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# Voyageur Trail News



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## 2012 VTA Annual Meeting President's Report

By Susan Graham



This year's AGM was held October 27 at Stokely Creek Lodge, with an expanded program that everyone seemed to enjoy. Following the Coordinating Council meeting in the morning, Saulteaux Club members joined us for the (brief) AGM and we adjourned to go do what we like best – a hike. The route was up to the spectacular Robertson Cliffs, following the new loop trail. We were able to enjoy the improvements that were just made this year – a larger parking area and trailhead signage. Following the hike, we returned to the Lodge for a very nice turkey dinner and presentation by Dean Thompson on the Algoma Highlands Conservancy. Below is a shortened version of my President's report at the AGM.

The year 2012 has been a busy one for the VTA and it looks like much of the current activity will extend into next year and beyond. We have a new club in Thunder Bay which has chosen the name "Nor'wester VT Club". They have been revitalizing the western end of the trail system. New trail is being developed in conjunction with the Trans Canada Trail Association. The potential Kinghorn Rail Trail project would create a 110km multi-use, four season trail linking the communities of Nipigon, Red Rock, Dorion, Shuniah and Thunder Bay. These five communities have initiated an initial Feasibility Study which is now underway, as well as an engineering

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Congratulations to Don McGorman—winner of the 2012 Steve Taylor Award!!

study to assess the existing bridges along the route.

The pulp mill in Terrace Bay has been sold, and while this is good news for the local residents, the mill is selling the Lake Superior shoreline property it owns, for the development of cottage lots. This could have a negative effect on the Casque Isle trail section, depending on the purchaser's development of the shoreline.

Pic River First Nation is interested in developing the trail between Heron Bay and Pic River, including look-outs, signage and bridges. I have sent a letter of support in their effort to obtain funding. (This is particularly good news, as we have not had interest shown before from the First Nations in the area, and the trail between Pukaskwa and Marathon is largely un-used and not maintained.)

Both Carole Blaquiere and Kirsten Spence (Trans Canada Trail) have had contact with the hiking community in Wawa and there seems to be some interest stirring there regarding trails. As there is currently no active VT club in Wawa, any efforts to get the VT name out there are welcome.

The Saulteaux Club ran a busy schedule this year, including involvement in a War of 1812 re-enactment event. In keeping with the Voyageur name, a number of VTA members joined in a canoe paddle from Sault Ste. Marie to Fort St. Joseph, to commemorate the attack and capture of Fort Mackinac at the start of the War of 1812.

The Saulteaux section has been the focus of the media this fall. Shaw Cable was running a short clip about the trail, with plans to do further short clips, focusing on a particular aspect of hiking, as well as a half-hour show. Sault This Week ran a detailed article about the club at the beginning of October.

The Coureurs de Bois club in Elliot Lake is going strong, with a very busy schedule of 4 hikes per week. Their Leisure Hikes that are at a slower pace have proven to be very popular. Through the efforts of former VTA President, Alan Day, there now is an attractive sign at the trail head of the Cobre Lake Trail north of

Elliot Lake.

A new VTA website was launched this year with many new features such as an updatable calendar and easy to navigate tabs. This was created in conjunction with a Facebook page to bring us into the social media age. Jack Dunning has devoted many hours to this project and we greatly appreciate his efforts.

The Visioning process has been on hold as we wait for news of funding from Ministry of Northern Development Mines and Forestry, Tourism Development Grant.

A committee has been put together to develop some suggestions for the VTA's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. This is an opportunity to promote the clubs in various communities, as well as do something a little different for current members. All clubs will be encouraged to get involved with the anniversary events.

We are looking at printing a new edition of the guidebook, as our previous edition is nearly all sold. Assistance will be required by the Guidebook Committee, including the selection of photos for printing as well as soliciting advertising.

And, last but not least, this year's winner of the Steve Taylor Volunteer Award was Don McGorman. Congratulations, Don! The winners of the three free memberships were: Steve Bailey, Jean Guy Letarte and Nickie and Jerry Jean all of the Coureurs de Bois club. Congratulations, everyone!



#### HIKING TIDBIT

Check out the following Blog being written by two fifty-something women, Marian Booy and Magdalena Vander Kooy, who are walking the entire 885 km of the Bruce Trail along the Niagara Escarpment in Ontario. They began in June 2011 and plan to complete the last section in 2013. They are capturing their adventure in words and photographs – you can visit their Blog at: <http://brucetrailwomen.wordpress.com/>

#### Thank You, Landowners!

*Once again, the Voyageur Trail Association would like to thank all the landowners who support the VTA and make all of our outings possible. The VTA is able to offer its members and the general public a superb hiking and snowshoe trail that leads to all kinds of wilderness adventures. This is due in large part to the generosity and goodwill of private landowners, who are kind enough to allow us to trek across their properties. Continued use of the trail is dependent upon the proper care of the lands entrusted to us by these landowners. Please be respectful of the landowner's wishes and property and adhere to the Trail Users' Code at all times whenever you venture out on the trail.*

## VTA Set to Celebrate 40th Anniversary

The Voyageur Trail Association officially turns 40 in October 2013 and we are planning to celebrate. Yes, it was back in 1973 that a small group with a big vision, led by Dr. Paul Syme, formed this association and began to build this trail. And the rest, as they say, is history.

Over the past few months some members have been meeting to brainstorm ideas that would take advantage of this occasion to raise the profile of the VTA, encourage new users, and engage our members. Here's a sample of the kinds of things we've been thinking about:

- \* Spruce up the entire length of completed trail in summer 2013 (focusing on lesser-used portions) using volunteers, including students.
- \* Encourage trail users to collectively walk/snowshoe/ski every kilometre of the trail (about 600 km) between fall 2013 and fall 2014.
- \* Hold special events across the trail system to launch the celebrations.
- \* Recognize those who hike at least 40 km over the year.
- \* Design a special printed trail blaze to recognize this milestone.
- \* Hold a photo contest.
- \* Prepare historical articles for the newsletter.

This is a big activity so we need all the help we can muster from every part of the trail system. Does this sound like something you could help with in any way? Do you have organizational skills, keyboarding/computer abilities, enjoy photography, like to write, or are willing to help with trail clearing outings (work parties)? If so, please contact Steve Dominy ([705-946-2484](tel:705-946-2484) or [sdominy@gmail.com](mailto:sdominy@gmail.com)) to discuss your interests. And of course we're still looking for ideas. Together, let's make this an anniversary never to be forgotten!

## New Robertson Cliffs Loop Trail and Trailhead Signs

By Carole Blaquiere

Collaboration between members of the Voyageur Trail Association (VTA) and the Algoma Highland Conservancy (AHC) has resulted in a new loop trail and signage at the Robertson Cliffs. This project was funded through the Mountain Equipment Cooperative Access and Activity Grant and made possible with the help of the volunteers for the VTA. The goal of the project was to increase usage of the hiking trail on the cliffs.

New signage for the Robertson Cliffs trails includes the new trailhead and a direction signage off old highway 17 onto Robertson Lake road. An interpretive sign was also installed but this was another project funded through Algoma Tourism. It coincided perfectly with the new trailhead being installed a week later. Highway signage has also been obtained and will be installed in the spring by the Ministry of Transportation.

The new loop trail includes the popular Robertson Cliffs trail in the Stokely/Goulais section of the Voyageur Trail. Assuming that the trail is being hiked in a clockwise direction, the new yellow blazed trail branches off to the right of the main trail a couple of hundred meters past the lookout points on the cliffs. The loop trail follows an existing ski trail down the backside of Robertson Cliffs. It gently meanders down the slope through an open maple forest until it reaches a T intersection. A right turn along the old bush road follows a creek until you reach a short side trail. *(cont'd on page 6)*



## News from the Coureurs de Bois *by Emily Windle*

Over the summer we had a tragedy in Elliot Lake when the Mall roof collapsed. The first hike after that Saturday was a Leisure Hike on Monday, June 27. It was led by Donna Condon. To show respect for those who were affected by this, she led the hikers in a reflection time during the usual hike snack time. She lit a candle and invited people to share their thoughts on the recent event. Participants said it was quite moving.

In August, about twenty hikers from the Coureurs de Bois, led by Jean-Guy and Rae Letarte travelled to Sault Ste. Marie for 2 days of hiking and for some hikers, some camping. We were impressed by the high waves buffeting a Great Lake freighter as we watched from Gros Cap. The wind farm was also something to see and hear!! The second day, we hiked from the Orphan Lake trail entrance to the Sand River along the Superior Coastal Trail. Some of the hikers enjoyed a swim at the end of the hike. Along the hike, several times we met a group of a dozen teenagers and their 2 adult guides who were on day 6 of a 10 day hike along the Superior Coastal Trail. We offered them encouragement and told them we were just finishing a 21 day hike!!



In September, we held a hike to honour the memory of a hiker who had passed away during the summer. More than two dozen hikers, led by Steve Bailey, gathered at Rooster Rock to share our memories of Larry Clinesmith. Many smiles and some tears were shared as we took turns speaking about Larry. Some of the hikers wore broad-brimmed hats as another tribute to Larry, who wore his fedora summer and winter (with a headband) on hikes in the area. Carol Friesman told the hikers about the significance of Rooster Rock to local First Nations people. She showed us a special medicine wheel with colours of the four directions at the beginning of the memorial.

In late September, a number of us paddled across Flack Lake to spend the day clearing Mt. Baldy Trail. The summit of the trail overlooks many lakes to the east, north and south. A local lodge owner was quite pleased to see that the trail was being cleared because guests of that lodge enjoy hiking there. The

next Saturday hike was led by Gerry and Nicky Jean to Mt Baldy. It was very enjoyable as the leaves were at their most spectacular.

In October, an intrepid group of Coureurs de Bois members picked up litter in the ditches along a three km section of Hwy 108 leading into Elliot Lake. A prize was offered for the most interesting treasure that was discovered in the trash we gathered. Runners-up were a kneeling bench, a fox skeleton, a partially inflated football and many beer cans. The winner of the Treasure in the Trash award was a large wall plaque of the US-WA from 1985. It was retrieved from rot and ruin by Carol Friesman and Lionel Frigault. They have since donated it to the local Elliot Lake Nuclear Museum.



We have had guest speakers at our September and November General meetings. One speaker was a local chiropractor, who advised us on proper stretches to do and how to choose hiking equipment to avoid injury. The other guest speaker was a representative from the local Alzheimer Society with general information about the condition. Many of the hikers could relate on a personal level to her subject.

We continue to enjoy 4 hikes per week. We are in a transition season between hiking and snowshoe season. To mark this time of year, Jim and Sue Maclean are organizing a hike with a campfire on Saturday, Dec 8. Participants are asked to bring their own hotdogs, buns etc. to cook over the campfire.

We have our Christmas Party on Dec. 15 at the Curling Club. Merry Christmas to everyone!

January First is the annual Coureurs de Bois and Penokean Hills Field Naturalists hike in the Sheriff Creek Bird Sanctuary. Happy New Year to all from the Coureurs de Bois!

## Saulteaux Club Outing Schedule (Sault Ste. Marie)

Typical meeting locations: Goodlife building, 589 Second Line East (Second Line side); Market Mall, 275 Second Line West (on Korah Road corner); Churchill Plaza, 150 Churchill Blvd (on Trunk Road between Lake & Wellington Streets) near Beer Store; Wellington Square Mall, 625 Trunk Road, near the restaurant.

To see the outing schedules for other clubs, check the VTA website or call the local contact in the community of interest.

### Saulteaux Club

(Sault Ste. Marie and area—outings marked with an asterisk (\*) are outside Sault Ste. Marie). For all outings, bring water, a lunch, dress appropriately, and be prepared to sign an assumption of risk agreement.

**\*Mon., Dec. 24** ~ The Voyageur Trail is closed for the day.

**Wed., Dec. 26** ~ Boxing Day Snowshoe/Hike at Hiawatha. Meet 11AM at Hiawatha Highlands (Landslide Road, north of Fifth Line). We'll enjoy some refreshments afterwards in the Hiawatha Highlands seating area. Snowshoe rentals available. Call Don (705-946-9599) for more info.

**Thurs., Dec. 27** ~ Community Christmas for Children event. Enjoy the winter weather at the Fort Creek Conservation Area. Bring your kids (or grandchildren) and come sliding, build a snowman or go for a walk, then warm up around a bonfire with a marshmallow (or two). 1 to 3pm. Pets must be leashed. Call Susan if you can help out. 705-949-4105.

**\*Sat, Dec 29** - Snowshoe/Hike to the Harmony Beach Lookout. Meet at the Goulais River Country Store (HWY 17N and Pineshores Road) at 10AM. Call Dawn at 705-649-4936.

**Sat., Dec. 29** ~ Moonlight snowshoe/hike at Kinsmen Park. Meet 6PM at Hiawatha Highlands headquarters (Landslide Road, north of Fifth Line). After the hike, we can partake in the refreshments available for the lantern ski

event taking place the same evening. Snowshoe rentals available. Call Don (705-946-9599) for more info.

**Tues., Jan. 1** (New Year's Day) ~ Embrace the new year with a hike/snowshoe in the Camp Korah area. Bring lunch. Meet at Good Life @ 10:30 AM. Call Ila (705-949-1097) for more info.

**Sun., Jan. 6** ~ Snowshoe (or hike) with Gayle (705-942-1891). Meet 10AM at Goodlife to car pool. Behaved pets welcome. Call for more info.

**Sat., Jan. 12** ~ Snowshoe with Doris (705-942-9466) the extended Crimson Ridge trail. Meet at Market Mall at 10AM.

**Sun Jan 13** ~ Snowshoe with Mike (705-779-3409) on the Gros Cap Loop. Meet 10AM at Market Mall near LCBO.

**Sat., Jan. 19** ~ Snowshoe Connor Rd to Trout Lake. Call Mark 705-254-2356 for more info.

**\*Sun., Jan. 20** ~ Snowshoe at Stokely Creek Lodge with Dawn (705-649-4936) at 10AM. Call for more details.

**Mon., Jan. 21** ~ Saulteaux Club bi-monthly meeting at 7PM. Call 705-942-1891 for more info.

**Sat., Jan. 26** ~ Moonlight snowshoe/hike at Glenview. Meet 6:00PM at Glenview Cottages (2611 Great Northern Road). Weather permitting, after the hike we will have a campfire. Call Don (705-946-9599) for more info.

**\*Sun., Jan. 27** ~ Snowshoe Festival at Stokely Creek 10AM to 4PM. Cost is \$18 in advance and \$20 at the door for adults. Children under 12 are free. The event includes Stokely's famous Chili served at the King Mountain summit and the Day Skiers Log Hut. TICKETS AND INFORMATION ARE AVAILABLE AT: Stokely Creek Lodge, Algoma Bicycle, Velorution Bike/Ski, The Country Way, Joe's Sports (www.stokelycreek.com/trails/events)

**Sat., Feb. 2** ~ VTA Coordinating Council Meeting

**\*Sun., Feb. 3** ~ Snowshoe, (weather permitting) in the Goulais/Stokely area with Carole and Chris. Meet at the Goulais River Country Store (Hwy 17 north and Pineshores) at 10AM. Call 705-649-2235 for details.

**Sat., Feb. 9** ~ Moonlight snowshoe/hike at Kinsmen Park. Meet 6PM at Hiawatha Highlands headquarters (Landslide Road, north of Fifth Line). After the hike, we can partake in the refreshments available for the lantern ski event taking place the same evening. Snowshoe rentals available. Call Don (705-946-9599) for more info.

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**Sat., Feb. 16** ~ Snowshoe the Odena Trail with Doris (705-942-9466). Meet 10AM at Goodlife.



**NEW!!**

*"Like" us on our Facebook page [ <http://www.facebook.com/Saulteaux.Voyageur.Trail.Club> ] and receive timely reminders of upcoming events. Don't be afraid of Facebook—you can have almost an empty page of personal information and still use it to get reminders from*

**Mon., Feb. 18** ~ Family Day snowshoe with Dawn (705-649-4936) at Hiawatha Park 1PM. Call for details.

**\*Fri, Feb. 22 to Sun., Feb. 24** (option of 1 or 2 nights) ~ Weekend in the Tahquamenon Falls State Park area, near Paradise, Michigan. Opportunities to snowshoe and cross-country ski on groomed and pristine trails. Lantern ski/showshoe and winter owl crawl offered on Saturday. Brew pub

## Saulteaux Club Outing Schedule *Cont'd*

and restaurant in the park. Call Steve at 705-946-2484 or email [sdominy1203@gmail.com](mailto:sdominy1203@gmail.com) for more info.

**Sat., Feb. 23** ~ Moonlight snowshoe/hike at Glenview. Meet 6:30PM at Glenview Cottages (2611 Great Northern Road). Weather permitting, after the hike we will have a campfire. Call Don (705-946-9599) for more info.

**Sat., Mar. 2** ~ Snowshoe at Red Rock with Dieter & Erika (705-946-9636). Meet 10AM at Goodlife.

**Sun., Mar. 3** ~ Snowshoe in the Island Lake area. Warm up at the bonfire at the Graham camp. No pets please. Call Susan (705-949-4105) for more details.

**Sat., Mar. 9** ~ Ski a portion of the old "Link Trail" ...this is a true backcountry ski...not for the feint of heart! Call Mark 254-2356 for details.

**\*Sun., Mar. 10** ~ Snowshoe,(weather permitting) in the Goulais/Stokely area with Carole and Chris. Meet at the Goulais River Country Store (Hwy 17 north and Pineshores) at 10AM. Call 705-649-2235 for details.

**\*Sat., Mar. 16** ~ Snowshoe at Pancake Bay (weather permitting) with Doris. Call Doris 705-942-9466 for meeting time and place.

**Mon., Mar. 18** ~ Saulteaux Club meeting at 7PM. We will plan our summer outings. Location TBA. Call 705-942-1891 for more info.

**Fri, Sat & Sun, Mar. 22, 23 & 24** ~ Volunteers needed for booth at 2013 Spring Home & Outdoor Show (John Rhodes Centre). Call Don at 705-946-9599 for final details.

**Sun., Mar. 24** ~ Snowshoe with Gayle. Meet 10AM at Goodlife to car pool. Call 705-942-1891 for details.

In April, depending on snow conditions, Susan is planning some trail maintenance Thursdays. Call 705-949-4105 for more details.

**Sun., Apr. 14** ~ Hike the HUB Trail with Gayle (705-942-1891). Meet at 10AM in the Finn Hill parking lot. Call for details.

**Sat., Apr. 20** ~ Hike with Ila (705-949-1097). Bring lunch and meet 10AM at Goodlife.

**Sat., Apr. 27** ~ Saulteaux Club Annual Dinner at Stokely Creek Lodge. Afterwards we will enjoy a presentation by Doris Welz on hiking in the Alps. Call 705-942-1891 for final details and price.

**Sun., May 5** ~ Check out the spring wildflowers along the trail to Robertson Cliffs. Call Mark 705-254-2356 for details.

**Sun., May 5** ~ Volunteers needed for booth at 2013 Passport To Unity event (Essar Centre). Call Don at 705-946-9599 for final details.

**Sun., May 12** ~ Annual Mother's Day Hike on the trails at Horst's place. Bring lunch (or have a hotdog), and water. Meet at Horst Wetzl's cabin (driveway begins at the northern terminus of Peoples Road). Call Horst at 705-971-4812 or Gayle at 705-942-1891.

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This trail leads you to a pretty waterfall where you can take a nice break before finishing the 5km loop. The remainder of the trail is a 10 minute walk to the parking area.

The trailhead and loop trail were officially opened at the VTA annual general meeting held October 27th.



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### TRAIL CONDITIONS ON WEB SITE

Please take a look at the "Trails" on our web site and read the trail conditions for the sections you have been on, especially if you have done trail maintenance this year. Our Web Master, Jack Dunning, can only update the site as he gets the information, and I know some of it is out of date. Forward your comments to me, Susan Graham at [graham.csi@sympatico.ca](mailto:graham.csi@sympatico.ca) by January 15, so I can combine everyone's input and get it to Jack.

#### Did you know ????

#### Hiking can help stave off dementia

Scientists have found a direct link between cardiovascular exercise and healthy brain matter. Studies have shown that the body's ability to correctly regulate glucose levels may help to regenerate tissues and ensure healthy gray matter. They also show that exercise increases oxygenation to the brain, which maintains healthy brain cells.

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- Hike only along marked routes. Do not take short cuts.
- Do not climb fences.
- Carry out all garbage (if you can carry it in, you can carry it out)
- Light cooking fires at official campsites only. Drench fires after use. (or better still carry a lightweight hiker's stove)
- Leave flowers and plants for others to enjoy.
- Do not damage live trees or strip off bark.
- Protect and do not disturb wildlife.
- Keep dogs under control (leash if necessary) and follow your club's guidelines concerning dogs.
- Respect the privacy of people living off the trail. Walk around the edges of fields, not across them.
- Leave only your thanks and take nothing but photographs. BE A LOW-IMPACT HIKER!!

**I WOULD LIKE TO HELP WITH:**

- Trail maintenance
- Trail development
- Hike leader
- Organization—executive, directors
- Newsletter, guidebook, photography
- Landowner records, maps
- Publicity committee
- Special events
- Sorry, not at this time.
- Contact me with information on what's needed, and I'll decide then.

- Please add my membership to the membership list of the club closest to my home, OR  consider me a member-at-large, OR  consider me as a member of the following club \_\_\_\_\_.

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**DECLARATION:** I understand that the Voyageur Trail is a wilderness trail and some remote or little-used sections may be in poor condition due to fallen trees or regrowth of vegetation. I understand I hike it at my own risk. I have read and will abide by the Trail Users' Code (above).

(signature): \_\_\_\_\_