

2016

December 13, 2016

Holiday Break

We'll suspend the work parties until things thaw out which may not be until mid-January according to some reports. Speaking of January, we will be having the annual Trailbuilders dinner at Mike Lane's house late in the month. I'll send a later email with the particulars and some choices.

Merry Christmas to everyone and thanks for a very productive year.

Michael

December 7, 2016

Going mushy on us

9 am tomorrow at the HG parking lot

The Red Trail on the east side has developed pockets of mushy decayed leaves from the abundant alders and maples.

The underlying trail surface appears to be solid. The game plan is to rake off the leaves in the low spots.

Bow rakes! I'll bring 2 plus a couple of pick/mattocks and a flat shovel. Hopefully it won't freeze solid tonight.

Michael

November 30, 2016

Fill 'em up!

9 am tomorrow at the HG parking lot.

We'll be continuing with the filling in of borrow pits on Mike's Lane from #3 to #13.

I'll bring 2 pick mattocks and the chain saw. Not much else is needed.

This is not an urgent work party if you'd prefer to take a pass on the possible rainy weather.

Michael

November 22, 2016

Backfilling

9 am tomorrow at the HG parking lot.

We'll continue filling in the Ken Pits along the dark Green Trail, picking up where we left off last week near the Twister.

I'll bring the wheelbarrow and we can bring back the picks, etc.

Forecast is for showers with a chance of sun breaks.

Michael

November 15, 2016

Ever Onward

9 am tomorrow on Inlet Road by the entrance to the Black Trail that leads to #17.

We'll be finishing the final section of the Dark Green Trail that leads to #19.

Michael

November 8 ,2016

Picky, Picky

9 am tomorrow on Inlet Rd near the Black Trail leading to #17.

We'll continue our fine work on the Dark Green Trail from #21 to #19.

Michael

November 1, 2016

Take a Pass?

Dismal weather forecast for tomorrow.

Rain we could put up with but not high winds.

Keep your powder dry until next Wednesday.

Thanks to help from Ken and Gertrude, we have cleared all known trees from the trails. If you see any we missed, let me know.

Michael

October 25, 2016

Wending Our Way

9 am tomorrow at either HG parking lot [me with wheelbarrow] or park on Inlet Rd near the Black Trail entrance that leads to #17 if you are unencumbered.

We'll be finishing the last section of the Dark Green Trail from #21 to #19.

Rain isn't supposed to start until
12:00

Michael

October 17, 2016

**Tuesday is the new
Wednesday**

Since the forecast calls for rain
on Wed I'd like to have a work
party tomorrow [less rain] to
clear the HG of downed trees
[higher priority]. We could
resume work on the Twister trail
the following Wed.

9 am at the HG parking lot.

Bring gloves, hearing protection
and a rake if you want.

If Ken wants to bring an
additional chainsaw that would
be good too.

If you can't make it don't worry
as long as we have some extra
hands for tossing branches and
raking debris.

Michael

October 11, 2016

Keep on Keepin' on

9 am tomorrow at the HG
parking lot.

We'll be continuing work on the
Dark Green Trail as we
approach the Twister.

Michael

October 4, 2016

Back on Track

9 am tomorrow at the HG
parking lot.

We'll continue work on the Dark
Green Trail, working West from
#22.

Michael

September 26, 2016

Time Out

No work party this Wednesday. I
have rare out of town guests and
can't be there or even supply the
coffee pack.

We'll resume work the following
Wednesday.

FYI: A female grizzly and her
cub were caught on video in
West Sechelt recently.

Also of note: I found the broken end of a glass crack [?] pipe in the parking lot 2 days ago along with some alcoholic beverage containers. Hope it's not a trend.
Michael

September 20, 2016

Heading West

9 am tomorrow at the HG parking lot.

We'll continue work on the Dark Green Trail as we approach #22 Mike Lane and Lou won't be able to make it, so more coffee and cookies for the rest of us.

Michael

September 13, 2016

A new beginning

9 am tomorrow at the HG parking lot.

We'll be upgrading the Dark Green Trail beginning at #24.

Usual tools.

Michael

September 6, 2016

Mike's Lane final push

9 am tomorrow at the HG parking lot.

We'll continue work on the #22 > #23 section, just past the Honda Tree.

Usual tools.

Michael

August 30, 2016

'Self Starters'

9 am tomorrow at the HG parking lot.

I have to take Gertrude to a 9 am doctor's appointment but will hand off the tools and coffee/cookies pack to Ken before leaving.

If you reach #22 you can go left towards the Twister on the Dark Green Trail.

Best of luck, Michael

August 23, 2016

Mike's Lane part II

9 am tomorrow at the HG parking lot.

We'll redo the middle section of Mike's Lane from #13 to #22 and then west on the Dark Green Trail towards the Twister.
Michael

August 16, 2016

Lucky 13

9 am tomorrow at the HG parking lot.

We'll continue work on the last section of Mike's Lane before it hits #13

Michael

August 9, 2016

Seeing Red

9 am tomorrow at the HG parking lot

We'll continue work on Mike's Lane as it nears the Red Trail at #13

Michael

August 3, 2016

Picking Up Speed

9 am tomorrow at the HG parking lot.

We'll be continuing work on Mike's Lane as we approach #13

Michael

July 26, 2016

Downward Trend

9 am tomorrow at the HG parking lot.

We'll continue the reworking of Mike's Lane from #3 to #13

Michael

July 19, 2016

We're All Going Downhill

9 am tomorrow at the HG parking lot.

We'll be continuing the very thorough upgrading of Mike's Lane from #3 to #13.

Michael

July 12, 2016

Plugging Away

9 am tomorrow at the HG parking lot.

We'll be continuing the upgrading on Mike's Lane [#3 > #13]

Michael

July 5, 2016

Covering Old Ground

9 am tomorrow at the HG parking lot.

We'll be continuing the upgrading of Mike's Lane.

Michael

June 28, 2016

Hot 'n Dusty

9 am tomorrow at the HG PARKING LOT.

We'll be continuing the upgrading of Mike's Lane between #3 and #13.

Don't forget the secateurs.

Michael

June 21, 2016

Let's try that again ...

9 am tomorrow at the HG parking lot.

We'll be working on Mike's Lane, starting at #3, bringing it up to current standards.

The usual tools, including secateurs.

Michael

June 14, 2016

What's Old is New Again

9 am tomorrow at the Hidden Grove parking lot.

By popular demand we'll be upgrading 'Mike's Lane' beginning at #3

The usual tools. If anyone gets there early there is a bad pothole at the entrance which needs a bucket of road base. Otherwise the parking lot drainage seems to be working well.

Michael

June 7, 2016

Bit of This, Bit of That

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

We'll finish the tiny bit of the Root Loop by #72 then backtrack while filling the borrow pits.

There's also a small section at the bottom of the hill by our first pit that needs spiffing up.

Michael

May 31, 2016

Final Stretch?

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

We'll be working on the last of the Root Loop at the top of the hill.

I have a 9 am medical appointment in Sechelt but will leave the wheelbarrow with tools, coffee and cookies near the bottom of my driveway. If possible I'll try to catch the end of the session.

Michael

May 23, 2016

Stragglers

9 am tomorrow at #79.

We'll continue work on the Root Loop. Some of you will be in the advance guard on the plateau while others of us will continue with the switch backs near the top of the hill.

Usual tools.

Michael

May 17, 2016

Over the Top

9 am tomorrow at Bob Rd entrance [#79]

We'll continue the Root Loop re-route [to the top?]

You've been putting all that hard won experience to good use on this trail and it shows!

Michael

May 10, 2016

Nearly to the Top

9 am tomorrow at #79.

We'll be continuing the uphill revision of the Root Loop, building on last week's fine effort
Usual tools.

Michael

May 3, 2016

Summit Bid

9 am tomorrow at #79 [Bob Rd]

We'll continue our push up the hill with a new switchback on the Root Loop.

Usual tools plus clippers.

Michael

FYI: I ran into our newest recruit, Rick, his partner Janice and dog Reefer a few days ago. Turns out he hasn't been AWOL but dealing with lots of developments on the pet, work and rental fronts. He hopes to make it out when things sort themselves out .

April 26, 2016

A Higher Calling

9 am tomorrow at the Bob Rd. entrance - #79

We'll be continuing the revised route up the Root Loop from #73 to #72.

Buckets and pinch bars are already there. Bring pruners and shovels.

Michael

April 19, 2016

Change to Thursday

I have to go into Vancouver on Wednesday and would like to shift the work party to Thursday at 9 am if some of you can make it.

It's an odds an ends sort of day beginning with the pot holes in the parking lot and moving on to blocking off the old Red Trail route in the NE corner. Then it's on to a number of downed trees between #19 and #20 on the Dark Green Trail and possibly some on the Red Trail as well as drainage issues between #19 and #20.

I hate to kill the current momentum on the Root Loop but these other items have been on my list for far too long.

Clippers and a couple of shovels - I'll bring the rest.

Michael

April 12, 2016

Uphill Battle

9 am tomorrow at #80

We'll be upgrading the Orange Trail between #73 and #72, which includes the steepest hill

in the SHF. Lou, Ken and I sussed it out and there isn't a viable alternative to the current route. Part of the problem is the complete lack of native soil deposits on both the hillside and the plateau above.

This means lots of steps.

Clippers, please.

Michael

April 5, 2016

flooding issues

9 am tomorrow at #56 on Sechelt Inlet Rd.

We'll be addressing a recent drainage issue near #55.

Michael

March 29, 2016

Filling In

I have a 9am medical appointment in Sechelt but will drop off the wheel barrow full of tools plus breaktime backpack just beyond the bottom of the steps at about 8:40. Hopefully I'll be able to join you later.

There are a few borrow pits that still need filling - an old one by #74 plus one or two from recent work. After that, the short section of trail at #73 that links the Orange and Light Blue trails needs upgrading. Lots of roots. Hopefully that will tide you over until I make it back.

Michael

March 22, 2016

Back on the Chain Gang

9 am at Marian's house [Deerhorn and Skookumchuk] to finish moving her top soil.

We'll then head to the Cedar Loop straight section between #75 and #76 which never got top dressed and is mucky in the rain, according to Sparky. Closest access is probably from #80 at the end of Forest Rd.

Michael

March 15, 2016

Odds 'n Ends

9 am tomorrow at #79

We'll finish the small reroute near #78 then replant the sign posts.

We'll also fill in the rest of the borrow pits.

Michael

March 8, 2016

Replacing our Divots

9 am tomorrow at #79.

We'll finish surfacing the last bit of trail then fill in the borrow pits between #79 and #76.

We may also reinstall the map and sign posts at #77.

Michael

March 1, 2016

Loose Ends

9 am tomorrow at #79.

We'll be finishing the last stretch of #79 to #77 building on the success of last week's effort.

The usual tools.

Michael

February 23, 2016

Pressing On

9 am tomorrow at #79. We'll be continuing the up grade to the #79 > #77 section.

Usual tools, especially secateurs.

Michael

February 16, 2016

Different Approach

9 am tomorrow at #79 [Bob Rd]

We'll start right in on redoing the trail from #79 to #77.

I'll bring the wheelbarrow with the usual tools.

My knee is on the fritz, so I may have to beg off after getting things started.

[I'll leave the refreshment pack with you]

Secateurs please.

Michael

February 9, 2016

About Face

9 am tomorrow at the end of Bob Rd [#79]

We'll finish up the last part of the straight stretch before #75 then turn around and do the #77 to #79 entry trail. Forecast is for rain but those w/o adequate rain gear are free to take a pass.

Michael

February 2, 2016

Closing The Loop

9 am tomorrow at the end of Bob Rd [#79]

We'll be finishing the #76 to #75 section.

I'll bring a wheelbarrow with the usual tools and chainsaw.

Hopefully Ken will bring his pinch bar.

Michael

January 26, 2016

Water, Water, Everywhere...

9 am tomorrow at the Hidden Grove parking lot.

During recent heavy rains Lou identified some serious drainage issues at the beginning of 'Monty's Way' and the bottom of 'Lou's Loop' [#30] which will require ditching and culverts.

I will bring 2 wheelbarrows, 4 picks, some shovels, the 2 pinch bars from where we left off last time, a rake, 2 loppers, secateurs, the axe and 16' of 8" culvert.

I suggest you bring clippers, your favourite shovel and rain gear if the forecast proves accurate.

Michael

January 19, 2016

Heading Downhill

9am tomorrow at #79 [End of Bob Rd.] or you can follow Lou from #80 down the steps.

I'll be bringing a wheelbarrow and we'll be finishing up the section between #76 and #74.

Secateurs please.

Michael

January 13, 2016

Forging Ahead

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

We'll continue upgrading the
Cedar Loop from #76 to #74.
Don't forget your secateurs for
the roots.

Michael

January 5, 2016

A Glimpse into the Future

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

We'll be upgrading the trail from
there to #74.

Before starting we'll look at
rerouting options near #77 for
anyone who wants to make
suggestions.

Michael