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Sat Mar 05 to Sun Mar 06, 2016

Leader: **Amber Gargus**

Co-Leader: **Juanita Wells**

Wow! What a great and informative weekend we had. There were 28 enthusiastic members that came out for 2 days to learn how to be a better hiker.

Scott Larsen from CVGSAR was out Saturday morning speaking about CVGSAR, their role, what they do and how they do it. Scott was very informative with many real life examples. He included what the emergency contact procedure was and how it works for them to get the call. What the top 3 emergencies are when hiking and how to have a successful hike. After, we stepped outside to review what's in the truck, how they prepare and how the equipment works. Just as Scott was wrapping up he got a call out and off he went.

The rest of Saturday included Juanita with a walk through of the ERP (Emergency Response Plan) that is on the website. This session had lots of good discussion and dialog between participants. Krista was up next with "The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly" on plants that are in our zone. Many people were very interested and appreciated Krista's in depth knowledge on the topic. To wrap up the day Tim guided the group on a GPS review. We then went outside in groups to input coordinates, track our steps, mark way points, and find caches that had the next position to go to.

We ended the day inside with a door prize being drawn which went to Amber! Everyone seemed happy and enjoyed the topics of the day.

Sunday's workshop started with Gordon, Conservation Officer for the North Island Zone stopping in to talk with us about wildlife safety. The animals that Gord focused on were Cougars, Bears and Wolves. We did go over time by 1/2 hour, opps. But everyone seemed very interested and enthusiastic to share information. After a short break we continued on with Website 101 which wasn't fully reviewed as many members had questions and topics to discuss and share. There was another quick break with a change in venue as Frank brought in many examples of his bonsai trees and samples of other tree items. Frank spoke about the history of trees and the zone that we live in. After his in depth presentation the group went out to look at real life examples. Unfortunately, there wasn't enough time in the day to satisfy everyone's curiosity and some disappointment arose. (We will try and schedule Frank in for a talk and walk). At this time there was another door prize draw and Tim won this one!! To wrap the workshop up we had 4 volunteers from CVGSAR come in to give us a basic map and compass review. To do this, we broke up into 4 groups and had an inside introduction followed by an outside demonstration.

At 3:30 it was time to bring everyone in and say farewell. The feedback forms were completed and the grand prize was drawn. Congratulations to Maybeth for winning a \$50 GC to Valhalla and a few other items.

I would like to extended out a great big THANK YOU to everyone that volunteered

their time to make this workshop happen. Thank you: Scott Larsen, Juanita Wells, Krista Kaptein, Tim Penney, Gordon Gudbranson, Frank Hovenden, Ken Rodonets, Tom, Claude, Rebecca from CVGSAR.

Thank you to all the members that came out this weekend. The workshop wouldn't have been successful without you!!

**** A Big Thank You to both Amber and Juanita for putting this event on for the 2nd. year. This took a lot of personal time and effort to set this up. A job well done !! (ken r.)

Books that were discussed:

Outdoor Leadership by Alex Kosseff

Lost Person Behavior by Robert J. Koester

'Wild Berries of British Columbia' :

<http://www.lonepinepublishing.com/cat/9781551058658>

'Plants of Coastal British Columbia': Pojar & MacKinnon

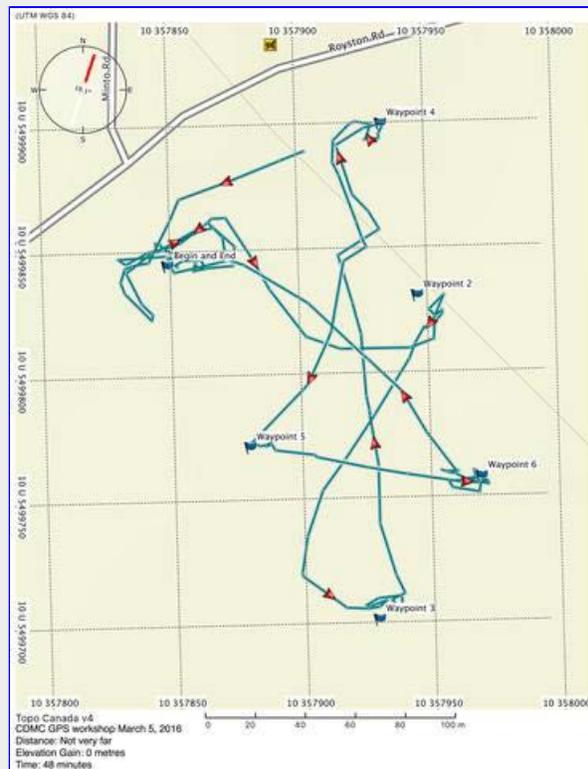
<http://www.lonepinepublishing.com/cat/9781551055329>

Tree Book/Pacific Coast Tree Finder/Field Guide for Sit Identification (Frank's personal books)

If there are ones that I missed please include!

Wildlife or other wildlife safety issues: 1-877-952-7277 (RAPP) Think if it as: Wildlife 911

BC Conservation Officer Service helps in catching persons that break fisheries, wildlife or environmental protection laws as well.



GPS Cache tracking on Saturday

[Tim Penney photo]



*Scott Larsen from CVGSAR
[Tim Penney photo]*



*The Fallen Alders Hall worked out very well for our
weekend workshop
[Tim Penney photo]*



Checking out one of the CVGSAR support trucks
[Tim Penney photo]



Scott tells us all about the equipment
[Tim Penney photo]



Gordon Gudbranson from the BC Conservation Officer Service
[Tim Penney photo]



[Tim Penney photo]



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Frank's presentation about the trees that we find in our area of VI

[Tim Penney photo]



Recognizing tree species

[Tim Penney photo]



Field trip with Frank
[Tim Penney photo]



*Map and compass session with the assistance of
CVGSAR*
[Tim Penney photo]



Learning how not to get lost in the mountains

[Tim Penney photo]



Getting down to business

[Tim Penney photo]



Practical use of taking compass bearings out in the field

[Tim Penney photo]

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