

VICO Annual report to OABC 2016

Membership: 193

Starts: 535

A positive year for the club, while membership dipped slightly the club had a much higher active participation rate. We have had success with cadet and guide participation at some events, as well as having invested in Facebook to allow advertising of our events through that medium which has proven very successful - if only to remind club members of events - but it also has attracted some new people.

We again joined the annual Island Farms sports festival at PISE, and Linda's continues her work with the cadets.

We have come to a good arrangement with the CRD that has both raised our profile with them, and also smoothed processes to getting permits on CRD parks. A team of undergraduates on the Environmental Sciences program at Royal Roads University have complete a project examining the ecological impacts of our events. We don't have a final report as yet, but I was slightly underwhelmed with the final presentation, nevertheless they confirmed that our events have negligible impact on the parks we operate in.

We are grateful to OABC and Bryan Chubb for continuing the remapping of Mount Doug and Camp Thunderbird and we plan to use Thunderbird for the BC Champs in 2017.