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Sat Jan 30, 2016

Leader: **Ken Rodonets**

Co-Leader: **Juanita Wells**

Meeting at the Church Theatre at 8:55 am, signing in the members, and then carpooling up to the 10.5 km pull off area on the Mt. Washington road. We met our guest Anneke who drove up from Parksville. After a quick talk and look at some old snowshoes, we headed out onto the logging roads. Making our way to a small cabin at the end of a spur road, we were breaking trail thru about 6 inches of new snow.

Arriving at the cabin, we had a short break, and then headed off to do a talk on route finding. Making our way down to a safe area, we stopped to do some avalanche beacon work. All our members had a chance to find the buried beacon. Digging a snow pit gave the members a chance to look at the different layers of snow that has fallen over the past 3 months. After lunch we used the avalanche probes. Each member got a chance to "play" with them. After that we packed up and headed out to do some more route finding. We came back to the cars at 2:30 pm. The day was good. Overcast, no snow, no rain. no snowmobilies.. Thanks to the members who came out.



Heading out on a blanket of fresh snow

[Susan Osso photo]



Examining snow layers
[Susan Osso photo]



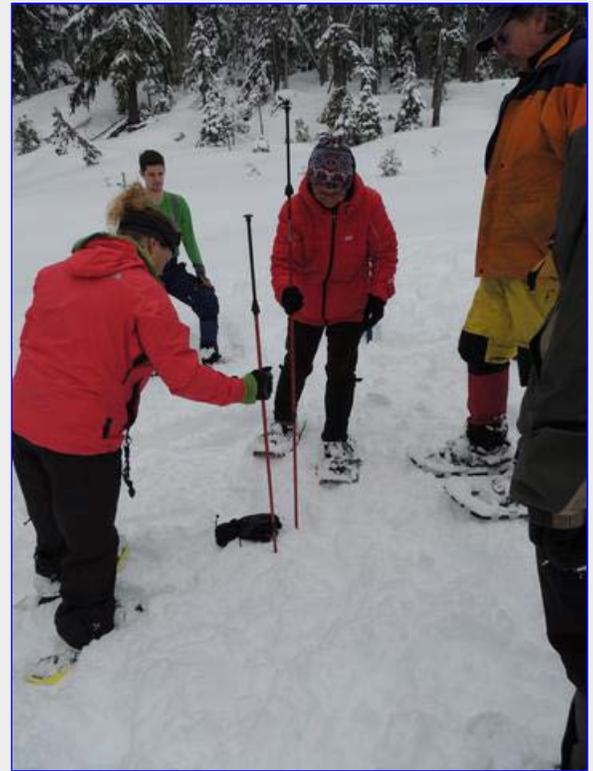
Almost deep enough!
[Juanita Wells photo]



Learning to use rescue beacons...
[Susan Osso photo]



Susan's turn with the beacon
[Juanita Wells photo]



*... and avalanche probes to locate buried
beacon
[Susan Osso photo]*



*A bit of sledding fun
[Juanita Wells photo]*



[Juanita Wells photo]



Another great day in our 'backyard' mountains
[Susan Osso photo]



Group Selfi (Go Pro)
[Mike Hincks photo]

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