

2017

December 27, 2017

Change in Plans

Looks like I was a little optimistic on the weather.

No work party today.

Please let me know you got this email so that I can call any that didn't.

Michael

New Bench Mark

9 am tomorrow at the HG parking lot.

We'll be moving one of the concrete benches quite a ways up the Take It Easy HC Trail. I'll bring a 4 wheel dolly with 8" pneumatic tires and Ken may bring a dolly as well.

Depending on the weather [snow?] we may choose to continue on to the new Viewpoint Trail [Lou's Lookout] or call it a day.

My apologies for the late email - I just got back from Seattle where they got 3 - 4" snow on Christmas Eve.

Michael

December 19, 2017

Sunny Break!

9 am tomorrow at the HG parking lot.

We'll continue the new side trail to Lou's Lookout and then continue down the Lavender Trail.

Michael

December 12, 2017

Special Treat!

9 am tomorrow at the HG parking lot.

If we make enough progress on the Lavender Trail upgrade, uphill from #37, we can reward ourselves by beginning work on Lou's side trail to the lookout. Clippers for the roots.

Michael

December 5, 2017

Peak Experience

9 am tomorrow at the HG parking lot.

We'll continue the Lavender Trail upgrading, uphill from #37
Hopefully Ken will bring his chainsaw since I'm officially on light duty for the week.

Michael

November 28, 2017

Once More Into the Fray

9 am tomorrow at the HG parking lot.

We'll continue revamping the Lavender Trail as we head up the hill from #37

Should be better weather than last Wednesday.

Michael

November 26, 2017

Leaf Drop time

If any of you are looking for extra credit, feel free to do some maple leaf raking in these areas:
Red Trail North of #24 until the maple trees peter out.

Dark Green Trail from #24 to #21, wherever there are accumulations.

possibly on Mike's Lane [Pistachio Colour] from #22 to #23.

The purpose of this exercise [literally] is to remove the leaves before they rot down into slippery mush. I recommend a steel bow rake as a leaf rake isn't strong enough for the packed down areas.

If you don't have one you can pick from the three in our tool stash along the Lavender Trail or I can loan you mine.

I've raked from #6 to #24.

Michael

November 21, 2017

No Go

Even more rain tomorrow than today, so no work party.

Let's hope it can only be drier next Wednesday.

Michael

November 14, 2017

Home Stretch

9 am tomorrow at the HG parking lot

We'll finish the last little bit of the Green Trail and start up hill on the Lavender Trail.

Michael

November 7, 2017

Dodge a Bullet?

9 am tomorrow at the HG parking lot

We'll take on the last stretch of the Green Trail 'do over' as we approach #37.

Clippers for the roots.

Not supposed to be any heavy precipitation until later in the day.

Michael

October 31, 2017

Firewood for the taking

9 am tomorrow at the HG parking lot

We'll begin by filling a few potholes in the parking lot [I'll bring shovels, buckets and wheelbarrow] and then on to the Green Trail where we left off last week.

There are some large hemlock lengths on the far side of the parking lot loop which are up for grabs if you want to cut some rounds. Bring wedges and a sledge to split them into manageable chunks. For Trailbuidlers only.

Michael

October 24, 2017

Back to the Grind

9 am tomorrow at the HG parking lot

We'll be continuing the Green Trail improvements between #9 and #37.

Clippers for the roots.

Michael

October 17, 2017 7

Thursday not Wednesday [storm coming]

9 am Thursday at the HG parking lot.

I realize that the change in day may not work for some of you but the wind alone makes it dangerous to work in the forest. Want proof? Check out the 30" hemlock that fell across the parking lot in last night's storm. We will be installing 13 interpretive signs mounted on 4', 4x4 posts along Monty's Way. I've retrieved shovels and pinch bars from our Green Trail stash so there should be enough tools for 3 teams. No other special tools needed.

Michael

October 10, 2017

Carry On

9 am tomorrow at the HG parking lot.

We'll finish off the controversial log section of the Green Trail upgrade and then continue on past #9 to #37 where we finished up coming the other way.

Usual tools.

To those of you with 'Trail Ambassador' status [John? Sparky?] I need someone to lead a group from Joy Tours at about 10:50. Bring your button if you are interested - could get you out of some heavy lifting.

Michael

October 1, 2017

Big Day!

The time has finally come to tackle the Rhodie Patch trail while the weather is still good.

October 4th will be an all day affair, starting at the HG parking lot where we will muster at 8:30 in order to carpool to the rendezvous site about 9:15.

Dave Lasser will meet us with his pickup truck to ferry workers and equipment the final kilometer.

Those of you who don't live in Sandyhook may wish to go directly to the rendezvous point: Work will consist primarily of cutting/pulling salal and removing the existing yellow

rope. A short section of the approach trail will be rerouted to a viewing spot, as per Mike Paddison's suggestion.

This may require light grubbing with the pick/mattock but nothing like our HG standards. The existing trail should only need salal and dead fall removal.

Shouldn't need buckets or borrow pits.[sorry John]

I'll bring extra coffee, juice and cookies but you will need to pack a lunch and water.

Gloves and secateurs for sure.

This is a 'one off' so please call me with any questions.

Michael

September 28, 2017

Gung Ho!

9 am tomorrow at the HG parking lot

We'll continue the great progress on the Green Trail between #10 and #9.

Hand pruners.

Michael

September 18, 2017

In Absentia

9 am Wednesday at the HG parking lot

You'll be continuing the work on the Green Trail upgrade, between #10 and #9.

Don't bother with the few tools that were dropped by the wasp's nest - there are plenty of others.

I will be in Victoria and have put Lou in charge. There will still be coffee, cookies and juice, courtesy of Ken.

Michael

September 12, 2017

Back in the Saddle

9 am tomorrow at the HG parking lot

We'll continue work on the top portion of 'Lou's Loop' [pistachio colour trail] near the Lonely Giant.

We then move on to finish upgrading the Green Trail from #10 to #37.

Clippers and gloves.
Michael

August 22, 2017

Not So Lonely Giant

9 am tomorrow at the HG parking lot.

We'll finish the Pink Trail as it approaches the Lonely Giant and then clean up the top of 'Lou's Lane'

[#10 > #30] before tackling the Green Trail.

There's also a "No Camping" sign to plant at the fork in parking lot road entrance.

Gloves and secateurs.

Michael

August 15, 2017

Strength in Numbers

9 am tomorrow at the HG parking lot.

We'll continue to tackle the Pink Trail upgrade from #39 to #10.

Clippers and gloves.

Michael

August 8, 2017

Back in the Traces

9 am tomorrow at the HG parking lot.

We'll be continuing work on the Pink Trail near #39.

We may fill in borrow pits on the Pink Trail as well.

Lou is away and perhaps others.

Michael

August 1, 2017

Keep Cool

No work party tomorrow due to the smoke and heat. My apologies for all those who consider it the highlight of their week.

Michael

July 25, 2017

Downward Trend

9 am tomorrow at the HG parking lot.

We'll continue working on the Pink Trail upgrade between #35 & #39.

Gloves and clippers.
Michael

July 18, 2017

Kudos to the Newbies!

Who knew we'd get four new volunteers at once?

Very impressed with the energy you all brought to the job, especially those who were down on their knees spreading soil for lack of a rake.

I have a bunch of additional tools for tomorrow so please don't head up the trail without grabbing some tools from the back of Ken's black minivan.

9 am tomorrow at the HG parking lot. We'll continue work on the the Pink Trail reroute. I'll be there before coffee break.

Michael

July 11, 2017

Carry On

9 am tomorrow at the HG parking lot.

We'll continue the great work from last week on the Pink Trail up the hill from #35.

Remember clippers and gloves.
Michael

July 4, 2017

In The Pink

9 am tomorrow at the HG parking lot.

We'll be starting in on upgrading/rerouting the Pink Trail from #35 to #39.

I have flagged the new route part way along the old trail on the right.

Remember your hand clippers. I can only work until coffee due to a commitment in town.

Michael

June 27, 2017

Leave No Trace

9 am tomorrow at the HG parking lot.

I'll meet you there with tools and coffee knapsack but can't join in due to a doctor's appt.

You may be joined by a fresh recruit: Terry Nichol. Please go easy on him so he comes out again.

You'll be filling in the borrow pits on the revised Green Trail and moving intersection sign #36 to the new trail. I'll supply a compass for proper orientation.

Michael

June 26, 2017

Happy Ending?

9 am tomorrow at the HG parking lot.

I suggest taking the Lavender Trail from #33 to #37 as it would be more direct. We stopped work less than 100' from #37 and who wouldn't like a change in scenery?

Michael

June 20, 2017

Double Up

9 am tomorrow at the HG parking lot.

Great progress today - hopefully we can keep the momentum going tomorrow even w/o Lou.

Michael

June 17, 2017

Extra shifts?

Lou has offered to come out on the next 2 Tuesdays, possibly with Ken.

Anybody who wants to join in on the fun is more than welcome.

We would meet at 9 am at the HG parking lot, same as Wednesdays.

We want to leave something to do on Jim's last Wednesday [28th] so it may not be necessary to work the 27th, depending on our progress.

Michael

June 13, 2017

A Select Few

9 am tomorrow at the HG parking lot.

We'll continue battling roots and dips as we forge ahead on the Green Trail bypass.

Michael

June 6, 2017

The Roots of the Problem

9 am tomorrow at the HG parking lot.

We'll continue our work on the Green Trail bypass. Hopefully it will get a bit easier now that we are approaching flatter terrain.

Clippers please.

Michael

May 30, 2017

Full Steam Ahead

9 am tomorrow at the HG parking lot.

We'll continue the work on the new Green Trail bypass.

Michael

May 23, 2017

Breaking New Ground

9 am tomorrow at the HG parking lot.

We'll be building on the great beginning to the Green Trail bypass by last week's elite crew.

The usual tools - most are already stashed trailside.

Michael

May 16, 2017

Into the Unknown

9 am at the HG parking lot

We'll finally start in on the Green Trail bypass just below #36

I need everyone's input on the starting point before we dive in.

Michael

May 9, 2017

Out in the Open

9 am tomorrow at the HG parking lot

We will finish the final section of the Black Trail as it reaches #38

Any remaining time can be spent starting in on the new Green Trail bypass.

May 2, 2017

Out in the Open

9 am tomorrow at the Hidden Grove parking lot.

We'll be finishing the Black Trail touch up from #36 to #38.

If time permits we'll start in on the Green Trail bypass.

Michael

April 25, 2017

Just Up Ahead

9 am at the HG parking lot

We'll be finishing the last stretch of the Green Trail as it nears #36
Bring your clippers. Ken will be debuting his new shovel.

Michael

April 18, 2017

Shift to the Left

9 am tomorrow at the HG parking lot.

We'll continue the Green Trail upgrade near #36. Rather than following the existing route up the stone steps, we'll reroute the trail to the left slightly, avoiding a bunch of roots and the need for steps.

Michael

April 11, 2017

Leave No Trace

9 am tomorrow at the HG parking lot

We'll continue work on the Green Trail above #35 but first we'll fill in some of the earliest borrow pits up to #34. Before filling them in I would like to take a few last buckets of fill to cover substandard sections of our trail that have showed up since we did our recent work.

With that in mind, I'll bring the chainsaw as well as a pick, shovel, rake and a couple of additional buckets so we don't have to go up the hill to get them.

Michael

April 4, 2017

Jumping Ship

9 am tomorrow at the HG parking lot. Continuing the work on the Green Trail up to #36.

I'll be in the dentist chair for 2+ hours beginning at 9:00 but I'll

leave the coffee pack and tools with Ken before taking off. Weather is looking iffy which means you may wish to bail if it's pouring. Ken has assured me that the coffee and cookies will not go to waste if such is the case.

Michael

March 29, 2017

Make up day

For any of you who can make it tomorrow, we'll meet at the HG parking lot at 9 am to continue work on the Green Trail upgrade. I have an 11 am dental appointment and will have to leave early.

Lou and Sparky showed up on Monday morning to help rough out a potential new route for the Green Trail above where we are working. Ken will be happy to know that Lou found lots of fill locations.

Michael

March 28, 2017

Stay Dry

No work party tomorrow. Chalk up one for the rain.

Michael

March 26, 2017

Terra Incognita

We've reached the point on the Green Trail upgrading where we need to look for an alternate route over to #37 which would avoid the visual mess along the recent clearcut at the top. With that in mind, I'll meet any of you who are interested in exploring the possibilities tomorrow at 9 am at the HG parking lot. No tools needed except flagging tape which I'll bring. Shouldn't take more than an hour.

Michael

March 21, 2017

In Absentia

9 am tomorrow at the HG parking lot

We'll continue the Green Trail upgrade uphill from #35
Don't forget your clippers.
I have a 10am doctor's appointment in Sechelt which means I'll have to leave shortly after you get started.
Michael

March 14, 2017

The Usual Suspects

9 am tomorrow at the HG parking lot.

First up is filling the small potholes in the parking lot [see title].

I'll bring extra shovels, wheelbarrow and rake.

Then it's on to the Green Trail where we left off, at #35.

I checked out our new diversion channel in the uphill gully with the switchbacks and there was a well behaved little stream during yesterday's rain. The path surface is also free from erosion.
Michael

March 7, 2017

No Go

No work party tomorrow.

Still patches of snow on the ground with the possibility of more in the offing.

Michael

February 28, 2017

In Absentia

9 am tomorrow at the HG parking lot

Work will continue on the Green Trail as we head up the hill beyond #34.

I suggest that the trail be moved to the right to avoid a root filled hump at #35.

If you go a little farther beyond this intersection you encounter some major Doug Fir roots which may also necessitate a route adjustment.

I'm mentioning this because I have a medical appointment at 9:30. I'll drop off wheelbarrow, tools and coffee pack at 9:00

and rejoin you later depending on the appointment.

Good luck.

Michael

February 21, 2017

Leave no stone unturned

9 am tomorrow at the HG parking lot.

We'll continue our relentless march up the Green Trail beyond #33

Michael

February 14, 2017

A Wet One?

9 am tomorrow at the HG parking lot.

We'll build on the success of last session's effort in the Khyber Pass section of the Green Trail, up the hill from #33.

If it's raining hard we can take a rain vote in the parking lot or you can skip the vote and stay home with that second cup of coffee.

No harm, no foul.

Michael

February 7, 2017

'This Too Shall Pass'

Once again there's too much snow to carry on. No work party tomorrow.

Oh for some warmish rain!

Michael

January 31, 2017

Khyber Pass

9 am tomorrow at the HG parking lot.

We'll be continuing work on the Green Trail as it heads up the rocky ravine past #33.

Usual tools including clippers.

Lots of rock moving so eat a big breakfast.

Michael

January 24, 2017

Dig In Everybody!

9 am tomorrow at the HG parking lot

We'll finally start work on sprucing up the Green Trail, beginning at #32

Don't forget the secateurs.
Michael

January 17, 2016

Once More into the Fray

9 am tomorrow at the HG
parking lot

We'll start with the large potholes
in the parking lot which
developed during the cold
weather.

Then we'll start in on the Green
Trail beginning at #32 and
working our way up the hill.

Clippers recommended.

Retraining is available.

Michael