

The Rattler



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President's Message

Once again the community was saddened at the loss of an active community volunteer and supporter of the Bruce Trail. Bob Light was our "secretary for life", as he kidded for the last ten years and provided great support and advice on protocol to many Presidents. Our condolences to his family and friends who lost a "friend for life".

The club is in full swing now that summer is waning: the E2E is a success with over twenty participants, special hikes are available (art or short loops), Trail Captains have "spruced up" their sections and the Cape Croker Boardwalk has been 70% restored (see related article on this amazing feat). Our Sales team of Jane Greenhouse - outgoing [in more than one way] and incoming Lee Bartlet have loaded up the peninsula with souvenirs and branded PBTC attire.

Welcome Lee!

The most significant single special event is the Hiking Festival in the fall which is held around Tobermory. This event has been coordinated by Sheila Buckingham and a few helpers for ten years and they need help this year! You can help with "desk" jobs such as registration or set up please contact me or any board member.

Please plan to attend the Hiking Festival – it is great: unique hikes, speakers and a chance to explore the northern section in the early fall with few other visitors and without bugs!

The Board has one opening for a Director of Public Relations and Communications. Don't stop reading, it's not that onerous! We have adopted a team approach to major functions like Stewardship (5), The Rattler (4) and Trail Director (5). The Communication/PR Director would review policy and use an annual plan of events and communications to manage/

budget whatever actions are to be undertaken in any year.

Support people, who do not need to be board members, can take on bits of the program like advertising wording and locations or sending Eblasts/Facebook postings or organizing public displays or meeting with local groups to spread the message of the BTC and our club.

Come on! Call us! Be a part of the team as Director or special helper! (416) 762-2353

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GENEROUS DONATIONS FROM OUR LANDOWNERS

At the May Annual Meeting of the Peninsula Bruce Trail Club, it was announced that three new properties had been donated by our landowners to the Bruce Trail Conservancy.

This totals six properties donated in the past three years, an amazing total that has not been equalled by any of the other BTC clubs. That would seem to indicate the strength of landowner relations in the Peninsula; these donors obviously felt a strong attachment to the values of the BTC

In each case the property was extremely important in assuring a continuous connection for existing Trail along the optimum route.

John and Donna Baker donated land south of Moore St. in Lion's Head, thus securing access to the trails of Gun Point on MNR land. There had been a dispute about the former route and even for a brief period the Trail had been closed by the owner. The Bakers' donation now guarantees a continuous trail.

I first met John and Donna over two decades ago when they came north to assist on what was then called Go-To-Blazes weekend. They quickly became active members and Donna in the late '90s was club President. About a decade ago, they retired to Moore Street and both have been very busy with their many community involvements.

The other two donated properties had presented a unique problem for the club. To the north of Lion's Head, Carter Lane (now called Chetwynd Lane) connected with the Williams Cave property which the BTC had acquired. It was a public road except for the last two lots which were owned by the Cunninghams and the Hamiltons. Fortunately both were Bruce Trail supporters but if a new landowner had acquired either property, the trail route could have been closed.

I have known Mimi Hamilton for a long time. Back in the 1960's she was a pioneer trail builder with the Toronto Bruce Trail Club, and her husband was one of its early Presidents. Readers of the Bruce Trail Magazine will have noted that Bill and Mimi were generous donors to the acquisition fund. Bill also helped with legal advice that allowed the Trail to make significant gains in the Peninsula. Their loyalty continued strong and at the time of Bill's death many donations in memory of Bill were directed towards the Bruce Trail.

The most southerly lot on Carter Lane was owned by the Cunninghams. I remember my first contact with them when asking for a handshake for the Main Trail to travel into the Williams Cave property. Many years ago they had had the Trail on their land and at that time there was inadequate maintenance. The Bruce Trail suffered from problems of illegal camping and litter. Bob, I remember, asked me how we would avoid a repetition of such a problem. I assured him that now we were a different kind of organization, with a much stronger realization of our responsibility for the land. Indeed, both the Cunninghams and the Hamiltons along with another Carter Lane resident took on the Trail Captain responsibilities here for the club, and to my knowledge there have been no serious problems.

The first time I personally met Bob was on a work party on the Jones Bluff property on Cape Croker. Chris Walker had formerly been its Trail Captain and with his death, the Trail had not been kept in good repair. Bob joined a team of about seven volunteers who after a full day had returned the Trail to optimum condition.

In the past few years, Bob has become heavily involved with the club. He is a member of the Peninsula Club Board and is the Club's Land Stewardship Director. As well he and his wife Anita are co-Trail Captains of both of the Chetwynd Lane area and Bannister Hill. They are also co-Land Stewards of the Williams Cave and Bull Homestead properties. It is great to have landowners so involved!

We members of the Peninsula Club should feel proud to have such a supportive group of landowners, as illustrated by the Bakers, Hamiltons and Cunninghams. With them we share a love for the Bruce and a commitment to preserving its beauties for future generations. I can remember back to the 1980s when the introduction of Niagara Escarpment Commission controls brought forth landowner antagonism towards the Trail. Although some scars from that period still linger, on the whole we now see a very positive relationship. Those six donations of land over the past few years illustrate so well the bond that now exists.

Ross McLean

John Appleton ST Officially Opened July 2015

The John Appleton ST is the most recent trail added to our club's territory. The name honours John Appleton, the club's Trail Director from 1998 to 2009 at a time when membership was just returning and many of the trails were not on optimum route. The club was awarded the Tom East award for trail development during his tenure and it took five people to replace him when he retired! John initiated Spruce Up the Bruce (SUTB) and was famous for the SUTB after work day party get-together on Moore Street.

The side trail was designed by Grant Ehrhardt and implemented by John Grandy at this year's SUTB work party. It runs through the Madill and Sattler properties, both managed by the BTC. The trail runs past a beaver pond, through scenic hardwood forest and some very attractive fractured rock features.

Thanks John for building up such a beautiful set of trails and setting standard for trail grooming and design.



We want to send a sincere
THANK YOU
to Lion's Head Promotions Group
for generously placing a Johnny-on-
the-spot in the McCurdy parking lot
off Moore St., Lion's Head.

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THANK YOU
to Bruce Peninsula Septic Service,
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Peninsula Bruce Trail Club
2015 Another Great Annual Bird Walk
53 Species Identified

Lead by Ray and Marlene Rothenbury and sixteen other enthusiastic birders.

It was a record turnout for our annual birding walk this year. We all met at the Dyer's Bay Municipal Parking lot. Sixteen people arrived including many local peninsula enthusiasts, and one couple all the way from Owen Sound. Some were no sooner out of their cars when they spotted several species in the trees surrounding the abandoned gravel pit on the escarpment edge. We were off to a running start. It has been an unusually late spring this year and we were blessed with hardly any leafout on the deciduous trees. This always makes for easier spotting. The weather was perfect again this year, with cool temperatures and sunny skies for good viewing.

Our usual route takes us from Dyer's Bay Dock to Brittain Lake Rd., and then around the concession block of Bartley Drive, Lindsay Rd. 40, Crane Lake Road, and Dyer's Bay Rd. We carpool and break for lunch at the Warder Ranch, each of us finding our spot on the grass up against the warm south facing wall of the homestead house of the Warder's. Again, we were lucky to find our secret stash of salad in the tall grasses – we won't tell where. Everyone had a taste – oh so sweet fresh picked.

Our first stop was a carpool down to the Dyer's Bay dock where Bill Hansen and Don Douma were waiting with a scope. The winds were strong onshore and it was difficult to see birdlife amongst the white caps but both Bill and Don found several species for us to see. The scope proved invaluable. Again, a huge thank you to Bill and Don. These two birding experts have been conducting a survey each year to record sightings of the Red-necked Grebe specifically, plus other species, in the Dyer's Bay waters. These recordings are included in the Cabot

Head Bird Observatory bird banding yearly data. This organization is a non-profit, charitable organization dedicated to the monitoring and research of bird migration on the Bruce Peninsula, Ontario, Canada. Check out their website at www.bpbo.ca. Volunteers to assist in their work are always welcome, and what a beautiful place to work as a volunteer.

After our dock experience, we jumped back into our cars and began the 'inland' portion of the walk. The following is the final sighting list of the 53 species identified this year: *Horned Grebe, Red-necked Grebe, Double-crested Cormorant, Turkey Vulture, Canada Goose, Mallard, Common Merganser, Red-breasted Merganser, Northern Harrier, Cooper's Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, American Kestrel, Ruffed Grouse, Sora, Sandhill Crane, Ring-billed Gull, Rock Dove, Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Downy Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, Eastern Phoebe, Eastern Kingbird, Blue Jay, American Crow, Common Raven, Tree Swallow, Barn Swallow, Black-capped Chickadee, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Eastern Bluebird, American Robin, Gray Catbird, Brown Thrasher, Nashville Warbler, Chestnut-sided Warbler, Palm Warbler, American Redstart, Ovenbird, Common Yellowthroat, Eastern Towhee, Chipping Sparrow, Savannah Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, Northern Cardinal, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Bobolink, Red-winged Blackbird, Eastern Meadowlark, Common Grackle, Baltimore Oriole, American Goldfinch*

Thank you to all birders that came out this year to help with the sightings. It was a collective success again this year. We work as a team and have lots of fun. Everyone is welcome. See you next year?

*Submitted by Ray and Marlene Rothenbury
Gillies Lake*

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Note Re: Our Fabulous Volunteers

Throughout this issue there are photos of our fabulous volunteers at work and play - the folks that keep the trails groomed and the Peninsula Bruce Trail Club humming along.

see photos on pages 2, 8, 12,13, 17 & 19.

Snake Boardwalk Cape Croker 2015

It is Déjà vu! Like last year, a core team of 6-8 volunteers have been working one day a week since June ripping up and replacing the old boardwalk. This is strenuous, muddy, hard work yet many folks come back each week because they find the work and sense of achievement to be fun!

The Snake Boardwalk at Cape Croker is over 3,000 feet long (the longest single boardwalk on the Bruce Trail) and provides a great experience for the walking public. It was built between 1997-9 by the members of the Chippewas of Nawash Band and was funded by four BTC clubs.

The boardwalk has aged; it has deteriorated, become slippery and slanted so the Peninsula Club elected to repair it. A core team lead by the Trail Captain, Alan Bobo and directed by Zane Davies, owner of Treadscape, met weekly through 2014 and completed over 1,300 feet of restoration. The team reformed this year lead by Tom Hall, Laura Browne and Jim Woods who were encouraged by a second round of funding from RBC Blue Water Foundation and the estate of two families close to the project.

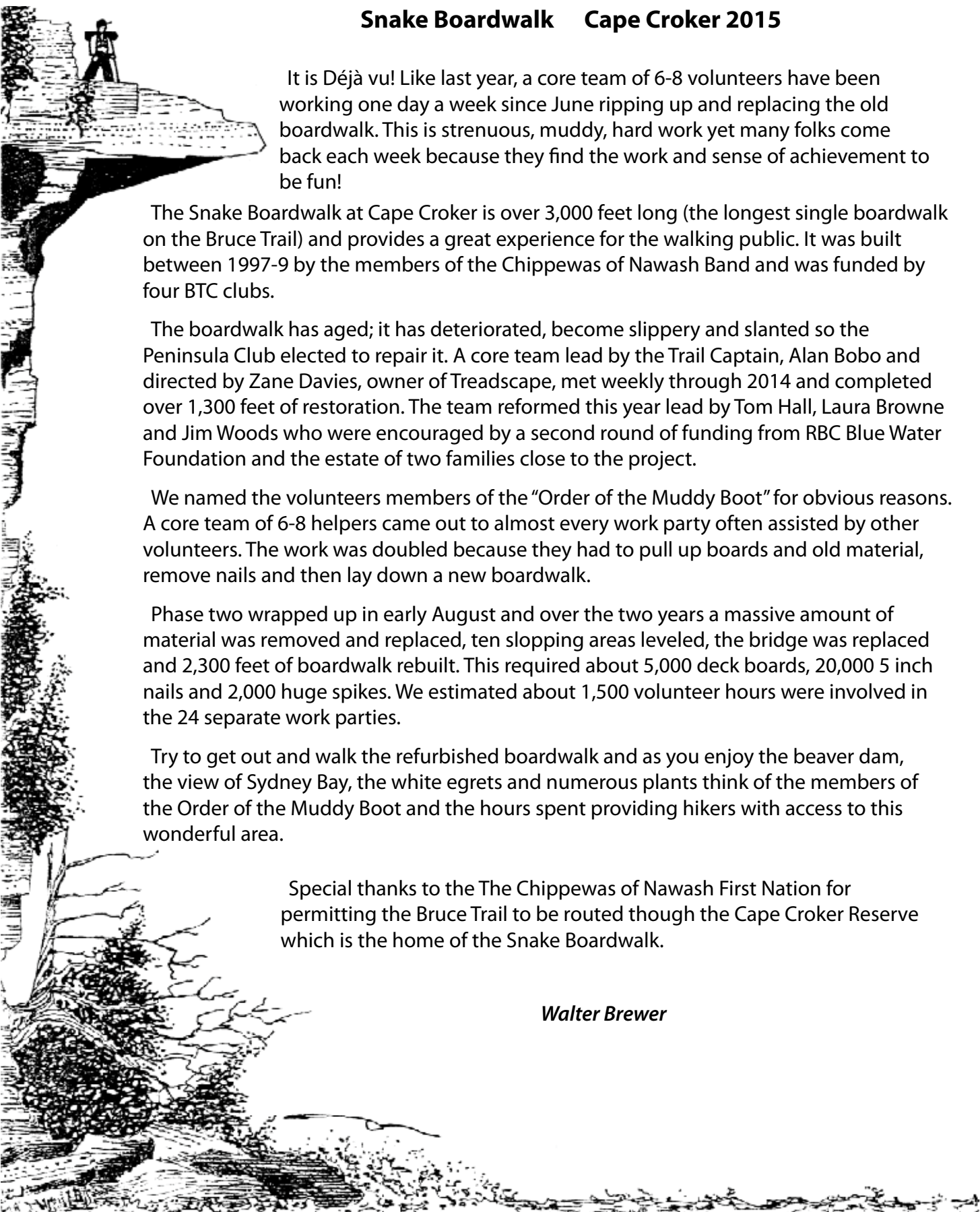
We named the volunteers members of the "Order of the Muddy Boot" for obvious reasons. A core team of 6-8 helpers came out to almost every work party often assisted by other volunteers. The work was doubled because they had to pull up boards and old material, remove nails and then lay down a new boardwalk.

Phase two wrapped up in early August and over the two years a massive amount of material was removed and replaced, ten slopping areas leveled, the bridge was replaced and 2,300 feet of boardwalk rebuilt. This required about 5,000 deck boards, 20,000 5 inch nails and 2,000 huge spikes. We estimated about 1,500 volunteer hours were involved in the 24 separate work parties.

Try to get out and walk the refurbished boardwalk and as you enjoy the beaver dam, the view of Sydney Bay, the white egrets and numerous plants think of the members of the Order of the Muddy Boot and the hours spent providing hikers with access to this wonderful area.

Special thanks to the The Chippewas of Nawash First Nation for permitting the Bruce Trail to be routed though the Cape Croker Reserve which is the home of the Snake Boardwalk.

Walter Brewer





Left - Front to Back:
Deborah Wong,
Kathryn Burns,
Laura Brown,
Jim Woods,
Steve Jones,
Pete Elliot,
Henk Van Brakel

Above-Front to Back: *Deborah, Laura, Steve, Tom, Justin, Jim & Zane*



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THE 'STEW CREW' - 2015 VERSION

It's not a new concept by any means. Don McIlraith has assembled other teams in past years to tackle Land Stewardship field work by PBTC for BTC. The main difference to me is that this year, I am an active member ... and it is a lot of fun.

Since May, the present crew, consisting of Land Stewardship director Bob Cunningham, former LS director Don McIlraith, LS field crew captain Tony Barton, long-time regular John Brodhagen, and me, Grant E., have enjoyed quite regular Tuesday morning outings. We visit various properties, managed by BTC, to search for and mark property boundaries using: existing surveys (when available), GPS loaded with property fabric (that is not always reliable), electronic bar-finder (sophisticated metal detector), and (sheer) determination. The confirmed corner sites are marked with yellow BTC tags on trees or t-bars (someone gets to carry the 40 lb. bar pounder for that), and also recorded with GPS waypoints that can be downloaded onto maps using Garmin Basecamp software, then reported to the BTC ecologists. Sounds a trifle mundane, even boring? Not at all.

There is often stimulating, problem-solving discussion, bush-whacking to follow old property lines, and competitive digging to see who will be the one to find a hidden survey bar. Many properties have areas above AND below the escarpment and

we often find ourselves scrambling along rocky shorelines. We have also installed a beaver 'baffle' to drain flooded areas and cleared trees felled by beavers, as well as posted signage and performed bits of 'trail maintenance' as required.

So we do have our challenges and we do get our exercise.

IT ALL MAKES 'SENSE' TO VOLUNTEER.

Prior to each outing we have a sense of planned purpose, as well as a sense of impending adventure.

During each outing we rely on a sense of teamwork and often a sense of direction. There is still a sense of awe for the beauty of the environment in the peninsula; the flora, the fauna, and the formations, as well as a sense of respect for the danger that exists for the unwary.

After a 3 or 4 hour outing, we customarily experience a sense of satisfaction for what we have accomplished, as well as the anticipated sense of hunger, which we most often take to Darci's Shoreline Café for lunch.

Later in the day, it becomes apparent to me that, although perhaps not verbally acknowledged, we have as a group developed a true sense of comradery over the past 3 months. All this, and the ever-present sense of humour we all display, is what makes it so much fun for me.

Don, you've been here before, right?
Bob, where is that bar-finder anyway?
John, are we on the right track at all?
Tony, where are we going next Tuesday?
Can I please come along?

Submitted by Grant Ehrhardt



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Saturday October 17	9:00 AM	End Point Km 31.9 across from the Eighth Line Side Trail on Eighth Line	20.7 km	Medium pace Moderate terrain	Limehouse, Hole in the Wall, boardwalks, Scottsdale Farm
Sunday October 18	9:00 AM	250 m north of End Point km 49.5 on the east side of Creditview Rd.	17.6 km	Medium pace Moderate terrain	Snow's Creek, lookouts, Terra Cotta Conservation area



Above & above right: Doug leading groups on various Bruce Trail hikes.

Right: Doug and Bridget enjoying the Champagne party

Hiker Sets New Bruce Trail End to End Record

Ontario hiker Doug Sloan has set a new record by completing the entire 890 km Bruce Trail not once, but 50 times. He completed his first end-to-end back in September 1992 and celebrated by taking out a lifetime membership with the Bruce Trail Conservancy. Last week saw him complete the hiking journey again, accumulating some 40,000 km - the equivalent of circumnavigating the globe on foot.

An end-to-end is the completion of the entire main Bruce Trail, currently some 890 km, on foot. It can be done in continuous hiking or over several years depending on how an individual chooses to approach it.

Sloan started his journey in April 1992, by resolving to complete the nine 25th Anniversary hikes offered by the Bruce Trail Association (now Bruce Trail Conservancy), doing one per week, in expectation of earning a badge for completing all of them. An ice-storm prevented him from completing the third 25 km hike of the series so he turned his attention to the Niagara, Blue Mountain and Sydenham Club end-to-ends instead. His first Bruce Trail end-to-end was completed that Labour Day but it would be another two years before he would complete his second one.

"When I first joined the Bruce Trail Conservancy I had little thought of completing end-to-ends so the thought of doing it 50 times over was never my goal," said Sloan. "Hiking for me is a pleasurable and often exhilarating activity. The people I have met on the Trail over the years shared my love for nature and the outdoors and I made new friends and saw new places every week. I soon decided that this was an activity that I wanted to continue doing as long as I was able to walk."

Getting stronger with each outing and wanting to challenge himself with longer, harder and faster hikes, Doug began doing all of the Club end-to-ends and entering into the often competitive spirit that went along with them. Finishing the length of the entire main Bruce Trail – the now 890 km continuous footpath from Niagara to Tobermory - became incidental to seeing how hard he could push himself. Sloan was soon completing hikes that were up to 82 km and 90 km long.

In May 2005, Sloan came back from spending nine weeks hiking in New Zealand to read that two trail runners were planning to run the entire Bruce Trail in 15 days that coming September. This spurred Doug to see how fast he could do the Trail in continuous hiking and he finished a double traverse in 31 days all-the-while recovering from a car-door-slam to the shin injury. He rested eight days and then did a second double traverse in 29 days. This he describes as his "double-double" adding four end-to-ends to defend the credibility of hikers versus trail runners.

Doug soon found himself passing the record of 37 Bruce Trail end-to-ends set by his mentor and role model Nick Ebner before he died.

"I started to ask myself how many I would finish before quitting. I still did not have a specified goal but 50 end-to-ends seemed like a good place to stop recording my efforts and consider myself retired," says Sloan. "The Bruce Trail is infinitely varied and I doubt that I will ever quit hiking it until they tie me into a wheelchair."

Doug is a committed Bruce Trail Conservancy member, hike leader, trail captain, a regular donor, and an all-round inspiration to others as a Bruce Trail hiker.

To learn more visit:

www.bruce-trail.org/pages/end-to-ends



Left: Doug celebrating his 50th end to end.

Beavers 3 Bafflers 2!

If you recall we lauded the hard work of our stewardship team for installing an effective "Beaver Baffler" on the Boundary Bluffs side trail. This featured Don McIlraith donning snow shoes in order to gain a good footing in the pond while building the structure.

Almost two months have passed and as most of you know, beavers don't like moving water so they started another dam and the bafflers built another baffler – Tied at 2 each!

Recently the beavers built a third dam and lodge between the two baffled ponds and effectively bunged up the second baffler. – Beavers 3 – Bafflers 2!

Stay tuned for another update on the ongoing match which pits persistent creatures in a great outdoor summer sport and see who is finally baffled.

Go Bafflers!



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Places with magical light qualities also abound and certain conditions offer spectacular lighting for photography opportunities.

Traditionally this region has relied on lights for safer navigation and we have several light stations inviting exploration and offering remarkable historical significance.

We will offer opportunities to explore light from all these different angles in a weekend of hikes , interactive activities and seminars from October 2 to October 4 culminating in the annual Bruce Trail Day hike which is open to all.

Visit us at PBTC.ca this coming week for full festival details and sign up information.

The President's Choice Hike

"The President's Choice Hike" this quarter is a short note to recommend that you plan for a winter hike.

As many know, I am a "cherry picker" not an end-to-end person so I look for scenery. The most spectacular natural event on display is in the middle and end of the winter at Rush Cove. Get down to the Chris Walker Nature Reserve and walk on the shore starting at KM 56. The ice wall is fantastic! Also you can go there after a few good rain storms and especially on a sunny morning, capture the cascades of water flowing over the escarpment.



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Northern Land Steward Training Workshop

In June the annual training workshop for Land Stewards from the northern clubs of the BTC was held in Owen Sound. The Peninsula Club was well represented at this gathering.

Subjects on the agenda included: a look at Stewardship projects and initiatives undertaken in the past year, a review of newly acquired properties, a lively discussion on black bears on the Niagara Escarpment led by MNR representative Karen Dykxhoorn, a presentation entitled "A First Nations Approach to the Environment" from David McLaren, a local federal candidate and a person with lots of experience dealing with First Nations, and a presentation by Peninsula Club's Land Stewardship Director, Bob Cunningham, on "Promoting Land Stewardship at the Club Level."

After a delicious lunch those in attendance broke into groups who were each given several different Stewardship related "issues." Each group was asked to formulate a response on how best to deal with their issues and then to present their findings to the entire assembly.

And because we are The Bruce Trail Conservancy, the day finished with a hike through the Boyd Property.

These annual sessions are a marvelous learning tool for Land Stewards at every level of expertise and provide each Land Steward with an opportunity to network with his/her peers and to discover how others have dealt with many of the issues likely to be faced in the future.

Currently within the Peninsula Club we manage 55 properties covering in excess of 3100 acres through the volunteer efforts of over 40 Land Stewards. And each of these numbers is growing with time so if you would like the challenges and rewards of managing your own "piece of The Bruce" why not contact Bob Cunningham at rhcunningham@rogers.com.

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BOB LIGHT – SECRETARY FOR LIFE

Following 10 years as Secretary for the Peninsula Bruce Trail Club Bob retired after executing his final duties during the May 2015 AGM. Unfortunately his retirement was cut short when he passed away in June while visiting the Galapagos Islands.

Bob was the Secretary “par excellence”. He would arrive at meetings and directly locate his chair, open an elegant portfolio and uncap a fine writing instrument while at the same time, some of us scrambled under tables and along the walls looking for power outlets to plug in tangled extension cords for our laptop computers. During the meeting he was the epitome of grace. Gentle questioning of procedure from his extensive background in boardroom protocols kept us on track with Robert’s Rules. Afterwards, Bob did his magic with our to and fro discussions and was able to compress them with diamond like clarity into succinct points.

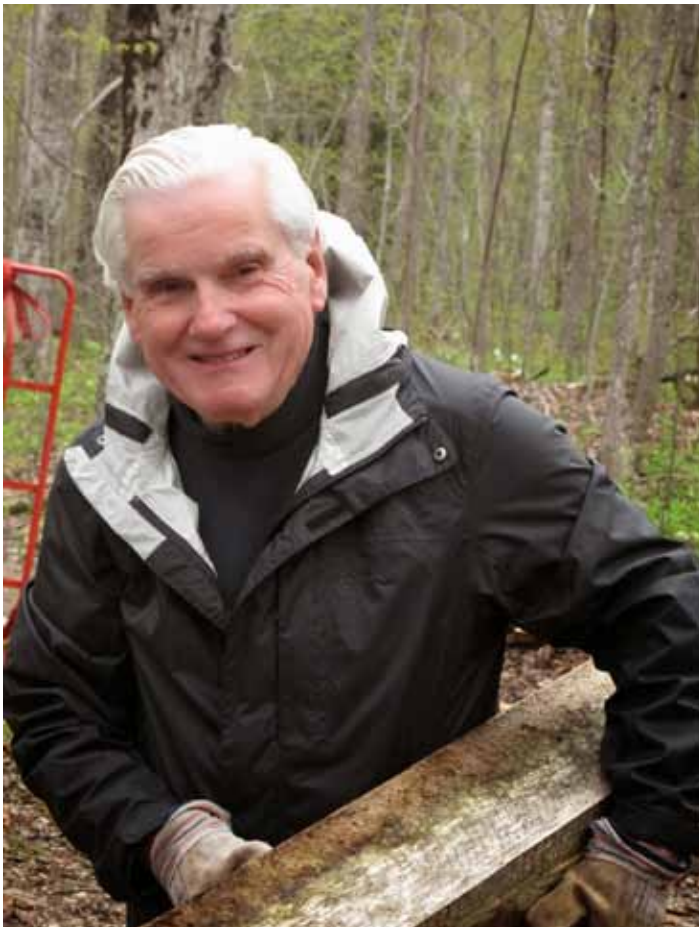
However, away from his role at the boardroom table Bob revealed another side. As a history buff

with a special interest in the Cold War he maybe saw himself as a bit of an anarchist. His correspondence would often include “poison pills” that he challenged you to recognize and then ponder. He liked to jokingly remind us that Stalin rose to be leader of the Soviet Union through the quiet power he manipulated as the party secretary. His sense of humour was witty and dry and easily undetected since it was not accompanied by a belly laugh but a small grin and twinkle in his eye.

Bob’s contribution to the club was not just limited to being part of the Executive. He was a section Trail Captain and volunteer during many of our large projects. In the last couple of years Bob helped with the reroute at Colpoy’s Bay, the board walk in Rush Cove, the work at Cape Croker and trail clearing at Barrow Bay for Spruce up the Bruce this spring.

Bob often joined hikes and snow shoe activities and was always a pleasant companion on these outings.

Bob’s patience, kindness, wit and gallantry were evident in every encounter. He will be missed.



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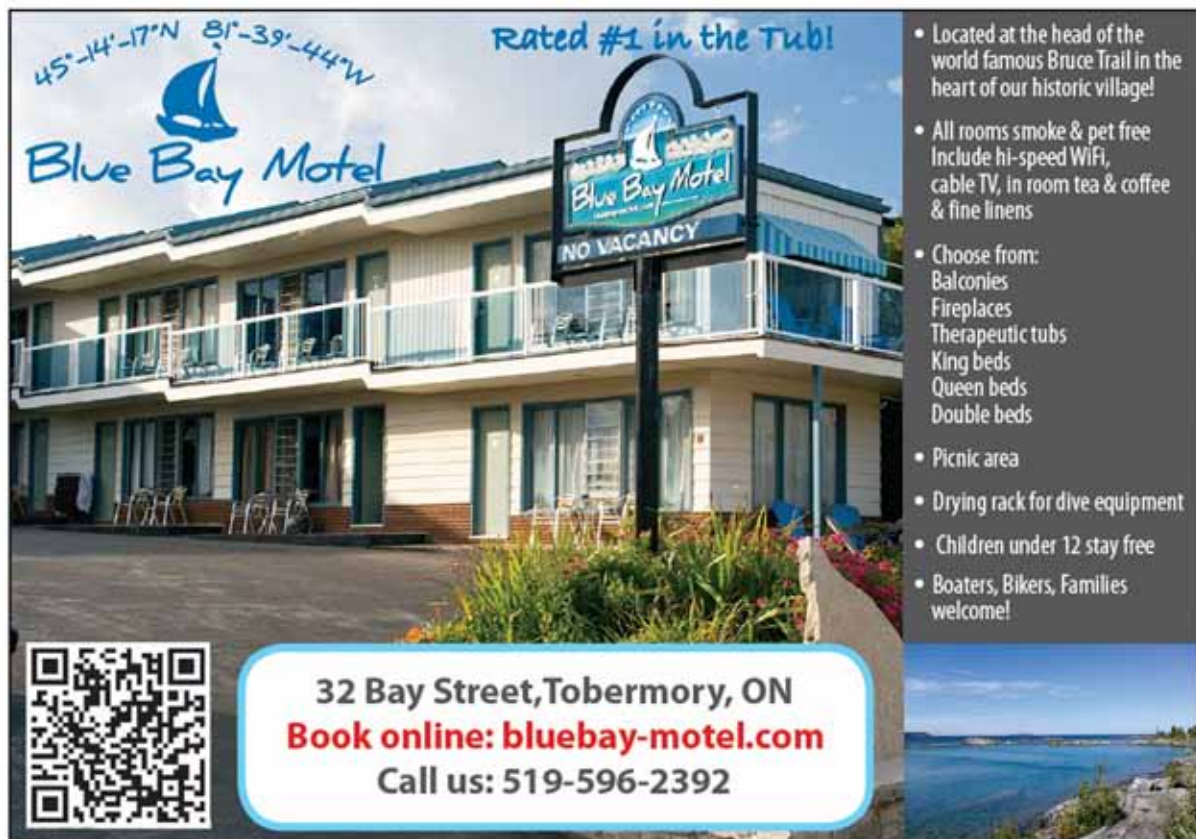


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