

**Trail and Nature Club  
President's Report for 2009  
Jan 28, 2010**

2009 was simply another good year of activities out with Mother Nature. Whether we were learning about nature, counting birds, getting our weekly exercise or helping to maintain trails, we were fulfilling the basic purpose of the Club and let us always keep this fact in mind as we get involved in other peripheral events, such as:

- a. We contributed toward the assessment of the Bold Bluff property that Tamar Griggs wanted to sell. It turns out our money was not needed because other sources were available, so the money was returned to the Club. Perhaps it will be needed in future land deals.
- b. Our spring trip last year was to the BC Nature AGM in Duncan. Our fall trip was to Cathedral Lakes. Thanks to the Vissers for organizing it.
- c. We continued to be a partner with Island Pathways (and others) to construct three pathways – a gravel one along Atkins Road and two asphalted ones on Crofton Road and Blain Road. May they be well used!
- d. Once again there were 4 published issues of the Oystercatcher. Well done to all who contributed and of course to Nieke Visser for producing it.

Looking forward to 2010 I want to highlight three items that the Club is working on:

- a. First is the BC Nature Camp at the end of April. There are 24 non-island participants coming here for 5 nights to learn about Salt Spring Island.
- b. Brian Radford will be coordinating the annual broom pull at Ruckle Park. The date at the moment looks like Tuesday 30 March. Your participation would be a key to success of this venture.
- c. Finally your Executive is putting together an information package for potential leaders of hikes, walks and rambles. So you will see more correspondence on this subject in the future. Our coordinators work hard to schedule the activities. I strongly urge you to help out in leading these events