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Sat Sep 04 to Mon Sep 06, 2010

 Leader: **Ken Rodonets**

Co-Leader:

This year the Comox Glacier Hike had to drive thru Port Alberni and come in the Beaver Creek Rd, and the Comox Main Line as Timberwest still had the Comox Lake Main Line "closed" due to high fire hazard and they are working on the Land Act Agreement, so access was denied. It was a longer way around with a total of 150 kms (one way) from the leaders house to the trail head. Coming back, we went along Comox Lake Main Line with no traffic against us. So the round trip kms was 185 kms. (35 kms to Cumberland from the trail head using Comox Lake Main Line or 150 kms thru P.A.)

We left the trucks at 1:30 pm, to start up the road to the trail head. The day (Sat.) was nice with some clouds but warm. We got to the end of the 1st. Ridge around 5:45 pm with some members finding the hike up the ridge very hard with the overnight packs. Soon everyone found a spot to set up their tents, and dinner was on. With a cold wind and cool temps, everyone went into their tents around 8:30 pm. The next morning at around 7 am,(Sunday) we were greeted with a beautiful sun and clear skies.

(Just to melt the frost off of the tents !)

Away at around 8:15 am, we were off to make the summitt of the glacier. With some rope sections and tricky spots we were at Lone Tree Pass. There was still snow along Black Cat Mtn., but it was melted back enough not to be in the way. After a quick snack, we were off up to the south summit. At the south summit we notice a thin layer of clouds coming over. 2 members were happy just to call it at the south summit and wait for the rest of us to return from the north summit.

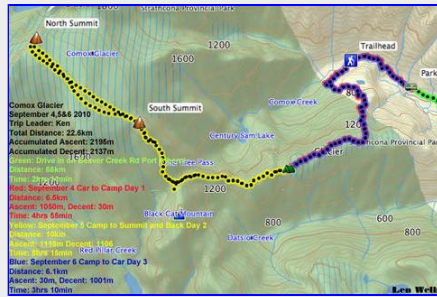
At the North Summit, lunch was had and pictures taken. Milla Lake was still half frozen over. We signed the summit book and departed back down to the tents. Back at the tents around 5 pm, supper was on, with Kurt having ice cream for dessert and sharing it with everyone. Along with Kerry, Maggie, and Stephanie sharing their Hot Chocolates, Strawberry Chessecake, and Chocolate Mousse also for dessert. As supper was finishing, we notice the clouds coming over the south summit and slowly coming lower. By 9 pm, a very light rain shower was coming down. This continued thru the night off and on.

When we awoke at 7 am on Monday clouds were all around us. With a fast breakfast and pack up, we hit the trail back to the trucks at 8:30 am. Coming off the alpine, down the trail I spotted a hornets nest (almost standing on it) With carefull and fast foot work no one got stung. Back at the trucks at 1:30 pm, just as the rain was starting to come down. A fast change into dry clothes and it was heading home time along the Comox Lake Main Road. Everyone enjoyed the trip and made it to the South Summit or North Summit.

Thank you to Kurt and Geoff for driving around thru Port Alberni and to the trail head.

To Kerry, Maggie and Stephaine for sharing the chocolates, wine, and the desserts. To everyone for coming along and having a great time. Some pictures will soon be here, stay tuned.

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Group summit shot
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Red Pillar Mtn
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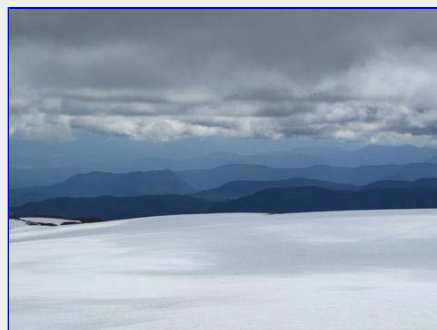
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Tarn on the ridge
[Geoff Brameld photo]



Working the ropes
[Geoff Brameld photo]



Mountain images across the glacier
[Geoff Brameld photo]



Wine & chocolates for everyone
[Geoff Brameld photo]



*Looking from south summit to
north summit*
[Ken Rodonets photo]



*Milla Lake 1/2 frozen with Mt
Harmston in the background*
[Ken Rodonets photo]

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