

OYSTERCATCHER

Salt Spring Trail & Nature Club

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Greetings to all of you, our members!

This has been a very hot and dry summer which may have kept some of you off the trails seeking shade. Regardless, I hope that the last couple of months have been enjoyable and that you are rarin' to go and ready to hit the trails in September.

Carron Carson, President

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 6 & 7: SSTNC Booth at the Fall Fair. Come say hi, pay your membership dues and have a chance to win wonderful prizes.

SEPTEMBER 16: Blackberry Festival, Ruckle Park, see pg 4.

Saturday November 22, 2 PM at the Public Library: Andrea Rankin who, in 1967, climbed Mt. Saskatchewan in Kluane National Park as part of Canada's centennial celebrations will show and speak about the historic climb, commemorated 50 years later with a film. Put the date on your calendar!

Our Website....

... offers a wealth of information for long time members as well as newcomers. Here you will find

- Descriptions of rambles, walks and hikes
- Dates and destinations
- Links to maps and trails
- Guidelines and carpooling information
- Archives with back issues of The Oystercatcher
- and much more!

<https://saltspringtnc.ca/>



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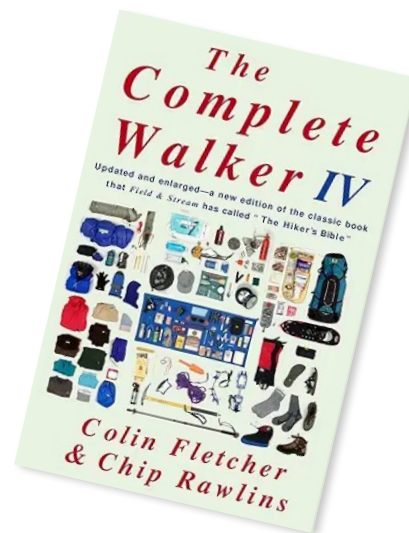
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BOOK TALK:

The Complete Walker IV, Colin Fletcher and Chip Rawlins is a combination of the how and why of walking and practical information on equipment. The authors look at ethical walking practices in relation to the environment but also guide hikers through everything from packing a well-balanced pack to freeze dried trail cuisine.



ISBN 0-375-70323-3, Alfred A. Knopf
Available in the Salt Spring Public Library.



A big **Thank You** to those members who donated prizes for the draw at the Fall Fair:

Diana Kray - pottery jar with lid, John Gauld - turned walnut wood bowl with lid

Special thanks to Scott Howe who arranged for the use of the ISCU tent for the TNC booth.

A shout out to the 17 TNC members who have volunteered to take a turn at manning the TNC booth during the 2 days of the Fall Fair!

And a huge thank you to David Cater for coordinating the entire event. Come and visit us at the booth to renew your membership and a chance at winning a draw prize!

Which hike leader would like to lead a
WALK

and

which walk leader would like to take a
RAMBLE

on level appropriate trails?

Contact Bob Keates if you are
interested!



SSTNC's Trail Team has been hard at work building a bird observation site along the Cupple's Trail. Directions, a bench and viewing windows will be completed soon.



Check our website for upcoming walk and hikes.
Leaders are needed for a few dates - a chance to show others
your favourite trails: <https://saltspringtnc.ca/>





TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 16

BLACKBERRY FESTIVAL

Join us for the grand opening of our hiking season!

Ruckle Park picnic area (same as Strawberry festival, NOT the group camp!) at 10 AM if you want to go for a walk/hike/ramble first (details will follow) and at 12 for a picnic lunch. Bring blackberries or a blackberry dish to share if you like.

Bring bowl and spoon and your own lunch.

The Trail & Nature Club's most important people might just be our leaders. We all see many emails from a well organized Bob Keates, but who is he?

Bob was professor of Biochemistry at the University of Guelph for 31 years! He bought land on Salt Spring some 25 years ago, built a house and moved here in 2009. Bob says, "I was actually an active rock climber and mountaineer since I was 14, and hiking was incidental to those activities." The hike coordinator's main job is to solicit leaders for the weekly hikes, so Bob would love to hear from you if you would like to plan on leading a walk/hike/ramble! Bob stays busy for our Club because he has to also explore to find potential hikes both on Salt Spring and off island. His favourite trails on Salt Spring are on Mt Maxwell and Hope Hill. Off island, he enjoys Brown Ridge on Saturna and Heart Lake and Holland creek above Ladysmith. Say thanks to Bob next time you see him and happy hiking!

