



Golden Stanley Shelter



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It all starts with a pile of wood. The Golden Stanley Hut's humble beginning.

To date, PAWS has built 11 shelters along the length of the Sunshine Coast Trail, which includes the open timber-framed information kiosk at the SALTERY BAY trailhead that has also served as emergency shelter in a pinch. Due to the closure of Herondell B&B, and trekkers no longer being able to overnight there, we had to find a replacement location for another shelter, roughly halfway between Walt Hill and Troubridge huts. Earlier this year we received the permit from Recreation Sites and Trail BC to build the shelter. We had numerous work days through the summer clearing out and levelling an area on Stanley Creek to accommodate a shelter, now named in honour of local historian Golden Stanley.

First we built a composting toilet and a new picnic table, and now a functional

campsite. After that we built the forms for the foundation, then mixed and poured concrete. Later the forms were stripped and the cement cured. We had good weather late in November and built the main floor. If the weather holds the porch floor may get finished before year end, leaving construction of the walls and the closed-in sleeping loft for the new year. 🐾

Who was Golden Stanley? See Page 2.



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WORLD CLASS!

Even we were WOWED when the Fall 2015 edition of *Explore Magazine* listed the Sunshine Coast Trail as one of its picks for **The 50 Best Hikes in the World**. Here's what they had to say:

"A testament to what devoted locals and volunteers can achieve, the Sunshine Coast Trail showcases 180 scenic kilometres running along the coastline, through the mountains and past the lakes of BC's northern Sunshine Coast. It's Canada's longest hut-to-hut hiking trail, and the only free one—forged and maintained by the Powell River Parks & Wilderness Society. Trekkers can explore routes from a few hours, to a full day, to a week or more—overnighting at the 12 huts and 20-odd campsites along the way. (Troubridge Hut is our top choice.) If you have 10 to 12 days, try the whole route in one push! However you explore, it'll be clear why we chose this gem for our list."

We're tickled pink! To read the whole article, [click here](#). 🐾

Golden Stanley 1910 – 1986

Golden Stanley was a Renaissance man, a Powell River personality. Exactly a century ago, Golden and his parents were living in Vancouver. When economic conditions deteriorated during WW1 his father, a carpenter, could not find work and the family moved to the Horseshoe Valley southeast of Powell River in 1916. They homesteaded a Crown grant that is now waterfront on the west side of Lois Lake, directly across from Stanley Creek on the south side that Golden would have explored in his youth. For eight years the family gardened, fished, hunted, trapped and traded in this area – and survived. As an only child Golden learned to amuse himself, which he described in his book, *Pitlighting through*

Conscription 1916-1923, Memoirs of Golden Stanley. He attended elementary school, boarding in Stillwater and hiking home on weekends. Later he went to Oliver High School in Vancouver. He even completed a year at UBC, but the depression unfortunately put an end to his promising studies, and he returned to Powell River to live his adult life, first logging, then working in the mill's technical lab. He was self-taught in many subjects but botany, music, writing and local history were some of his foremost lifelong passions. He became Powell River's first archivist, until his death in 1986. He was married twice, and had one son. 🐾

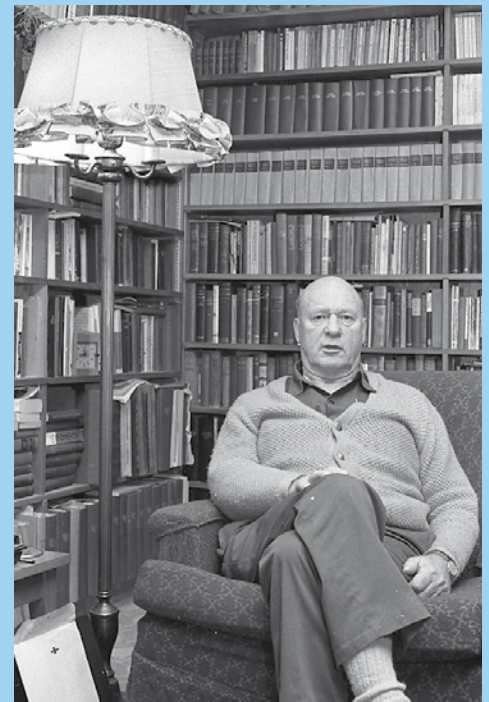
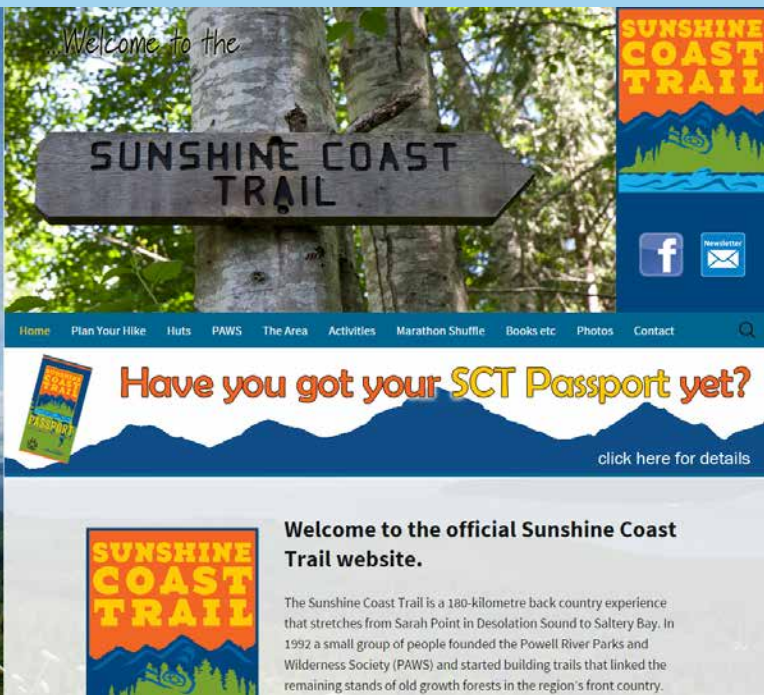


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Website now tablet friendly

Are you sitting on the ferry or at your kitchen table with your tablet thinking about looking up the Sunshine Coast Trail? DO IT! The SCT website – www.sunshinecoasttrail.com – is now tablet and mobile phone friendly. Over the past several months we have done a major site upgrade, updating details, adding downloadable sectional maps, more photos, more information – and even a brand new blog (<http://sunshinecoast-trail.com/plan-your-hike/news/>). A huge THANK YOU to Teresa Nightingale of Attention Design in Sechelt for her help in making this huge project a reality. Come check it out! 🐾

Mount Troubridge enhancements

Activities during the Labour Day week 2015: The closest we could get the materials we needed for the Mount Troubridge Enhancement Expedition was near Elephant Lake Junction with Branch 41. From there everything had to be flown up to the cabin at Jocelyn Pond. Supplies, tools, building materials, etc. were loaded into nets that were "sewn" up at the top so nothing would fall out.

After a few hours of waiting right amidst the clouds, they finally lifted long enough for the helicopter to drop off the nets and slings. We got busy right away, with some building the foundation and then the composting toilet right on top of it. Others built scaffolds, jumped on them beginning sanding, painting, staining, doing finishing carpentry, and fixing the chimney. Over a period of five days we completed a new composting toilet, and skirted in the crawlspace all around. Then we took down the old outhouse and constructed a sturdy new dock in the pond. Finally we cleaned up all around the cabin and outhouse, as well as tidying up at the Summit Emergency Shelter. There we also completed the new reroute, which is safe and curls right past the shelter. 🐾



Signage Project

PAWS is working together with Tourism Powell River to help make Powell River's backcountry even more visitor friendly. The first signs that were erected were full-colour directional signs on the highway. They show the Sunshine Coast Trail logo with an arrow pointing up the roads leading to major SCT trailheads. The other set are signs that show full colour map sections of the SCT in the general vicinity of where a particular section of the trail comes out at a logging road. Each of these maps has its own unique location of a red "You Are Here" arrow pointing to where you are actually standing and looking at the map. There is also an elevation profile chart of the trail. The signage will not only be appreciated by the thousands of visitors to Powell River to hike the trails, but also by new residents and many long-time inhabitants as well. The same maps can be printed out, or downloaded for free from our website www.sunshinecoastrail.com in the drop down menu under Plan Your Hike. Many thanks for support from the PR Regional District, the City of Powell River and Tourism Powell River for the signs. 🐾

LEFT: PAWS board member Don Krompocker checks out one of the new highway signs.
INSET: Lars Hawkes examines a new "You Are Here" sign.

A happy work party!



Mount Troubridge: PAWS board members, volunteers and a couple of hikers too!

President's Message

Things on the Sunshine Coast Trail have been very busy since June, with more visitors than ever before, lots of trail clearing and enhancing projects, and building reroutes near March and Lewis lakes. Besides other projects already mentioned in this newsletter, at East Lewis Lake campsite we installed a picnic table, tent site, pit toilet, and finished marking the trail around the east side of the lake. PAWS added eight tent sites at Plummer Creek and Kokanee Creek and more campsites were built at Manzanita Hut and Rieveley Pond in partnership with the students from Vanier School in Calgary.

PAWS loves partnering with other community organizations, and truly appreciate all the support we get from others to make the SCT better day by day. We partnered with First Credit Union on their Community Impact Day and improved the switchback start of Tony's Trail (SCT) at Mowat Bay. We attached more new reflective markers to sections of the SCT with funding donated by PR Community Foundation and the Sunrise Rotary Club of Powell River. We had help from the PR Firefighters and the Royal Bank with building the foundation forms for Golden Stanley shelter, and a few weeks later, the shelter floor. We also thank PR Community Forest and RSTBC for their support.

Many thanks to our awesome corporate, group and individual supporters. We couldn't have done it without you.

Happy trails and Happy Holidays. Enjoy them in good health and spirits.

—**Eagle Walz**, for the Board of Powell River Parks and Wilderness Society (1992). Wes Bingham, Bob Davey, Ron Diprose, Monty Tyrwhitt-Drake, Scott Glaspey, Emma Larocque, Don Krompocker, Terry Roberts, Jim Stutt, Richie Tait, Eagle Walz.

Have you renewed your PR PAWS membership?

It's that time of year again – memberships are due! Please take the time to renew your PAWS membership – these funds are important to our work on the Sunshine Coast Trail!

Annual memberships for PAWS are:

\$20 for a single person • \$30 for a family

As a member you will be kept up-to-date on the activities of PAWS, work parties, events and more via email, and you will receive our bi-annual newsletter. All membership dues go to the maintenance and enhancement of the Sunshine Coast Trail.

If you would like to send a cheque, please make it out to Powell River Parks and Wilderness Society and mail it to:

PRPAWS, Box 345, Powell River, BC V8A 5C2

You can now also pay your membership on our website via PayPal:

www.sunshinecoast-trail.com/becomeamember.html

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Looking for a special gift for that outdoorsy person in your life (or for yourself)? Look no further!

Sunshine Coast Trail **T-shirts**, **patches** and **books** are available all year 'round at the Powell River Visitor InfoCentre on Joyce Ave.

The definitive SCT Guidebook (4th edition) has just been re-printed and books are now available at the Visitor InfoCentre and Breakwater Books for \$24.95. SCT T-shirts are \$20. Collect the whole series – an original design for each SCT hut! And the new sew-on SCT patches are \$5. Get a patch free when you complete your SCT Passport by visiting each trail hut and getting a stamp for each visit. If that isn't enough motivation for you, I don't know what is – enjoy! 🐾



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