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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

By Ian Petrie

Am I the only one to have trouble with G_Mail I spent a while writing a report and it suddenly vanished into the cybersphere never to be seen again!

Tis the season of mist and mellow fruitfulness once more. What a splendid time of year for hiking. The sun and the kaleidoscope of colors as the leaves on the trees change. The smell of decomposing leaves and the swish as you walk shuffling through piles of fallen leaves and you hope that some dog hasn't been before! Get your friends to join you on one of our hikes. It will benefit all physically, mentally and spiritually.

Our hikes are scheduled in this magazine and there is something for all. We have folks over 80 joining us. The cost is minimal for a properly fitted pair of boots and appropriate clothing. Do you think as you wander along the paths through hill and glade how well maintained they are with stout pretty bridges over rivers and streams. Thats the Bruce Trail in action - volunteers spending hours of their spare time removing trees across the trail, cutting back encroaching vegetation and painting blazes so you won't get lost.

These operations cost money and our club is actively involved in raising it . Last week for instance we had a very enjoyable and successful dance. This was organized by a group of dedicated members the music being provide by a gifted old disc jockey who brought young Lance Dobinson who delighted us all with an extensive selection of "Elvis" songs. The dance floor was filled and a few pints of ale were quaffed.

In about 1 years time our club will be hosting the celebration of it's 50th anniversary as well as the annual general meeting of the conservancy. This will require a lot of preparation and hard work and organization. It will cost money too! But we will be fully prepared to make the occasion memorable.

So 'til we meet again, au revoir

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ANNUAL TREE SALE

The sun was shining, there was a light breeze and temperatures were in the high teens. Thanks to Dick Edwards and his dedicated group of volunteers our Club was successful in raising almost \$1,000.00 for the Bruce Trail Conservancy.

The day started off quite well with our first customers arriving before Dick and his crew had finished setting up. As usual the eight varieties of potted species that Dick had prepared and provided to the Club drew the most attention and nearly all of these plants had been sold by the end of the day. Demand for the bare root trees was also good and Larry Sinclair of Highlands Nordic Inc., who is a strong supporter of the Club, once again agreed to purchase any that were left over.

A special thanks is also due Mark McDermid who works for Somerville Nurseries Inc. and volunteered to help for the day. Mark has an excellent knowledge of the various plant species that were on sale and as such was able to provide potential customers with much needed help in selecting the species of tree best suited for their particular soil type etc.

Other members assisting for the day included Terry Sears, Del Cook, Barb Elwood, Shirley Cook, Sharon Emerson, Cathy Sears and Tim Lewing.



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**BRUCE TRAIL CONSERVANCY
2012 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Collingwood
September 14 - 16**

The Blue Mountains Trail Club will be hosting the 2012 BTC AGM. This is also our 50th Anniversary so it should be a very special event.

Make sure you set these dates aside (Sept. 14-16) and make your plans to join us.

Event and Registration Information will be published in the Spring Edition.



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The Blue Mountains Bruce Trail Club would like to extend a special **THANK YOU** to the following businesses and individual who so generously donated items to the Club's October 1, 2011 dance.

Shirley Blatchford
Dick Edwards
Linda Finley
Hart Fischer
Liz Fowlis
Karen Hood-Caddy
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Fiona McGaw
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Herman Ohrt
Roberta Spicer
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Dollar Villa - Collingwood
Giant Tiger - Collingwood
Giffen's Country Market – Glen Huron
Great Canadian Gift Company in the Village at Blue
Home Depot – Collingwood
Monterra Golf at Blue Mountain Resort
Mylar & Loreta's Restaurant - Singhampton
Scandinave Spa – Grey Road 21, Blue Mountains
Stayner Town & Country - Stayner
Tim Horton's - Collingwood
Toppers Pizza - Collingwood

Thanks to the hard work of the Dance Committee members and their dedicated group of volunteers the Club's first fundraiser of this type proved to be a huge success with over \$3,000.00 being raised.

While no photographs were available at the time we went to press, both the hall and the tables were attractively decorated adding to the rock & roll atmosphere. Our own Dave Knox was the DJ for the evening and as expected kept the dance floor full with his great selection of music from the 50's, 60's and 70's. In addition to Dave's musical magic, Collingwood's own "Elvis Impersonator" Lance Dobinson was also on hand to entertain those in attendance.

The silent auction held in conjunction with the dance offered a wide selection of interesting items for sale and presented serious bidders with some fantastic buying opportunities. In summary it was a great evening held in support of a great cause that proved to be a win-win situation for all parties involved.

*THANKS AGAIN TO ALL THOSE WHO HELPED
MAKE THIS EVENING A RESOUNDING SUCCESS.*



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The 2011 End to End

Many thanks to all the hearty "soles" who slogged through many kilometres of mud to complete the Blue Mountains End to End hike on May 28 and 29. This year's stumbling blocks of muddy terrain replaced the usual obstacle of swarms of black flies and mosquitoes. Of 63 original participants on Saturday, only 41 were able to continue on the Sunday because of arduous conditions. Finally, on Sunday, 38 hikers earned the special End to End badge.



This Blue Mountains Bruce Trail event could not have happened without the support of our dedicated volunteers including: trail captains who made the best of a very wet month, the checkpoint people who were welcoming to all hikers, and were prepared for any eventuality and the marshals who assisted with safety matters.



The added attraction of Bonnie Zinn's baking drew many repeat hikers and some from as far away as the Ottawa region. Special thanks to Shirley and Del Cook and their committee for their fabulous barbecue. Preparing and presenting a feast with little information about the numbers to be served can be no easy task; yet, from diners' comments, the food was not only plentiful and diverse, but scrumptious as well.

From three of us who are trying to fulfill the task formerly managed by one person...Barb Yeo, we are in awe of her ability to organize all the components of the End to End. From transportation, to registration, to booking the farmhouse, to managing checkpoints, to photography and then participating in the hike, Barb has set the bar very high. We are most grateful for her continued support in leading us through our first experience at organizing the Blue Mountains End to End. Yeah, we all survived!

Sharon Emerson, Barb Elwood and Lee Wallace

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Blue Mountain Bruce Trail Hike Schedule

BMBTC Hikes at a glance - Fall & Winter 2011/2012

DATE	TIME	HIKE LEADERS	NOTES	KM's	LEVEL	HIKE LOCATION
Wed Nov 2*	9:30	Cato Bayens	Lunch	10	Easy	Powerline
Sat Nov 5	9:30	Terry Kimmerly	Lunch	10	Inter	Metcalf Rock loop
Nov 7 to 12	0:00	Hunting				Rifle hunting
Wed Nov 9	9:30	Cathy Sears	Snack	6	Inter	Blue Mountain from village
Sat Nov 12 *	9:30	Harold Higdon	Snack	8.5	Inter	Wasaga
Wed Nov 16	9:00	Dick Edwards	Lunch	10	Inter	Duntroon 43 to 34
Sat Nov 19	9:30	Herman Ohrt	Lunch	9	Inter	Lavender 0-8.8Map 21
Wed Nov 23	9:30	Carl Wintermeyer	Lunch	9	Inter	Duntroon 34.7-43.7
Sat Nov 26	9:00	Del Cook	Beverage	5	Easy	Margaret Paull side trail
Sat Nov 30	1:00	Shirley Cook	Pot Luck			XMAS Pot Luck
Wed Nov 30	9:30	Sue Niblett	Lunch	6to8	Easy	Notawasaga Bluffs
Sat Dec 3	9:30	Rod Govan	Snack	6	Inter	Blue Mountain from village
Dec 5 to 10	0:00	Hunting				Bows and Muzzle loaders
Wed Dec 7	9:30	Carl Wintermeyer	Lunch	5	Inter	Castle Glen
Sat Dec 10	9:30	Helen Peacock	Lunch	5	Inter	Margaret Paull side trail
Wed Dec 14	9:30	Bert Beausoleil	Lunch	8	Inter	Pretty river
Sat Dec 17	9:30	Ann DeBrower	Snack	7	Inter	Loree Forrest
Wed Jan 4	9:30	Murray MacRitchie	Lunch	6.6	Inter	Pretty River 43.7-46.1
Sat Jan 7	9:30	Paul Carnahan	Snack	7	Inter	Notawasaga Bluffs
Wed Jan 11	9:30	Sharon Emerson	Snack	7	Inter	Loree Forrest
Sat Jan 14	9:00	John Myers	Lunch	8	Inter	Dufferin Mono Mills
Wed Jan 18	9:30	Sue Niblett	Snack	6to8	Easy	Nottawasaga Bluffs. Map 22
Sat Jan 21	9:30	Jansje Lawrenson	Lunch	8	Inter/Ex	Caledon
Wed Jan 25	9:30	Herman Ohrt	Lunch	6	Chal	Dufferin section. 20.6 to 27.
Sat Jan 28	9:30	Dick Edwards	Snack	6.8	Inter	Glen Huron 8.8-16.3
Wed Feb 1	9:00	Rosemary Petrie	Beverage	6.5	Inter	Inglis Falls.
Sat Feb 4	9:30	Hart Fischer	Lunch	10	Inter	Pretty River
Wed Feb 8	9:30	Sharon Emerson	Lunch	5	Inter	John Haig and Pretty river
Sat Feb 11	9:30	Dennis Gerrard	Snack	5	Easy	Loree Forrest
Wed Feb 15	9:00	Jansje Lawrenson	Lunch	6	Inter	Eugenia Falls in and out
Sat Feb 18	9:30	Barb Elwood	Snack	5	Inter	Creemore
Wed Feb 22	9:30	Murray MacRitchie	Snack	5	Inter	Walters Falls loop
Sat Feb 25	9:30	Liz Fowles	Snack	5	Inter	Margaret Paull side trail
Wed Feb 29	9:30	Rosemary Petrie	Lunch	6	Inter	John Haig and Main Trail loop
Sat Mar 3	8:30	Del Cook	Lunch	6	Inter	Scenic caves
Wed Mar 7	9:30	Tom Wilson	Lunch	6	Inter	Three stages
Sat Mar 10 *	9:30	Harold Higdon	Snack	5	Inter	Wasaga
Wed Mar 14	9:00	Hart Fischer	Lunch	9.6	Inter	Duntroon 34.7-43.7
Sat Mar 17	9:30	Rob Mooy	Snack	6 to 8	Inter	Notawasaga Bluffs. Map 22
Wed Mar 21	9:30	Tom Wilson	Lunch	9	Inter	Pretty River
Sat Mar 24	9:00	Paul Carnahan	Lunch	8	Inter	Dufferin 35.2-44.8
Wed Mar 28	9:00	Linda Finley	Lunch	7	Inter	Eugenia to Hoggs falls
Sat Mar 31	9:30	Dick Edwards	Lunch	10	Inter	Nottawasaga Bluffs
Wed April 4	9:00	Terry Sears	Lunch	11.5	Inter	Beaver V. 56.4 - 68.1
April 6,7,8	0:00	Easter				
Sat April 7	9:00	Barb Elwood	Lunch	5 to 6	Inter	Spring Flowers
Wed April 11	9:30	Heather Wintermeyer	Lunch	5	Inter	Loree Forrest
Sat April 14	9:00	Hart Fischer	Lunch	18	Chal	Pretty river. Harts triple hell
Wed April 18	9:00	Rosemary Petrie	Lunch	9	Inter	Black Bank to Lavander
Sat April 21	9:00	Linda Finley	Lunch			Work Party
Wed April 25	9:00	Barb Elwood	Lunch	10	Inter	Siegerman side trail
Sat April 28	9:00	Del Cook	Lunch	7.5	Inter	Blantyre 0-7.8 Sydenham section
Sat April 28	15:00	Shirley Cook				AGM Nottawa
Wed May 2	9:00	John Myers	Lunch	8	Inter	Primrose
Sat May 5	9:00	Sharon Emerson				Tree sale
Wed May 9	9:00	Marilyn Jones	Lunch	10.8	Inter	Kolapore 34.6-24.2
Sat May 12	9:30	Dave Morton	Lunch	6	Ea/Inter	John Haig Side Trail and loop
Wed May 16	9:00	Terry Sears	Lunch	8.2	Inter	16 to 24.2 in Beaver valley
May 19,20,21	0:00	Victoria Day				
Wed May 23	9:30	Ivor Corbett	Snack	4 to 5	Exp	John Haig side trail
Wed May 23	9:00	Denman Lawrenson	Lunch	11.5	Exp	Hoggs Falls
Sat May 26	6:45	Sharon Emerson				End to End
Sun May 27	6:45	Sharon Emerson				End to End
Sat May 26	16:00	Shirley Cook				Social @ Highland Nordic

* Alternative starting point

Note: For complete hike description refer to hike schedule in newsletter or website.

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