

Better late than never at Mono Cliffs

BY BORIS SWIDERSKY

One of the most important things to remember about a hike is what time it starts.

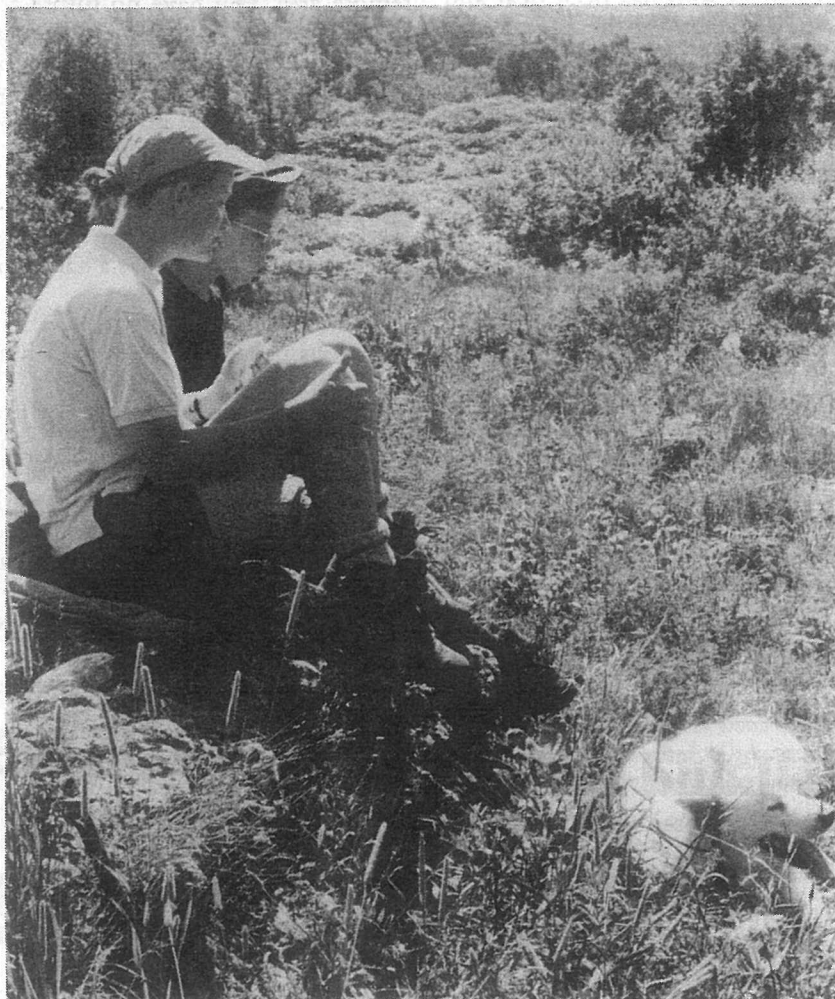
On Saturday, Aug. 17, Luba, Bo, and I (with Blucher the samoyed) headed out to join Bertha Ferguson's hike on the side trails of Mono Cliffs Provincial Park. It has been years since we have done any hiking in the park, other than when finishing the Dufferin Hi-Land end-to-end, but that was in the dark, so it doesn't really count.

I had a double reason for doing the hike. One was just for the fun of taking part in a club event, something that I have not had a lot of time for recently; the other was that I needed a story and picture for the front of this newsletter.

We arrived at the south parking lot of the park at 9:50 a.m. to find the lot filled with cars and cyclists. After waiting around for 10 minutes, we drove to the Second Line parking lot, thinking the location might have been changed. No hikers were there either so after waiting another 10 minutes, we decided on head out on our own. When I got back home, I checked and discovered the hike start time had been 9 a.m.

We talked for a few minutes with a fisherman heading for McCarston Lake, which he said is full of bass.

Our three hour hike took us down the hill to the main trail. We then headed south and followed the Cliff Top Side Trail and the Carriage Trail back to the car.



Luba and Bo Swidersky enjoy their lunch while Blucher uses valuable time to catch 40 winks on the Cliff Top Side Trail at Mono Cliffs Provincial Park.

During the whole walk we saw only five other hikers but perhaps two dozen cyclists. I know that a few years ago cycle-created erosion on the South Outlier Side Trail in the park was making walking difficult in spots. On the Cliff Top Side Trail I noticed erosion in just one place.

This trail has changed greatly since Grant Bell and I first laid it out many years ago. What was rolling, abandoned pasture is now lightly forested with hawthorn, apple and pine.

It was a great hike and I hope that Bertha and her group had as much fun as we did.

DHL to host 1997 Bruce Trail AGM

For the first time since the early years of the Bruce Trail, Dufferin Hi-Land will host the Annual General Meeting of the Bruce Trail Association.

Club executive members will be meeting in September for preliminary planning to establish dates and start working on planning for locations and events.

Organizing the AGM is not expected to need a lot of club volunteers. As much help as possible will be needed on the two days of the event.

Last year I led 16 Bruce Trail hikers for a China Hiking Adventure. Because we were able to hike in the remote areas of China, we met a young man named Li who has been deaf and dumb for 10 years. At the age of five, when he was sick, the doctor gave him an anti-biotic which took away his hearing and thus he became dumb. He is a very talented artist in Chinese brush-type painting. We as a group of foreign hikers in China donated a pair of hearing aid devices.

Today, Li can hear and talk like a normal student in class. His headmaster told me he is completely a new person. Last month in a visit to his school, Li told me when he was deaf and dumb he was looked down on and discriminated against. He understands how children with his old problem suffer. He promised that when he grows up, he will help children with deaf and dumb disability.

It is my understanding that Li's case is not unique. Thousands of children were given this anti-biotic by their doctors in the old days and as a result lost their hearing to become dumb.

Letters

As a deaf and dumb youngster in a remote area, you have no future at all. The tragic thing is that these youngsters are at the age of junior high school. If they cannot receive hearing aid devices and proper medical attention, they do not have hope. All their government can do for them is gather them together in a special school and teach them hand-sign language. It is clear that when they grow up this way, they will have a hard time to adjust to a normal life.

I know that in North America numerous people who have had hearing aid devices have passed away. Their hearing aid devices are of no use to anyone and most of them end up being wasted. I wonder if I can ask people to donate these hearing aid devices to help these poor and under privileged children in China. By so, the spirit of their passed relatives will live on to help another youngster to a better life. Please send hearing aid devices to:

China Children Audiological Recovery Foundation
Box 5967
Toronto
ON M5W1P4

Tony Pau
Toronto

Toronto Bruce Trail Club member Tony Pau is a tour operator for China Hiking Adventures. The profit of each trip contributes to the China Children Foundation.

What a delightful, relaxed hike we had on Sunday, July 14 over the reroute at Black Bank. Roy Bird and David Hahn kept us moving at our own paces, leaving no one behind and gaining two people. The reroute will be a flora and fauna delight for the environmentalists and a physical challenge for those wishing to improve on their personal speeds.

Audrey Jones
Mississauga

Another era ends

Hi-Land Views readers may notice a change in format that begins with this issue. After many years, we have changed printers. The newsletter is now printed by Star Group Community Newspapers (Printing Division) of Creemore.

The change was made with a touch of regret. Our association with The Print Shack of Mississauga lasted for six years, ending only when Barry Fairbairn, a partner in The Print Shack, retired.

Barry, Dufferin Hi-Land member and hike leader, has lived in a retreat that he built for himself on the edge of Dufferin Forest, in Mulmur Township. He had no telephone, so it was arranged that I would drop off the newsletter pages in the solarium and a week or so later, he would personally deliver the printed work. For much of the time that The Print Shack printed Hi-Land Views, the work was done for free. Until the depth of the recession, we were charged only a nominal amount for paper used. Barry regarded it as a donation to the club.

With his retiring, Barry's involvement in the club has lessened although he has

promised to lead the occasional hike.

"Retirement" is a strong word for what Barry is doing. A better word is "change". Barry will be devoting more time to hiking and to music, which was his first career.

Best wishes in your travels and in finding the spot to build your new retreat.

Boris Swidersky
Editor

New Calendar

The 1997 Bruce Trail Calendar features a dozen original duotone artworks on recycled paper.

To order calendars for yourself, family and friends, send \$10.35 (includes shipping and GST) to the Bruce Trail Association, Box 857, Hamilton, ON L8N 3N9. The total cost for non-members is \$12.65 ((includes shipping and GST). For credit card orders call 1-800-665-HIKE (4454).

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This is your newsletter. Please be a part of it. Share your hiking experiences with your fellow club members. Make (constructive) critical comments. Heap praise on those who merit it. We welcome letters, articles and photographs. Send submissions to

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Deadlines for submissions
are as follows:

September issue - August 18
December issue - November 18
March issue - February 17
June issue - May 18

DHL hike schedule

Sunday, Sept. 22: Looking at some 14,000 year old glacial landmarks. We will visit a kame near Glen Huron, the Singhampton Moraine, and the Honeywood Loess. We will drive about 60 km and hike a hilly 9 km on road and trail near Honeywood. Meet at 10 a.m. at the cemetery just east of Lavender (map 21 & 22) Bring lunch, a road map and gas in the tank. Info: Alan Procter 416-759-7509.

Saturday, Sept. 28: Hike loops in Hockley with Bev Ferguson. meet at 10 a.m. at km 77.4 where the trail crosses Hockley Road. Distance to be hiked is approximately 7 km but will depend on conditions. Bring lunch. Dress according to weather. Hiking boots recommended. Info: Bev Ferguson 905-775-2768.

Sunday, Oct. 6: Ontario Hiking Day - Introductory hike on the Bruce Trail. Suitable for all ages. Everybody welcome. This will be an easy paced hike of 7 km on the Bell Section of the Bruce Trail. Meet at 1 p.m. at Superburger parking lot, Hwy 89 and Hwy 10, Primrose. Bring snack and dress for the weather. We will hope to see some spectacular fall colors.

The 1996 Dufferin Hi-Land End-to-End hike will take place on Saturday, Sept. 14. The meeting place is the south parking lot at Mono Cliffs Provincial Park (km 1.2) The bus will leave at 6 a.m.. The entire section (approximately 30 miles) is to be completed in the day. The walk is not difficult, but it is long. There will be checkpoints / drop out points along the way. The cost is \$12 which includes the bus and a badge on completion. To register call Larry Haskell at 519-925-2915 (home) or 519-925-2608 (business), or e-mail hi-lands@headwaters.com.

Saturday, October 5: The Merritt-thon: The Niagara Bruce Trail Club is sponsoring a long distance hike on the Merritt Trail. The hike will be from Port Colborne on Lake Erie To Port Dalhousie on Lake Ontario, a distance of 45 km The Merritt Trail is fully groomed, flat, and the walking is easy. Experienced hikers should be able to complete the hike in about 9 hours, with rest periods

Info: Kristin Farrier 705-458-9644

Saturday, Nov. 23: Hike the Boyne Valley Loop, returning on the main trail. Meet at 10 a.m. at the north side of Hwy 89, east of Primrose, where the trail crosses the road. Distance to be hiked is approximately 7 km (about 4 hours). Bring lunch, dress for the weather. Info: Hilda Wilson 519-925-6243.

Mid-week hikes continue Wednesday, Sept. 11 and Wednesday, Oct. 9 with Hilda and Audrey. For information on location of hikes, meeting time and place call Hilda Wilson at 519-925-6243.

The entire Dufferin Hi-Land section will be hiked on the following four Saturdays. Those completing all four hikes will be eligible to purchase the beautiful Rose Badge.

Saturday, Oct. 19: Rose Badge Hike #1, 15 km. Lavender to Tweedybrook (20 SR). Map 21, Ed. 19.1. Meet at 10 a.m. at the cemetery just east of Lavender. Leader: Roy Bird 905-936-6436.

Saturday, Oct. 26: Rose Badge Hike #2, approximately 12 km. Tweedybrook to Rock Hill Park. Maps 21, 20, Ed. 19.1. Meet at 10 a.m. at the new parking lot across from Rock Hill Park, 1st Line EHS Mulmur, south of 10 SR (Dufferin Rd. 17), north of Hwy 89. Leader: Alan Procter 416-759-7509.

Saturday, Nov. 2: Rose Badge Hike #3, from Rock Hill Park to Hwy 89 (12 km). Map 20, ed. 19.1. Meet at 10 a.m. on the north side of Hwy 89 (km 13.8) just east of Primrose where the trail crosses the road. Leader: David Hahn 519-925-3493.

Saturday, Nov. 9: Rose Badge Hike #4. Hwy 89 to km 0.0. Maps 20, 19, Ed. 19.1. Meet at 10 a.m. at the south parking lot of Mono Cliffs Provincial Park. Leader: Kristin Farrier 705-458-9644.

Note: For all the above hikes bring water, lunch, maybe a hot drink. Dress according to the weather. Hiking boots are recommended.

Other Hikes

and a lunch break. The meeting point will be Rennie Park in Port Dalhousie. Exit the QEW at Ontario Street (in St. Catharines) and proceed north on Ontario Street. Turn left (northwest) onto Lakeport Road. The park is just off Lakeport Road at the north end Martindale Pond. Starting time is 7:30 a.m. There is a registration fee of \$10 per person which includes the Merritt Trail badge, a certificate of completion of the hike, and bus transportation to the start. Send your name, address and registration fee (payable to the Niagara Bruce Trail Club) to John McIntyre, 104 Riverside Drive, Welland, Ontario, L3C 5E2 (905) 734 4636.

Oct. 12, 13, 14: The Caledon Hills Bruce Trail Club invites all hikers to their annual three day end-to-end Thanksgiving weekend hike. To register, please send a cheque for \$17 payable to the Caledon Bruce Trail Club, c/o Peter

Ellison, 142 Goldhawk Trail, Scarboro, ON M1V 1W5. The nominal fee covers daily bus transportation each day, snacks, and a badge on completion. For further information call Peter Ellison at 416-293-7609. Further details will be sent on registration.

Oct. 19, 20, 26, 27: Iroquoia Bruce Trail Club End-to-End Hike. For more information and registration call Terry Stortz 905-522-6791

November 16-17: The Niagara Bruce Trail Club features the Fort to Fort hike.

This is a two day hike from Fort George to Fort Erie. The trail is flat and easy to follow but not lacking in interest and variety (26 km each day). Registration is required. The fee covers the cost of the badge as well as bus transportation both mornings. Send your name, address, and \$15 for each hiker (payable to the Niagara Bruce Trail Club) to Shah Khan, 6 Dogwood Court Fonthill, Ontario, L0S 1E0 (905) 892 3812.

Minutes of 1996 Annual General Meeting

June 9, 1996

The 1995 Annual General Meeting of the Dufferin Hi-Land Bruce Trail Club was held at the home of Diana Sura at Loretto on Sunday, June 9, 1996, with fifteen in attendance.

B. T. A. Director Bob Barnett was present and updated members on Association efforts in land acquisition and fundraising.

Minutes of the 1995 A.G.M. were distributed. It was moved by Larry Haskell, seconded by Hilda Wilson, that the minutes be adopted as distributed.

It was noted that Grant and Grace Bell were absent for the first time in many years, having moved into nursing homes.

The club archives were discussed, and Roy Bird kindly offered to take charge.

President Kristin Farrier expressed her thanks to all who had assisted in the club's operations in the past year.

Information was provided on efforts to turn the former C.N.R. railway line from Hwy 9 to Barrie into a multi-use trail. Frieda Baldwin can be contacted for further information.

The 1995-1996 financial statements were presented. It was moved by Larry Haskell, seconded by Audrey Jones, that the financial reports be adopted as distributed. Carried.

Publicity Director Roy Bird reported that the club will have a presence on the World Wide Web through the B.T.A.'s home page. A discussion took place on the establishment of a club telephone number for the hike schedule on a trial basis, and on buttons for handing out to new hikers.

It was moved by David Hahn, seconded by Audrey Jones, to donate \$1,000.00 to the Niagara Escarpment Preservation Fund at the 1996 B.T.A. annual general meeting. Carried.

It was moved by Larry Haskell, seconded by Diana Sura, that the 1996-1997 officers be:

President:

Kristin Farrier

Vice-President and Publicity Director:

Roy Bird

B.T.A. Director:

Monica Plewes

Secretary-Treasurer:

Larry Haskell

Trail Director:

Ron Yorke

Landowner Relations:

David Hahn

Carried.

Audrey Jones expressed thanks to Diana Sura on behalf of the club for hosting the meeting.

The meeting adjourned without motion.

Statement of Income and Expenses

	Income	
	1994-1995	1995-1996
Badge Revenue	412.00	696.00
Bank Interest	10.90	206.49
End-to-end Receipts	577.00	408.00
Membership Income	2,227.60	2,483.96
Total Income	3,227.50	3,794.45
	Expenses	
Badge Expense	246.66	332.02
End-to-End Expenses	112.00	100.00
Postage and Printing	655.64	970.62
Publicity Expense	64.41	110.00
Trail Maintenance	84.35	136.72
Miscellaneous	25.00	66.13
Total Expenses	1,188.06	1,715.49
Net Income	2,039.44	2,078.96

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Actual results at end of fiscal year (March 31, 1996)

	Assets	
	1994-1995	1995-1996
Bank Accounts		
Savings account 56007	4,448.84	1,537.19
Signature Plus		
account 5009501	1,559.62	794.50
Royal Bank G.I.C.		6,184.32
Subtotal Bank	6,008.46	8,516.01
Other Assests		
Badge Inventory	870.03	538.01
Subtotal Other Assets	870.03	538.01
Total Assets	6,878.49	9,054.02
Liabilities		
Footsteps trust account	147.17	243.74
Total Liabilities	147.17	243.74
Net Worth		
Total Assets Less Liabilities	6,731.32	8,810.28

