015

Uphill Battle

9 am tomorrow at the Forest Rd entrance to the SHF

We'll continue the Main Trail upgrade in the vicinity of #74.

Refreshments will include both cider and coffee.

Remember your clippers.

Michael

November 25, 2015

Bundle Up

9 am tomorrow at the end of Forest Rd. [by Lou's house]

We'll be continuing work on the Light Blue Trail [aka: 'Gertrude Pacific Trail']

Don't forget your clippers.

Michael

November 18, 2015

Tan, Rested and Ready

9 am tomorrow at the top of the stairs by Lou's house [Forest Rd.]

We'll continue upgrading the Main Trail [Gertrude Pacific Trail] from the bridge towards Sandy Hook.

We have pinch bars, buckets and a shovel stashed beyond the bridge so bring your favourites.

Michael

October 23, 2015

Leaving the Fort

I will be heading to the US Southwest for 2 weeks on Monday and so will miss the next 2 work parties.

If you want to continue in my absence, by all means do so. To finish the parking lot drainage ditch you'll need Ken's laser to see if you can divert over to the right by the parking slot.

Otherwise you have to take it all the way to the stop sign.

There's also upgrading the SHF Main Trail [light blue] from the bridge to Forest Rd. You might consider starting from the Forest Rd end. Both pinch bars, Ken's pole axe, double bladed axe and shovel are still under the log along the trail, east of the bridge.

If those don't appeal, Sparky had some suggestions for improvements between #77 and #78

I'll be getting email in case you need to contact me.

Best of luck,
Michael

October 20, 2015

Go With The Flow

9 am tomorrow at the HG parking lot.

We'll be filling potholes and dealing with some drainage issues.

I'll bring 2 wheelbarrows, 3 picks and some shovels.

Michael

October 13, 2015

Close Ranks

9 am tomorrow at the Forest Rd. entrance [by Lou's house]

We'll be continuing work on the Main Trail between the bridge and #72.

Ken has a previous commitment and will not be in attendance.

Michael

October 6, 2015

Stay Dry

No work party tomorrow.

Forecast is for 'periods of rain' plus I have to be cleaned up and in Sechelt by 11:30

My apologies to any keeners.

Michael

September 29, 2015

Trail Building Weather at It's Finest!

9 am tomorrow at #69 on Inlet Rd.

We'll continue the Main Trail upgrading between #72 and the bridge.

Michael

September 23, 2015

Code Orange

9 am tomorrow at #69 on Inlet Rd.

Jim will be putting the crowning touches on his set of steps while

the rest of us continue work on the Root Loop between #72 and #73.

Michael

September 16, 2015

Orange Men

9 am tomorrow on Inlet Rd by #69

We'll be continuing the smoothing out of the Orange trail as it heads up the hill from #72.

Michael

September 8, 2015

Dig In!

9 am tomorrow on Inlet Rd by #69

We'll be finishing the work on the main trail between #71 and #72. Buckets and pinch bar are there already.

Michael

September 1, 2015

Dampened Enthusiasm

9 am tomorrow on Inlet Rd by #69

We'll be continuing work on the revamped section between #71 and #72.

My phone is still out in case you need to call for any reason.

Both handicap trails probably need raking if anyone wants that job instead.

Michael

August 18, 2015

Here and There

9 am tomorrow at #69 on Inlet Road.

We'll be finishing the sign post installations then moving up the Light Blue Trail to improve the rooty section on the plateau between #71 and #72.

Michael

August 11, 2015

Posts and Steps

9 am tomorrow at #69 on Inlet Road

We'll be digging up and repositioning the 2 double post SHF signs.
It's also an opportunity to finish the section of the trail just up the hill that needs steps.
Michael

August 5, 2015

Work Party Cancelled

It's raining fairly hard as I write this [yea!] so no work party.
I'll phone to confirm in case some didn't see this email.

Michael

On August 4th

9 am tomorrow on Inlet Rd by #69/#56

We will be digging up the SHF double post signs and repositioning them.

We'll also move the sign by the old logging road with the chain if we have time.

Ken is still on the injured list so we'll be 'short handed' so to speak.

Michael

July 28, 2015

Fill 'er up

9 am tomorrow on Inlet Rd. near the trail to #17.

We'll be taking care of the borrow pits from this end of the Red Trail.

Ken wants to bring his saw this time.

Again, a pitchfork would come in handy for the 'frosting'.

Michael

July 21/22, 2015

Replacing Divots

9 am tomorrow at the parking lot. Not as glamorous work this week, but necessary.

Ken and I will each have a chainsaw. Others will be mainly throwing the oversize 'firewood' into the holes. No tools really needed except for a pitch fork or garden fork for the top layer of forest duff/moss.

Michael

THEN

Change in plans...

After giving my head a good shake I've decided that using chain saws in a remote part of the tinder dry forest might not be the best idea. The borrow pits will have to wait until fall rains come.

Instead, we'll be digging up and possibly replanting some sign posts in the parking lot.

Depending on who shows up, a pair of trailbuilders can head out on the east side of the Red Trail to cut a swath through the thick ferns with the cordless hedge trimmer followed by a leaf rake.

Michael

July 14, 2015

Tanned, Rested and Ready

9 am tomorrow at the parking lot. We'll be working on the last bit of the Red Trail bypass.

Michael

July 4, 2015

Cooler Heads

No work party this Wednesday. I'll be vacationing on VI and its pretty hot for heavy work.

Michael

June 30, 2015

Happy Canada Day!

No work party tomorrow on account of the holiday.

June 23, 2015

The Few, The Proud...

9am tomorrow at the parking lot. We'll continue work on the Red Trail bypass.

With Lou and Ken unavailable it's down to very elite crew.

Michael

June 17, 2015

Past the Trouble Spot

9 am tomorrow at the parking lot We'll be continuing the bit of the Red Trail bypass.

The 'Eh?' Team [they are all Canadian born] of Ken, Lou and Jim did a bang up job of forging

a route up the rocky gully,
including some beautiful rock
work. Lou is currently on the
injured list with back problems.
Michael

June 9, 2015

Carry on regardless

9 am tomorrow at the parking lot
We'll be continuing work on the
Red Trail 'bypass'.

I'll be in Vancouver but will leave
pruners, axe and red pack with
Lou.

A rake will be needed.

Michael

June 2, 2015

Rooting for the Trailbuilders

9 am tomorrow at the parking lot.
We'll be buiding on last week's
success on the Red Trail bypass
in the HG NE corner.

Michael .

May 27, 2015

Back to Basics

9 am at the parking lot

We'll be starting in on the Red
Trail relocation, which has been
flagged.

Michael

May 19, 2015

Rockin' Good Time

9 am at the parking lot.

we'll make the long trek to the
North end of the Red Trail to
[hopefully] finish the current
upgrading.

Michael

May 13, 2015

Making Ends Meet

9 am tomorrow at the parking lot.
We'll continue work on the North
end of the Red Trail.

Michael

May 6, 2015

Closing the Loop?

9 am tomorrow at the parking lot
- it's probably shorter to access
our stopping point from there.

We'll continue refurbishing the Red Trail, possibly linking up to our efforts from the other end. You'll be glad to know that I bought a second pair of power loppers.
Michael

April 29, 2015

On The Backstretch

9 am tomorrow on Inlet Rd by the #17 access trail
Bring clippers and a rake. We'll be continuing work on the Red Trail

Michael

April 22, 2015

On for Wednesday

9am tomorrow on Inlet Rd by the #17 access trail entrance.
About half the Trailbuilders couldn't make it for Thursday and Sparky claims he has 2 new recruits that can make it tomorrow.

We'll bypass the steep section needing steps and save it for next week.

Michael

April 15, 2015

Leadership Vacuum

9 am tomorrow on Inlet Rd by #17 access trail.

We'll be charging ahead on the Red Trail upgrade.

I'll meet and pass out tools at 9:00 but have a 9:30 meeting at the HG parking lot with Bob and someone from the DoS Public Works dept. to discuss grading the parking lot and supplying a small load of road base for the potholes.

Hopefully it will be a short meeting and I can still get some work in.

Michael

April 7, 2015

Get Down!

9 am tomorrow on Inlet Rd. by #17 access trail.

We'll be continuing Red Trail upgrading in what looks to be beautiful weather.

Michael

April 1, 2015

Step by Step

9am tomorrow on Inlet Rd. by the #17 trailhead.

We will continue upgrading the Red Trail north of #19.

Michael

March 24 & 25, 2015

Code Red - No Go

9 am tomorrow on Inlet Rd by #17 access trail

We'll be continuing work on the Red Trail, one step at a time.

Forecast is for 'periods of rain', much the same as last week.

Perhaps we can dodge a bullet again on the weather. If it's pouring out you might want to hunker down instead.

Michael
For those I couldn't talk to directly on the phone, there's no work party today.

Please let me know what mornings you are not available for make up work parties should we decide to go that route when it rains like this.

Michael

March 18, 2015

Seeing Red

9 am tomorrow on Sechelt Inlet Rd. near #17

We'll be continuing to work our magic on the redo of the Red Trail.

Many tools are stored by the trail where we ended last time but you might want your own shovels and clippers.

Michael

March 11, 2015

Sufferfest?

Tomorrow's forecast is for 'periods of rain'. If those 'periods of rain' coincide with our 'periods of work' it be an unpleasant session. I will still show up at the HG parking lot at 9 am for those

who enjoy braving the elements. Otherwise if it's pouring out I'd recommend staying home. We will be moving a lot of crusher dust, building a small set of steps [2 risers] and improving the HG access by foot from the top of Sandy Hook Rd. I'll bring most of the needed tools but you might want your own shovels.
Michael

March 3, 2015

Acolytes

9 am tomorrow at the Bob Rd entrance [#79]

We'll be replacing the delapidated bridge near #73 with 8" culvert and rock/soil fill.

I'll bring a rake, 2 picks, 2 shovels, 2 buckets, loppers, pinch bar and wheelbarrow. Ken has a dental appointment so this is a chance for all his acolytes to show us what you have learned from the master in the digging department.

Michael

February 25, 2015

Smoothing the Way

9 am tomorrow on the shoulder of Inlet Rd by #17

We'll be continuing the upgrade to the Red Trail heading North.

Lou has a surprise for us!

We also now have the 8" culvert material. [see below]

Michael



February 17, 2015

Change Ends

9 am tomorrow on Inlet Rd near #17 on the shoulder

We'll be upgrading the Red Trail, heading North.

Usual tools plus Ken's nifty wheelbarrow with the front handle.

Michael

February 10, 2015

A Long Slog

We'll be continuing the Red Trail upgrade. The new 8" culvert won't be in until next Wed.

Michael

February 3, 2015

Bogged Down

9 am tomorrow at the parking lot
We'll continue upgrading the Red Trail between #7 and #24 [and beyond]

The usual tools

Michael

January 28, 2015

Seeking Higher Ground

9 am tomorrow in the HG parking lot

We'll begin filling the muddy spots on the Red Trail, starting at #6.

I'll bring 2 wheel barrows and some buckets, etc.

FYI: When the new culvert arrives we'll go back to the Root Loop and install it in 2 locations.

Michael

January 20, 2015

A Little to the Right

9 am tomorrow at the Bob Rd trailhead, #79

We'll be following Lou's suggestion to reroute a small section of the Root Loop, east of #78 where it approaches the zig zag boardwalk in order avoid the seasonally muddy bit. If we have time left over we can dismantle the broken bridge a little farther along. I have ordered 40' of 8" dia corrugated plastic drain pipe for this and other problem areas. The usual tools plus Ken's pinch bar.

Michael

January 13, 2015

Tidying Up

9 am at #69 on Inlet Rd.

We'll be moving sign posts and filling in borrow pits.

Michael

January 6, 2015

Man Up

9 am tomorrow at #69 on Inlet Rd.

Depending on how many bodies show up we should be able to finish the reroute.

Upper part is completed [except for Jim's last step] - just needs filling and manicuring on the approach to the hill.

Hope you are all well rested after the holidays.

Michael

HAPPY NEW YEAR