

Sunshine Coast Trails Society



Presidents Report – Warren Hansen
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Dear SCTS Reps:

Well here we are, a year since taking over the President and Chair of the Society. I really learned (still learning) a lot about the SC Trail Society. I have to thank Elise Rudland for giving me a soft landing and she still has me back from time to time. I learned that we are passion people that believe in taking care of our trails. We have great ideas and although we have little funding, we somehow managed to get things done. We are a 'roll up yer sleeves and get dirty' bunch of people.

The year in review:

SCTS Signage

Although winter came early and stuck around late, it didn't stop our SCTS membership from installing new kiosks on Gowland, Mason Store, Menacher Roads, Trout Lake and Redroofs road. Thanks to everyone that helped out here! These kiosks looks absolutely great!



SCTS Projects

Two projects were completed this year.

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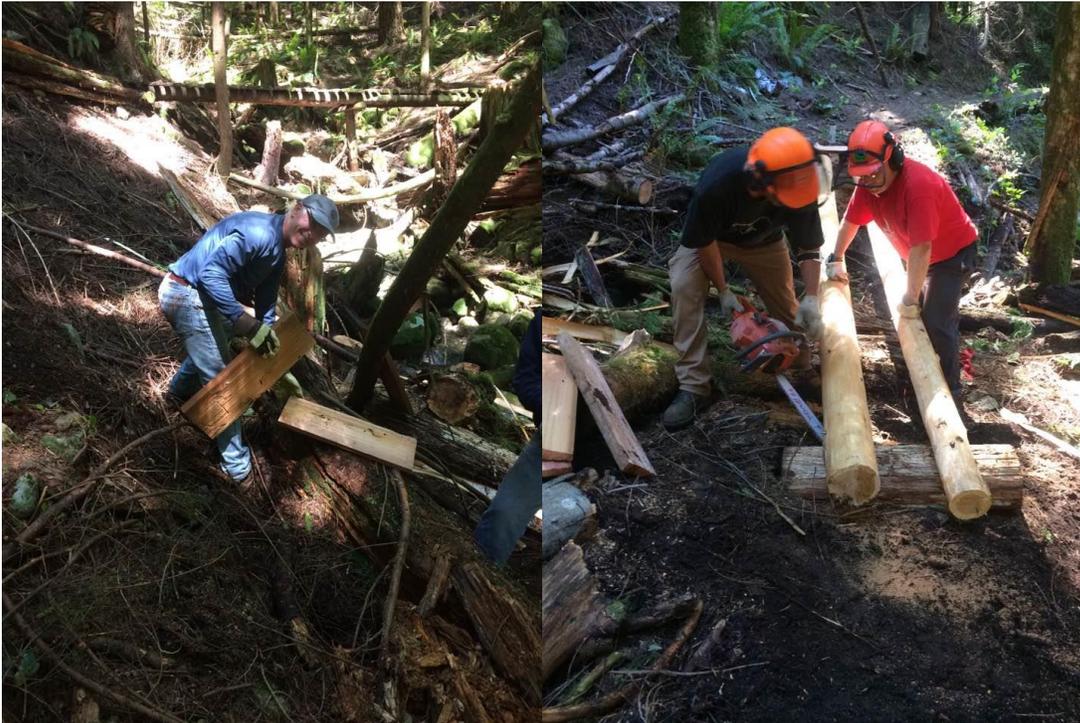
- Wormy 150 – A funding partnership with the Sunshine Coast Rotary/Canada 150 Grant and the Sunshine Coast Community Forest; the SCTS contracted out Sechelt Creek Contracting to build 2km of single track and a 65m long boardwalk to establish a trail system that circumnavigates Wormy Lake. Special people I would like to thank are:
 - Thanks to Elise for her exceptional dedication and hard work on securing the funding and managing the project.
 - David Bates, PHD for completing the Environmental Assessment (permitting requirement) as in-kind donation to the project
 - Sechelt Creek Contracting and Kris Sneddon for building the trail and boardwalk
 - Forestech Industries for supplying a hand faller in-kind to fall dangerous snags in the work area.
 - The volunteers and SCUMB for donating your time to rake and surfacing the trail
 - Rand Rudland for his in kind contributions for interpretative sign designs
 - Terminal Forest Products for supplying the decking material for the boardwalk and bridges.
 - Dave Lasser and the Community Forest for the directional signs to Wormy Lake and the benches (to be install shortly)
 - The Rotarian Broom Eradicators who came out to cut and dispose of the scotch broom around the site.



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- Three bridges replaced on Hwy 102. Special people I would like to thank are:
 - o SCUMB and Rod Camposano (BC Bike Race) for building and decking the bridges
 - o Airspan Helicopter for giving us a deep discount on flying the material to the sites.
 - o Sue Duxbury for being air lift supervisor and directing pilot by radio to the sites.



Trail Advocacy

- BC Timber Sale conducted a presentation to our members and introduced planned logging blocks within our trail system. SCTS solicited and coordinated comments from various members to be considered in their Forest Stewardship Plan. We identified and requested on a couple of blocks that a field tour of the block with concerned members be offered by BCTS. Members of SCTS and other concerned trail users completed a block walk in May. It was an informative session and BCTS moved their planned roads and modified their boundaries to protect special features of the impacted trail. Other block walks are planned with SCTS when ready.
- **Sunshine Coaster Trail** – On March 1st, SCRCD held an exclusive meeting with SCTS members after their open house. There was good dialogue between everyone and I think that they went away with constructive feedback.

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Trail Projects and Maintenance

Two SCRD Grants in Aid were given out to SCTS – one grant for a local trail builder to transport materials and equipment on trails in Halfmoon Bay. The other was for 28 sheets of mesh to be used on bridges and other slippery surfaces.



Our members were out in force where out every weekend, cleaning branches and trees from the trails. Thanks to everyone for up-keeping trails!!!

Lastly, it is with regret that I step down as Chair of the SCTS in order to pursue a position with BC Bike Race. I will be participating as a board member and Director of Projects, Land Manager Liason, and Permitting. I enjoyed my time representing the organization and enjoyed the respectful dialogue, and passion at our meetings. Thank you to our membership groups for all your hard efforts this year!

Warren Hansen, Chair (2016-2017)