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Sun May 27, 2012

Leader: **Otto Winnig**

Co-Leader:

A merry band of 22 followed Otto to the summit of Alone Mt, on this Sunday trek. All know Otto's talents as a fisher, to attract fish to his lure and now, here, we witnessed another of his abilities, to attract a crowd onto his trips.

Not a long trip but near 2500' of fairly stiff elevation was gained, at just under 3000', on the peak and some nice outlooks onto the terrain, below.

The forecasted rain held off, for the most part, other than some scattered sprinkles and the overcast skies made for a pleasant stroll, up the hill, except that some of our distant views were obscured by the low cloud.

Otto lugged a rope up to a particularly steep area, in the event that some might need assistance but most managed, attesting to the skills of this fine crew.

Frank & Krista were helpful in some species ID with many Spring blooms gracing the trail including Shooting Stars, Death Camas, Chocolate Lilies, Trilliums, Violets and Calypso Orchids plus, a Red Breasted Nuthatch who joined us for lunch and a beautiful Roosevelt Elk, from afar.

Also, on our trip to the trailhead, Sylvia provided some interesting club history to the vehicle's participants - Sylvia & Don were a real force in the club, for many years.

On a previous outing, Kurt had raced myself to the bottom of a hill and won, mainly because a wrong turn brought Kurt face-to-face with a bear, propelling him past me (as I saw it, a most unfair advantage).

Thus, on this descent, the rematch was on and again, Kurt (who specifically bought a new pair of ultra-light trail shoes) made a wrong turn (still working on his navigation) but this time, retribution - as I plodded by, Kurt was observed mired in a tangle of brambles and extraction wasn't coming quickly.

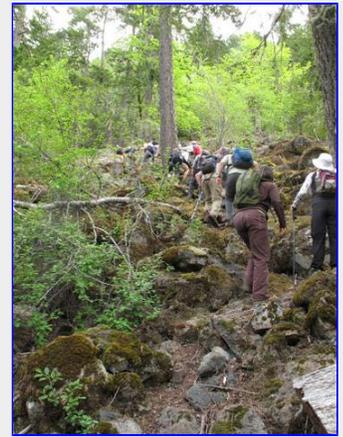
Upon our return to the trailhead, we toasted my victory with a Perrier and agreed a rubber match was in order. I did offer some amateur medical assistance but the Doc was having none of it.

The remains of our merry band arrived, over the next hour, thanking Otto for another superb day in the hills, followed by an uneventful ride home.

A thank you to Ken, Geoff and others who helped with some trail maintenance, along the way and also, it was nice to see some new folks out for some club orientation. Al, along with his daughter, joined us as an associate member, all the way from Tofino.



*Standing room only for snack
break*
[Geoff Brameld photo]



Up up and away
[Geoff Brameld photo]



Trilliums in full bloom
[Geoff Brameld photo]



Intermediate view on the way up
[Glenn Ord photo]



Lunch time
[Glenn Ord photo]



*Orobanche uniflora:
parasitic on stonecrop &
saxifrage*
[Krista Kaptein photo]



There is a Roosevelt Elk in this picture....
[Krista Kaptein photo]



On the Peak
[Krista Kaptein photo]



Chocolate or Checker Lily at streambed
[Darrell Tomkins photo]



Few-flowered Shootingstar at streambed
[Darrell Tomkins photo]

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Participant list (23 of 23): Sylvia A, Geoff B, Glen C:***lapsed***, Jerry F:***lapsed***, Paula F, Susan H, Frank H, Krista K, Ralph L, Marianne M, Kurt N, Glenn O, Sheila O, Ron P, Ken R, Karl S, Claudia S:***guest***, Darrell T, Al T:***guest***, Emily T:***guest***, Glenny W, Otto W, William W,

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