

CDMC 2025 Year End Potluck - January 24, 2026

A mix of members & guests (40 in all) gathered on a mild Saturday evening at the Evergreen Lounge in the senior's center of the Filberg Center in downtown Courtenay. Club swag was available to purchase at the door. The evening proceeded with a warm welcome from our President, Petra Strougal. After dinner the yearly club awards & leader recognition items were handed out by our Trip Coordinator, Juanita Wells.

SAR Donations

During member registration, members have the opportunity to donate to Comox Valley Search & Rescue. For 2025, the member contributions along with a small top up by the BOD amounted to \$1400! Thank you to all our members for supporting this important program. Present at the potluck to accept the check for CVSAR was Search Manager Bronwen Beedle. Bronwen thanked the CDMC for being such a generous supporter for many years & shared that your donations will be used for future training & gear.

Leaders & Co-Leads – Recognition

Our active leaders in 2025 organized a whopping 106 events for the CDMC & were presented with a card and club swag for helping to provide activities for club members. Those not attending the potluck will receive their recognition by mail.

Ross Burnett	Gary Hanson	Jody Frame	Lex Klaassen	Petra Strougal	Brian Flynn
Cathy Beacham	Ken Horne	Leslie Dargie	Debbie Quigg	Lubosch Klucek	Norris Weimer
Janet Beggs	Deb Simpson	Ken Filliter	Susan Osso	Yvonne Tinney	Ken Rodonets
Julianna Wells	Phil Dol	Suan Holvenstot	Richard Pendree	Ed Tickner	Juanita Wells
Hazel Greig					

Additional Leader Prizes

In addition to the recognition for our fabulous volunteer leaders, all leaders & co-leads were entered into separate drawings for a gift certificate to our local SOS gear store. Congrats go to Deb Simpson & Richard Pendree!

Work Parties

Through out the year, the CDMC works on many trail & infrastructure projects connected to access to those places we all love to hike to. In 2025, five of these events took place with a cumulative total of 44 participants. The CDMC appreciates the time & energy of all our trail volunteers and thanks you for your time & effort. In recognition, all members who participated in a work party for 2025 were entered for the chance to win one of two gift certificates to our local SOS gear store. Congrats go to Sheila Fairbank & Ken Filliter!

Chris Carter Award

This award of a canvas print was donated in 2018 by past member Chris Carter. It is to be awarded to the leader of the most interesting trip outside our usual stomping grounds from the corresponding award year, to be decided by the BOD. For 2025, the CDMC BOD decided that there were no new interesting trips outside our usual stomping grounds to consider so the remaining prints will be held for a future winner that fills this category.

After the awards, members browsed gear for sale and enjoyed refreshments with some dessert.

HUGE SHOUT OUT! to all the members at  the potluck for providing yummy food for our evening event.

Next on the agenda was a presentation by Petra Strougal & Ken Rodonets from their two trips through the Beauforts from the McLean Mill in Port Alberni to Cumberland. Thank you to Petra & Ken for sharing lots of great photos & information.

Last but certainly not least, was the photo contest. Great pictures submitted & voted on from 2025 trips! Winners are: Summer: Lex Klaassen Winter: Jae Dea Jensen Flora & Fauna: Paige Knapman People: Bob Yip Congrats to all our winners! Besides having bragging rights, all their photos will be on posted on our website and on meetup.

After some help to clear up the kitchen, our lovely evening ended with a door prize of a gift card to Mudsharks, which was won by Lisa Bentley.

Thank you everyone for a fabulous 2025. Looking forward to another great year ahead. See you out there!