

# The Rattler



## President's Message

ISSUE #2 2019

This is the season for hot walks and celebration. The Beth Gilhespy Side Trail has been completed and was opened at an event on August 3 (see the story in this issue). The work required to plan, flag, adjust and eventually build both the Beth Gilhespy Side Trail of 3,400 metres and 1,600 metres for the new main trail was a huge team effort lead by Grant Ehrhardt, John Grandy and Tom Hall. Of course there were many volunteers on Spruce Up the Bruce day and afterwards; it takes a lot of people to build or reroute about 7 kilometres of trail. The next step is a stairway (to heaven?) to connect the trail along the shoreline with the new trails above the escarpment. Plans for the structure are ready and the work will begin when the permits are provided. We hope we will be able to start work by late fall.

The Club's tree planting continued at Vanishing Streams in Colpoy's Bay during Spruce Up the Bruce with about 500 "whips" planted (see the story). This cooperation with neighbours and the Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association shows great support for the conservation efforts of the club. Thanks to Tom Hall and Jim Martel (BPSA) and our neighbours.

Our Board continues to evolve with a few new faces and a few retiring. (yes one can retire twice!).

We are seeking a person to coordinate hiking for next year. Susan Allen has done a great job of creating a model for the End-to-End and filling the spots for the hike within a few days. It should be a snap for a person to follow her into the Hike Director position. If you're interested, please reach out to me at:

[pbtcpresident@gmail.com](mailto:pbtcpresident@gmail.com).

The Club aspires to complete the preferred route by purchase or with special permission of landowners. We have about 30 "handshake" agreements and we appreciate this support for without it there would be a lot more trail on side roads. Thank you! Our landowner contact is Darci Lombard.

Our other main goal is to aid in the conservation of lands the BTC has purchased. This work is carried out by volunteers coordinated by Bob Cunningham. There are teams that verify land boundaries and Land Stewards that inspect the land. Land Stewards work under the guidance of a Land Stewardship Plan that the BTC Ecologist created. This plan outlines the use which may be made of the property such as meadows or woods and the species that it supports.



*Moss on Rocks by Janet Wilson*

Work on the land such as tree planting, rehabilitation, or invasive species removal is only conducted after review with our Director, Bob Cunningham, and the BTC Ecologist.

Special surveys are conducted and in many places, habitat is restored for some species.

If you wish to join a team or bring forward a suggestion you would like to see implemented, please contact us at:  
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All of this work is done by volunteers, enabled by landowners and supported by you, our card-carrying members.

**Thank you – and please renew!**

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## PBTC Conservation News

On May 11th as part of the annual Spruce Up The Bruce event, we literally “spruced up” the Bruce with 500 spruce and pine seedlings planted on our Bruce Trail Conservancy property near the village of Colpoy’s Bay (km 4.7 – 6.0 in the guidebook). These 105 acres were purchased by the BTC as part of a conservation corridor securing the Bruce Trail. The trees will grow to provide shelter for wildlife, an improved wilderness experience and privacy for the neighborhood.

More than 50 people from the neighborhood and the Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen’s Association joined club members to plant trees.



A recent visit shows healthy trees growing amidst the long grasses of the field – no doubt helped by the wet weather this spring and early summer.

In other conservation news, I am disappointed to say that 2 of our first 4 “Century Trees” (see Issue #3 2018 for an article on the Century Trees) have drowned due to high water levels on the same property. They will be replaced in a better location this fall.

Finally, I’d like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of Doug Miller, not only on the tree plantings, but also as a Land Steward at Devil’s Monument. This is another area where a pro-active approach will preserve the “flowerpot” and surroundings, while ensuring a safe and enjoyable experience for the increasing number of visitors.

If you have questions about other BTC properties on the peninsula or invasive species, contact:  
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# BARROW BAY CLIFFS NATURE RESERVE - New Trails in the Peninsula

In the last issue (Issue #1 2019) we introduced you to the Barrow Bay Cliffs Nature Reserve (BBCNR). Its creation preserves 363 acres of rugged, natural Escarpment landscape.

If you drive from Lion's Head, south on Bruce County Road 9, pass Cemetery Road and round the bend, the spectacular cliffs you will see are now part of the new Barrow Bay Cliffs Nature Reserve.

Since the time I became a PBTC member in 2004, this property has been a dream, not only because of the cliffs, spectacular lookouts, dense forests, and habitat for a long list of wildlife and rare species of flora and fauna, but also because it is finally possible to remove over 7 km of the main Trail from Rush Cove, Scenic Caves and Bruce 9 roads.

Since mid-April, 5 km of new trails above the escarpment have been planned and built by club volunteers, and are now open to the public. This includes 1.6 km of main Bruce Trail (white blazes) atop the cliff edge, and also a brand-new side trail (blue blazes) to honour Beth Gilhespy who proudly served as CEO of the BTC from 2004 to 2018 (see article in this issue).

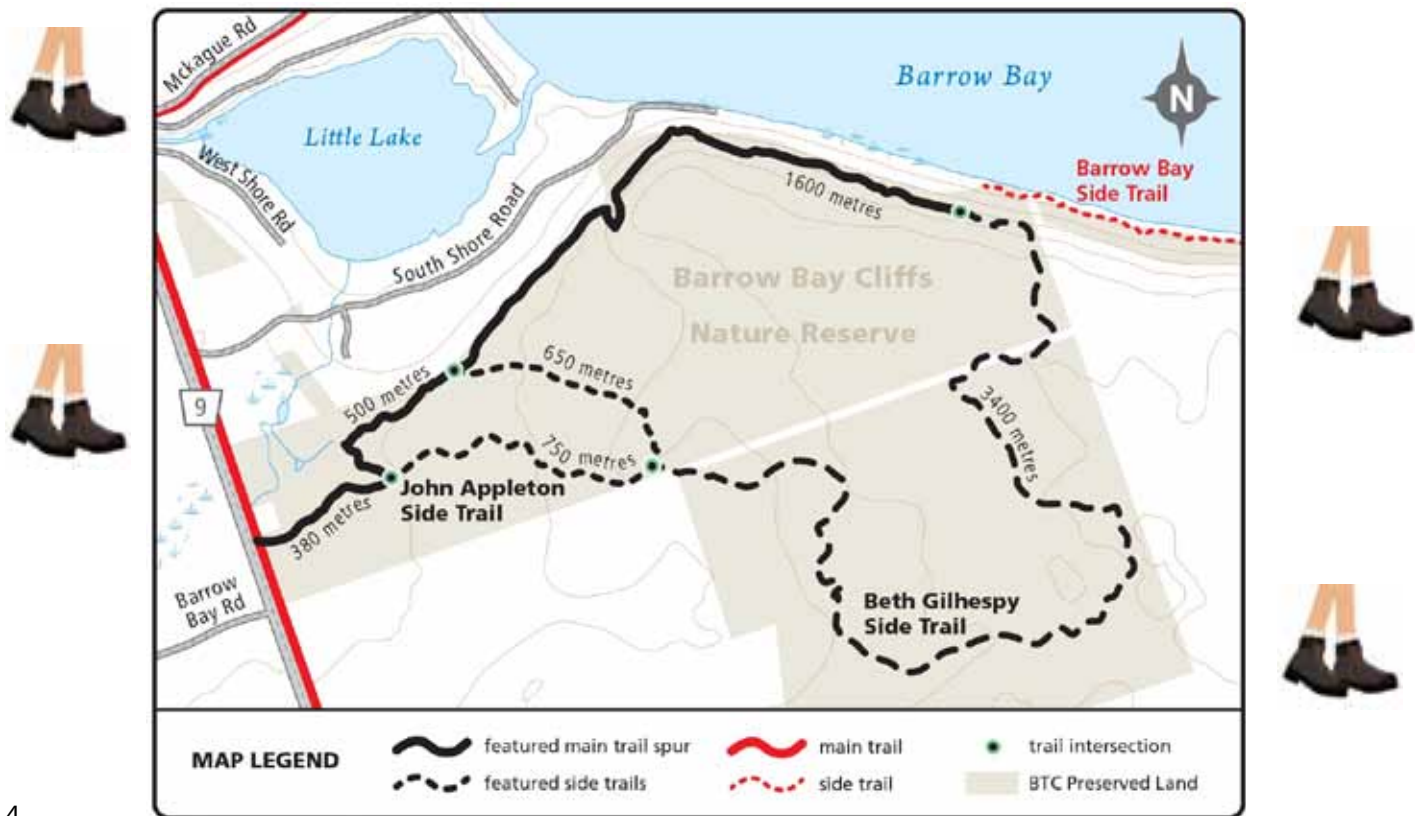
At this time, there is no connection between the trail along the shoreline below and the new trails above the escarpment. A structure to join these trails is planned and the Club is awaiting official permits in order to build it. This will be a challenging project indeed, but what a dramatic difference it will make to hikers.

Local residents may have noticed that the access to the John Appleton Side Trail (and new BBCNR trails) has now been moved 200 m to the south. This move was made necessary by the persistent occupation of the lower property by invading beavers - who do what beavers do.

Visitors are asked to respect the property and privacy of the local residents when parking along the roadside on the west side of the road.

So come and enjoy the new trails! Plan your outing to be as safe as possible. 'You-Are-Here' maps are posted as well as instructions to 'Follow the Blazes'. Allow 3+ hours for the longer 7 km loop hike and take plenty to drink and snacks for these warm summer conditions.

*Grant Ehrhardt*



## Beth Gilhespy Side Trail

The Beth Gilhespy Side Trail was officially opened on August 3, 2019.  
It was a wonderful day and there was a great turn out!

The side trail was created by the PBTC to honour Beth Gilhespy, Chief Executive Officer of the Bruce Trail Conservancy from 2004 – 2018 and a long-standing volunteer. Beth is recognized for her dedication to the mission of the BTC. In sharing her deep knowledge of, commitment to and affection for the Niagara Escarpment, Beth has inspired many to explore and protect this ribbon of wilderness.

The Beth Gilhespy Side Trail winds through the newly created Barrow Bay Cliffs Nature Reserve, a property recently purchased by the Bruce Trail Conservancy with support from generous donors. The acquisition of Barrow Bay Cliffs Nature Reserve was 10 years in the making, and Beth was heavily involved over that time, working closely with members of the Peninsula Club to bring this nature reserve to fruition.

*See page 4 for map including Beth Gilhespy side trail*



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## President's Choice Smokey Head Loop Hike



Smokey Head can be reached from the south end of Cape Chin's Carter Road (KM 98). It is a great choice for it offers a variety of short loop hikes, view-points and also a great day walk with a car shuttle.

Using the Cape Chin ST and the Main Trail you can create a 2 or 3.6 km loop with an opportunity to walk along the shores of Georgian Bay. If you wish to see where you came from, a further hike up the escarpment of only .7 km takes you to Smokey Head and the Fred Binding Lookout (see sidebar to find out who he was). These two lookouts provide great views of Cape Chin and towards Lion's Head.

This extra effort takes you through a beautiful open hardwood forest which in the spring is covered with trilliums; an awe-inspiring experience. A further 4 km takes you to one of the few overnight rest areas in the area. Reed's Dump has sheltered camp space and a "thunder box" – what more could you want? Just keep an eye out for the rattlesnakes that sun on the access trail.

A really nice day hike with a car shuttle is from the Forty Hills parking lot Richardson's ST (86 KM) to Carter Rd (98 KM), a one-way trip of about 11 km. Here you enjoy the many viewpoints from White Bluff to Smokey Head and a shore walk as well. Not to forget to mention the 17 km car ride that includes the twists and turns of the Forty Hills Road! 5 Stars on tripadvisor (for the hike).

Enjoy the Peninsula hikes and stay safe with long sleeves and pants,  
good boots, a hat and plenty of water.

*Walter Brewer*



*Springtime on the Smokey Head Loop Hike*



## **Who was Fred Binding?**

*The following is an excerpt from "Fifty to Remember", a publication of Ross Mclean's who often stayed at "Dr. Fred's" while doing trail work in the late 1980's. With permission.*

At that time I was the BTA Trail Director, and Fred sent me a note, pleading for the chance to help out and offering his cottage as a base for trail workers in the Bruce. Never one to turn down a free bed, I jumped at the opportunity, and over the next decade and a half stayed frequently at "Dr. Fred's" while working on the Trail. Often there were as many as ten volunteers overnighiting there in order to avoid the vagaries of camping in the spring or fall weather.

Fred quickly took over the local club – there never was an election – I think Raspberry House (BTA HQ) simply accepted his self-appointment! Soon there was a newsletter (even if sporadic) and also activities and hikes. During the five years of Fred's term from 1986 to 1991, a lot of progress was made in improving the Trail: Gun Point, White Bluff, and the Devil's Monument saw reroutes to their present location on the optimum route.

Just south of Fred's cottage, at the top of Smokey Head, the original trail used inland logging tracks with not a single view from the nearby scarp edge. It was Fred who on his own scouted a new reroute,

received MNR permission and the result was a pair of lookouts, one looking north right to Cabot Head, the other sweeping south to Cape Croker. After Fred's death in 2003, these lookouts were named after him.

In 1991 The Peninsula Club hosted the BTA AGM at Tobermory. Those in attendance will remember Fred attired in his formal kilts. There were a number of logistical problems (none of which Fred was responsible for): the dinner speaker had to cancel at the last minute, the whitefish dinner arrived late and cold. But Fred soldiered on, and just kept talking. It was a great evening!

Shortly afterwards Fred left the BTA; he had had one too many conflicts with Raspberry House. Fred's role with the Peninsula Bruce Trail Club was an important stage in its development; the rebirth in 1993 would not have been possible without the groundwork he laid. I trust that his role will not be forgotten.

*Editor's note: I believe all the records of the PBTC were lost when Dr. Fred left the club which explains the shortage of information in our archives for that period.*

## PBTC BIRDING HIKE

For the first time in the modern history of the bird hike the weather did not cooperate. Wednesday, May 30, 2019 turned out to be a cold (8 degrees C) and windy day; by noon we were dodging raindrops. However, the 28 intrepid birders on the hike showed true Canadian grit to brave the conditions and were rewarded with fabulous looks at a beautiful male Scarlet Tanager who posed for pictures long enough for everyone to have their fill. Our stop in the woods on the way into Crane Lake resulted in a record number of Warbler species. And, despite the rain, almost everybody walked into Warder Ranch, some just because they wanted to walk and others to sample the wild asparagus growing there. To top things off, at our last stop a Wilson's Snipe, previously seen flying by some and sitting on a tree branch by a few, made sure that everyone saw him in the grass plaintively calling for a potential mate.

Despite the weather and the fact that we did not see birds in great numbers, we still managed to count 54 different species – just one short of last year's count.



Here is the list of what we did see and/or hear.

Common Loon	Double-Crested Cormorant	Great Blue Heron
Canada Goose	Mallard	Common Merganser
Red-breasted Merganser	Turkey Vulture	American Kestrel
Ruffed Grouse	Sandhill Crane	Sora
Wilson's Snipe	Ring-billed Gull	Herring Gull
Northern Flicker	Ruby-throated Hummingbird	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
Hairy Woodpecker	Least Flycatcher	Eastern Phoebe
Great Crested Flycatcher	Eastern Kingbird	Tree Swallow
Blue Jay	American Crow	Black-capped Chickadee
Red-breasted Nuthatch	House Wren	Eastern Bluebird
American Robin	Gray Catbird	Brown Thrasher
Northern Parula	Yellow Warbler	Chestnut-sided Warbler
Magnolia Warbler	Black-throated Blue Warbler	Blackburnian Warbler
Yellow-rumped Warbler	Pine Warbler	Palm Warbler
Black-and-white Warbler	American Redstart	Ovenbird
Common Yellowthroat	Scarlet Tanager	Chipping Sparrow
Song Sparrow	White-crowned Sparrow	Red-winged Blackbird
Eastern Meadowlark	Common Grackle	American Goldfinch

Thanks to all the birders who came out this year and contributed their eyes and ears to our excellent adventure. We look forward to seeing you all again next year. If you couldn't join us this year but have even a slight interest in our avian friends, then why not pencil in Wednesday May 20, 2020 on your calendar. That's the tentative date for next year. It's a lot of fun and there is NO EXPERTISE REQUIRED!!

*Anita and Bob Cunningham*



## Remembering Our Volunteers

One of the joys of being involved in the Peninsula Club is the opportunity to work with exceptional volunteers. We remember two such volunteers, Rick Schoeck and Cathy Taylor, who recently passed away.



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Rick Schoeck passed away in May 2019. Rick was a Trail Captain in the Malcolm Bluff area and took pride in setting a high standard of maintenance. He was a fine woodworker and builder. He put these skills to use on the stairs at Cape Dundas, the boardwalk at Burnt Point and helping to maintain and repair the original Snake Boardwalk at Cape Croker Park. If anyone needed a new stile to be built, Rick was your man. But perhaps Rick's greatest contribution to the Peninsula Club was as a sawyer – he was an expert sawyer having worked many years for Bell, and many times he helped clear long tracts of trail following major storms. Rick lived near Kemble and always enjoyed working with folks in the Peninsula.

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Cathy Taylor peacefully left this life from her forest home in the quiet of Jackson's Cove on Hope Bay in June 2019. Cathy and her husband Brian recently retired to Lion's Head where they immersed themselves in the beauty of the Peninsula.

Cathy treasured her family and friends; Earl Grey tea, birds, wildflowers, ginger cats, golden dogs, good food and wine, hikes on the Bruce Trail, dog walking on the flood plain and on Georgian Drive, dark chocolate, a good murder mystery, a clever pun, Saturday morning market days in Lion's Head, and maple syrup-making with Brian and the family. She was a Trail Captain with Brian and in addition to her work for the Peninsula Club, she was a member of the Lion's Head Hospital Auxiliary, the ladies of Barrow Bay, and the Lion's Head Knitting Group



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Rick and Cathy were friends to many members of the Peninsula Club and will be lovingly remembered and greatly missed.

## Valuing Mentorships

I have been a BTC member for several years, choosing the Peninsula Bruce Trail Club as my home club. However, it wasn't until four years ago that I began to consider becoming more actively involved. Local members and End-to-End hikers have inspired me to overcome my reticence to become more directly involved. Listening to the stories of dedication to conservation, building and maintaining trails, and personal stories about the feeling of achievement after hiking the entire Bruce Trail, or the feeling of healing and renewal even when walking a short distance on the Bruce Trail compelled me to think deeper about my own connection to the trail.

What was it about the Bruce Trail that tied us altogether? Reflecting on my observations and discussions with members revealed to me that it is about relationship. And, relationship often goes hand in hand with mentorship. Positive relationships are built on common goals, shared values, consistent and clear communication. Some of these relationships develop into mentorships.

The definition of mentorship is: someone who teaches or gives help and advice to a less experienced person. That's me ... the less experienced person. I have had the pleasure of being informally mentored by several PBTC members. So informal, they probably don't even recognize that I am learning from them, and consider them a mentor. Two years ago, Jane Greenhouse invited me to help her and Grant Ehrhardt with Club Sales. This wasn't

my area of expertise, but their encouragement helped me to decide to assist the Club in this way. This year, our PBTC t-shirt campaign included the strong seasonal support of Peninsula retailers (The Dandy Lion, Net Shed, Readers Haven, Suntrail, Symon Says) and two months of support from the MEC store in London (through sales of our club t-shirts). The t-shirt campaign will raise awareness about Barrow Bay Cliffs Nature Reserve and the importance of land stewardship. Although it has been a steep learning curve, the relationships built with each of the storeowners and staff has increased my knowledge about their individual needs and community resources. Their support of the PBTC is outstanding and is a wonderful example of community. Jane and Grant have devoted endless hours of work on raising awareness about the purpose of BTC, increasing opportunities for others to enjoy the Bruce Trail and to raising funds to support the practical needs of PBTC. I have learned a great deal about the PBTC and our own community on the Bruce Peninsula.

In June, I had the opportunity to meet and work with Don McIlraith, past President and former Land Stewardship Director for PBTC. In June, MEC London gave us an opportunity to facilitate a talk about land stewardship, land acquisition and our local Peninsula Club and BTC. Don's history with our club presented me with a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the relation-

ship with landowners, BTC members and the land itself. Land stewardship is a lofty goal depending on building a relationship with the land itself, communicating with landowners and inspiring members to value this responsibility. Thank you Don, for teaching me about this, and piquing my interest to learn more!

**So, take the leap!** There is a mentor (unintended or formal) ready to inspire and teach you. Get involved. You aren't alone. There are so many wonderful PBTC members and community individuals who will inspire you to learn more, help you to recognize your own abilities and talents and help you to discover your purpose within the Club.

*Marg Glendon*



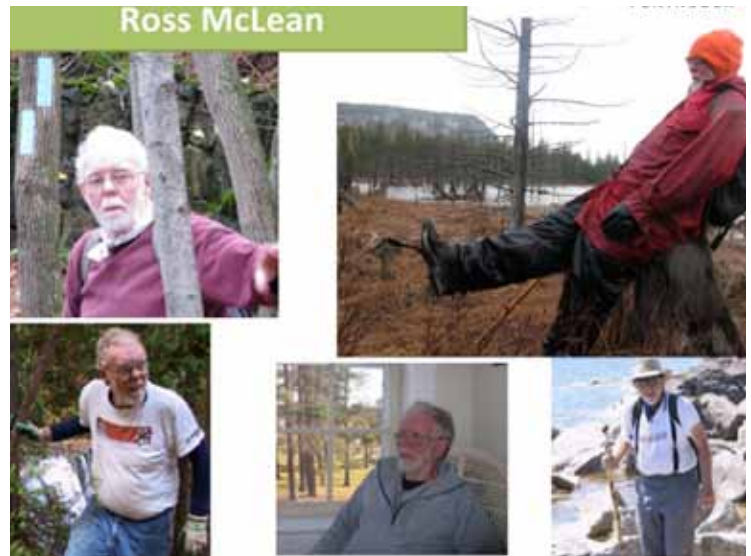
## Volunteers for Over Twenty Years!

At the Club AGM, on behalf of the Board and all members of the PBTC, Walter Brewer thanked the longest-standing volunteers for the many years they have volunteered for the Club. The Club's records, though not perfect, indicate that all those listed below have volunteered for over 20 years! He stated that such commitment is truly remarkable and makes a very real difference to everyone who enjoys the trail and the conservation efforts of the BTC. Several of these volunteers were able to attend the Club's barbecue and AGM at Summer House Park, where they were acknowledged with a small gift and a heartfelt round of applause.

Many thanks to Peter Allemang and Erin Gundy, Lynn Allen and Hamish Duthie, John and Judy Appleton, Tom Ashman and Dee Cherrie, Patricia Barton, John and Leslie Buehner, Susanne Smith and Stuart Burgess, Bob and Anita Cunningham, Barry and Norma Eveleigh, Art and Carolyn Grady, John and Jane Greenhouse, Brian and Barbara Keaveney, Robert and Marie Knapp, Tony Kuliha, Ross McLean, David Moule, Norma and Michael Piggott, Jim Wadleigh, Elaine and Uwe Wassemann, and Deborah Wong. Walter and Barb Reuber worked very hard to update the records, but if we missed anyone, please let us know.



*Michael and Norma Piggott's grandsons, Alexander (left) and Christopher (right) with son Andrew (centre), and his wife Hiroko on the Peninsula section of Bruce Trail in 1996*



Walter also presented several photos of volunteer extraordinaire: Ross McLean who has been a member since the 1970's, a past PBTC President and Trail Development Director, is an Honorary Member, an advocate, an explorer, a deal maker (handshake first, agreement next), and a writer!

Walter closed with these words: "Few organizations can boast that 100% of their work is done by volunteers, but that is the case for the Peninsula Club. Please know how much your work is appreciated. It has been a very real contribution to the success of the Club as we grow and as more people take advantage of the trail and beautiful spaces on the Peninsula that we make available for all to enjoy."



*Michael Piggott's father and stepmother on the Bruce Trail near Toronto in 1974 with wife, Norma and older son Andrew*



## Spruce-up-the-Bruce and AGM



(cont'd from page 12)

Special recognition was given to retiring Board members and others: Susan Allen: Hike Director, Laura Browne: Park Advisory Committee and Trail Angel Coordinator, Julie Heinrichs: Rattler Editor, Steve Jones: Sawyer Coordinator, Doug Miller: Member-at-large, Rob Straby: Volunteer and Membership Director, as well as Ewe and Elaine Wasserman who are retiring after 20 years of trail maintenance and leading hikes. Special recognition was also given to volunteers with over 20 years of service and, in particular, to Ross McLean. For further details, please see article elsewhere in this issue.

The slate of nominees for Club Officers and Directors as presented by the Nominations Committee for 2019 – 2020 was approved. Many board members will continue to serve in their previous capacity. Existing board member, John Whitworth will now serve in a new role as our representative to the BTC Board; Tamara Wilson joins us as Member-at-large; and Owen Glendon will serve in an advisory position as Co-representative to Parks Advisory Committee. Thank you to new and incumbent board members for agreeing to serve for another year. Please note that some key positions are currently vacant: Vice President, Archivist, and Hike Coordinator. If you have any interest in these roles, please come forward. We can use your help.

**Hope to see you at the SUTB & AGM in May 2020!**



**Spring Road Cleanup by the PBTC**

– led by Nancy and Barry Ince on a section of Highway 6 south of Dyer’s Bay Road. Many hands make light work.



**PBTC Members Attend**


**Toronto Football Club Match**

On July 17th we attended an exciting TFC match (3-1 for the home team). Great action on the field and in the stands!

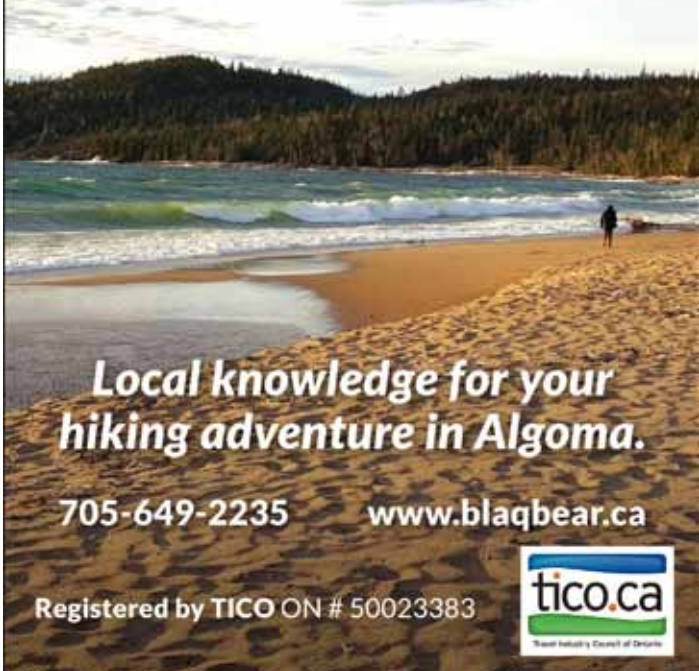
Thanks to TFC for their support in donating these tickets to last year’s BTC Annual Meeting Silent Auction – and also to President Walt for making the contact.

John Whitworth, July 2019

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## BEAR CUB CHALLENGE BADGE

New for 2019 is the Bear Cub Challenge Badge for Bruce Trail “bruins” up to age 16 years. This badge is awarded after the completion four Side Trail Loops. These loops can include stand-alone Blue Loops or loops created by combining the Main Trail with a Side Trail (see article in Issue #1 2019). Congratulations so far, go out to Kate, Aaron, Abby and Lucy.



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## Conservation Is Not Just About Planting Trees!

In the fall of 2016, Land Stewards and Trail Captains Anita and Bob Cunningham raised alarm bells about the destruction of a property they manage just north of Lion's Head. With a large number of tourists turned away from the National Park in Tobermory, apparently many headed off instead to Lion's Head to see the caves. Many of these visitors were uneducated about the Bruce Trail and had no idea what a blazed trail was all about. As a result, great amounts of garbage and graffiti accumulated in the caves, much of the undergrowth in the forest (including the poison ivy) was killed by excessive foot traffic, trees were debarked, etc, etc, etc.

In the spring of 2017, a meeting on the property was arranged with all the stakeholders including representatives of The Bruce Trail Conservancy (BTC), Ontario Heritage Trust (OHT) and Saugeen Ojibway Nation (SON). Attendees at this meeting included experts in the fields of archeology, botany, ornithology and geology plus volunteers Anita and Bob. When all was said and done, the outcome of that meeting was surprising to many. There was unanimous agreement that a real problem existed and corrective action needed to be taken. As you can imagine, there were several solutions put forward. You are now invited to visit the property to see how a relatively simple solution has rectified the problem. Would you believe the solution was a short side trail to the front of one of the caves, an interpretive sign and a single strand rope no higher than one metre off the ground to define the trail for hikers, both novice and experienced?

The property in question is Westover (Williams Caves) and you can find it by walking north off Bruin

Street in Lion's Head just a few metres along an amazingly well marked trail. By Peninsula standards it is a pretty small property, just 18.9 acres, but there is a lot to see here. The main trail runs partway between the shoreline and the escarpment edge along a mostly forested path. Along the way there is a loop trail, the Bannister Hill Side Trail, which will take you up the escarpment to a one kilometre loop through a mixed forest of hardwood and coniferous trees with a couple of look outs viewing the crystal clear blue waters of Isthmus Bay. In the spring the trilliums are fabulous, many species of birds use the property as a rest stop on their journey north and the odd pile of bear scat suggests that you might not be alone. In the fall the colours are amazing!


Back down to the main trail and just beyond this side trail is another very short loop trail that leads you past a cave carved out of the escarpment between 5,000 and 10,000 years ago. If the light is right you might even see the beginnings of a flowerpot at the back of the cave which could have become a complete flowerpot had the waters not receded at that time. But just a word of caution – large rocks fall fairly regularly from the roof of the cave so stay on the trail, not in the cave. You might even check out all the rocks near your feet. Are some of them white? If so they have probably fallen within the last few weeks!

Anita and Bob often walk this trail on their ventures into Lion's Head and greet and chat with hikers from all over the world. Maybe you will meet us on the trail some day.

*Anita and Bob Cunningham*

*(see photos page 17)*

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### Trail Maintenance Teamwork

Great teamwork by our trail maintenance stalwarts to build two boardwalks in a remote location - the Ivan Lemcke Side Trail. First, Lloyd and Dale constructed the boardwalks at the Warton Home Building Centre. They then disassembled and delivered them to a friend's house on Little Lake, Barrow Bay. Laura and Tom transported the material by canoe, pulling the boat behind. Material was delivered to the building site. Lloyd and Dale reassembled the boardwalks on site. A great job and a fun day!



## DRIFTWOOD COVE TOUR

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## Access for Through-Hiking at Bruce Peninsula National Park's Head of Trails

An agreement has been reached between Parks Canada and the Peninsula Bruce Trail Club for extended access at Bruce Peninsula National Park's "Head of Trails" to through-hiking BTC members using Head of Trails as a starting or ending point.

This access includes:

1. Extended parking (longer than the regular 4-hour current maximum)
2. Retrieval of vehicle at no additional charge
3. Drop-off or pick-up of through-hiking BTC members

Access is exclusively available for Bruce Trail Conservancy members with a membership card who are through-hiking (that is, not day visitors beginning and ending their hike at Head of Trails), as space allows (5 spots total).

For details on how the arrangement works, go to the BTC website at:  
[https://brucetrail.org/trail\\_changes/328](https://brucetrail.org/trail_changes/328)

- Don't forget your BTC Membership Card. You must show it in order to be eligible for this access. Contact BTC head office at 1-800-665-4453 or [info@brucetrail.org](mailto:info@brucetrail.org) if you need a replacement card.
- Parks Canada Day Use fees are still required regardless of whether the member is parking a vehicle or being dropped off or picked up.
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