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Sat Sep 01 to Mon Sep 03, 2012

Leader: **Ken Rodonets**

Co-Leader:

Sat. Sept. 1/12..... I had everyone meet at my house to sign all the paperwork at 8:30 am, and then we left at 9 am, heading around Comox Lake to the Comox Glacier Trail Head. We got to the trail head around 10:50 am, and started up the trail at 11:10 am. With some short breaks going up, we were at the end of the 1st. ridge by 3 pm. Everyone found a spot to pitch their tent and get organized for Sunday. We watched the full moon come up, and then everyone went in their tents because of the coolest. During the night we had a little shower come thru, but it only lasted about 10 mins.

Sunday Sept. 2 Up at 6:45 am, and on the trail by 8 am heading for the summit. Because of our group size, we were spread out so that there would be no "bottle neck" at the rope sections. As we climbed up, the clouds were coming in and out, but we were hoping for the best. The faster hikers were at the top by or before 12 noon. The rest of us came up around 12:40 pm and 1 pm. The last members to leave the top was around 1:40 pm. The clouds were all around us, but with the route GPS(ed) and a compass bearing took we were soon back at the south cairn and heading back down the mountain. Above Lone Tree Pass, one of our members took a bad fall, causing his scalp to be cut open. With 3 members right there, a pressure bandage was applied. We brought him down to a flatter location to have a seat. It was determined right then, that we were going to have him flown out by a helicopter. With Marc on the radio to a ground search and rescue manager, he tried every helicopter company that we used before. None were available, so we had Grizzly helicopters out of Campbell River come in. The accident happened around 3pm, and we had our subject loaded up at 6:15 pm. No matter how careful you are out in the backcountry, accidents can still happen in a flash. It was pre- arranged that the 3 of us who treated our subject, would get flown down to the frog ponds and dropped off, and our subject and pilot would continue to the Comox hospital. With getting back to camp just before 7 pm, it was explained what happened. Everyone would pitch in the next day and help bring out our subjects belongings.

Monday Sept.3..... Everyone up by 7 am, and packed up ready to go by 9 am. A BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED PACKED THE EXTRA GEAR BACK DOWN. It made the job get done fast. Most members were down to the trucks between 11:30 am and 12:30 pm. It was a easy drive out and back into Courtenay by 2 pm. Plenty of time to sort out the gear.

This year gas at \$1.20 Liter..... \$15. per members and \$5.00 for the T.W. permit. Starting elevation by the trucks was 539 meters. End of the 1st. ridge was 1,391 m. A gain of 852 meters the 1st. day with our heavy packs.

From our camping area to the top of the glacier was 578 m gain. The top of the glacier is approx. 1, 969 m.

Special THANK YOU'S go to Leslie D., Marc L. and Anne G. for being 1st. on the scene right away to help our member who had the bad fall. 1st. Aid was applied. I phoned our member on Monday evening and he had a 5 hour wait at the hospital to

get 16 stitches put into his scalp. He is doing fine and will be out on other hikes soon. We were very lucky as the clouds were slowly coming down lower and we only had about an half hour left as a window for the helicopter.

We also had a very special young lady on our trip. Congrats goes to Daisy D. for climbing to the top of the glacier at an age of 8 years old !! Well done Daisy !!!

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At the beginning of the trail
[Tim Penney photo]



Congratulations to Daisy for completing the trip at 8 years old
[Tim Penney photo]



The campsite
[Tim Penney photo]



Saturday evening sunset
[Tim Penney photo]



Sunday morning
[Tim Penney photo]



Later Sunday morning
[Darrell Tomkins photo]



Exposed down climb in the fog
[Tim Penney photo]



*Easy going around the side of
Black Cat Mountain*
[Tim Penney photo]



Geoff and Otto take a break
[Tim Penney photo]



Red Pillar & Cliffe Glacier
[Geoff Brameld photo]



*CDMC members crossing the
glacier*
[Glenn Ord photo]



*Last climbers crossing the
Comox Glacier to the north
summit*
[Darrell Tomkins photo]



*CDMC members on top of the
North Summit*
[Glenn Ord photo]



North end of the Glacier
[Tim Penney photo]



*Heading down towards the south summit cairn
[Darrell Tomkins photo]*



*Hiker waves as he is taken off the mountain
[Tim Penney photo]*



*Early Monday morning packing up the campsite
[Tim Penney photo]*



*The Group at our camp site
[Geoff Brameld photo]*



*Back to the vehicles again
[Tim Penney photo]*

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