

BOC barbecue and 30+ anniversary
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All week leading to the BBQ Day, I had been checking the weather for Buntzen Lake, And more where the BOC barbecue and 30+ anniversary would be taking place. The forecast was 40% chance of rain. Jacques and I arrived at the gate of Buntzen Lake at 7:45 am thinking we should be able to get the gazebo for the BBQ in case it might rain. (The gate opens at 8 am.) Unfortunately, another Korean hiking group was way ahead of us and occupied the gazebo. But to my surprise, it turned out to be a cool but sunny day. We ended up in an area with great views close to the lake and beach.

Feeling much better, we started putting up the signs that Catherine R. made for the celebration. Soon, I saw Dave Fletcher arriving with a beautiful custom-made cake for the anniversary. Later, Diana Knowles, who just returned from the UK a couple of days ago, joined us with her delicious banana bread. Then we saw Jim arriving on his bike. He had biked from Port Moody to Buntzen Lake. As we were chatting, the two groups of hikers were back around 12:30 pm and joined us. People were grilling burgers, hotdogs, short ribs and beyond meat burgers and there was a lot of food to share on the picnic tables.

The 30+ anniversary celebration/BBQ/picnic was a great success, with a great turnout. We had 23 current and old BOC members catching up with each other. The food was good, and the company was superb. We all had a great time.