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Sun Jun 14, 2015

 Leader: **Bob St. John**

 Co-Leader: **Julianna Wells**

I would have liked to report that this trip was a success, and it was, but I will have to defer to others to write about it. I, for the first time in my life, bailed on my own trip. Yes, that's right... bagged at the top of the cutblock! I decided that my lethargy over the last six months took away too much of my stamina, and what was left would slow down the rest of the group which had a tight schedule as it was. Carol stayed with me, and the rest of the group continued up under the leadership of Julianna W with Tim P and others offering route-finding. While I erred greatly on how fit I was, I did make the correct assumption that the rest of the group was exceptional and would do well without me.

Carol and I passed the time lying in the sun, having lunch, and trying to find a drumming male grouse (unsuccessfully). Eventually we slowly made our way back down, taking photos, and stopping to look at the view along the way. The rest of the group made the summit, but with a bit of a bushwack I hear. They all arrived back to the vehicles by 4 pm. The associated Ginger Goodwin trip had an incident, but with a happy ending. A participant got off-trail, fell and broke an arm, but was found and is now recovering and ok.

As for myself, I hope to regain my fitness in the Rockies over the next few weeks. Any CDMC trips I lead in the future will be of a less demanding nature, until I am confident I can handle more adventurous ones. Lesson learned the hard way.

Hopefully others on the trip will add photos and commentary. - Bob

Thanks! Bob for the report and make sure that you get lots of exercise in the Rockies.

This was another excellent trip with a good group all fairly well matched. It helped me, though, that two of our group Ron L and Juliana W had climbed 5040 the day before.

The steep trail up through the old logged area was still easy to follow. Definitely noticed, though, that the planted trees are getting a lot bigger with considerably less views than we had a few years ago.

From the intersection at the Capes and Idiens Lakes junction we started some serious bushwhacking as we climbed the ridge between the two lakes. We had a few views of Idiens Lake on our right and some glimpses of Capes on the left. The last two times that I have done this trip it has been on snow and much easier than bushwhacking. We stopped at the Teasdale Peak summit for lunch at 1 PM and left for the return trip at 1:53.

The summit area provides some splendid views of the Comox Glacier, Mount

Harmston, Geogre V, Carey Ridge and other local mountains. The view down do Mirren Lake, not surprisingly, shows almost no snow in the entire Kweishun Valley. The lake water level looks quite low and seems to have taken on an amazing emerald green colour.

On the way up the ridge we added some pink ribbon, that nicely matched some of the existing yellow ribbon, to help with our return trek. Using a combo of the GPS and ribbons we had no trouble following our route back to the Capes/Idiens junction. We were also careful to keep the group together in the thick bush.

The steep return trek had a few of us sliding around from time to time, but with nothing more than a few scratches, no first aid was required.

After being involved with the broken wrist/arm incident we finally exited the TW gate at 9:10.

Started hiking at 9:30 AM - 160 m
At the Capes/Idiens junction at 11:30 - 1009 m
Summit at 1:0 PM - 1264 m
Left the summit at 1:53 PM
Back to vehicles at 4:30 PM

Some more images from this trip can be found here:

<http://public.fotki.com/TimPenney/cdmc-trips/teasdale-peaklee-pl/>



*Making our way up the steep
cutblock area*
[Julianna Wells photo]



*Still some small ponds on the
Lee Plateau*
[Tim Penney photo]



bush-whacking
[Julianna Wells photo]



*View to Kweishun Creek valley
and Mirren Lake*
[Tim Penney photo]



Group shot at Teasdale Peak
[Tim Penney photo]



plateau-top pond
[Julianna Wells photo]



Admiring the view
[Glenn Ord photo]



Descending through the bush-wack section
[Glenn Ord photo]



A tight group, heading down to the vehicles
[Glenn Ord photo]



Injured hiker was flown out at about 8:30
[Tim Penney photo]

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