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**Snowshoe enthusiasts on the Voyageur Trail**

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**ON THIS ISSUE'S COVER:**

A little snow does not scare off determined hikers in the VTA. Cliff and Susan Graham find their snowshoes handy even during lunch break.

**PAUL SYME HONoured**

**RECIPIENT OF PRESTIGIOUS AWARD**

The Corps d'Elite Ontario Award, the province's highest honour for recreation volunteers and professionals was awarded to Paul Syme. Lieutenant Governor Lincoln Alexander presented the award to Paul in Toronto recently, for his dedication and work for the Voyageur Trail Association.

We all congratulate Paul on receipt of this well deserved award. New members may not realize that their club is the result of a dream by Paul to clear a trail from Manitoulin Island to Thunder Bay. Only a dream in the early 1970's, it became reality as the first hike was held near Gros Cap on two freshly cleared miles (yes - miles in those days!) of trail on May 11, 1975. From its official opening on September 21, 1975, the trail and membership slowly grew,

with encouragement and leadership through the years from Paul. The Trail is now continuous from Sault Ste. Marie to the Elliot Lake highway in the east, and north to the Mile Hill. There is also a northern loop in the Red Rock area skirting the shores of Lake Superior. In the Wawa area, active members have cleared trail south to Lake Superior Provincial Park. West of Wawa, the Casque Isle section maintains a picturesque trail, again following the Superior shoreline. The coastal trails in Lake Superior Provincial Park and Pukaskwa National Park will also be part of the Voyageur Trail.

Congratulations again and let's all work together to make sure that Paul's dream becomes reality.

**HIKE ONTARIO! NEWS**

- Hike Ontario! has made an application for a grant to provide funds for an office and an Executive Director. This is a step in the right direction, for as a blanket organization for many trail clubs in Ontario, Hike Ontario! should be available to anyone.

- Hike Ontario! is encouraging individual memberships at \$15.00 per year. This membership entitles you to receive their quarterly newsletter and gives you the right to attend meetings and workshops. There are plenty of opportunities if you wish to get involved.

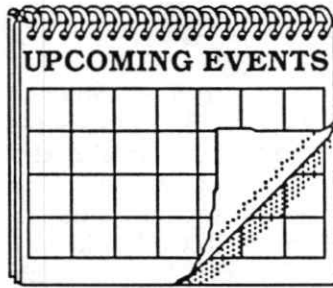
- Hike Ontario! publishes fact sheets such as walking vacations in Ontario at a cost of \$0.50 each.

- Hike Ontario! is hosting a workshop in Guelph, March 2, 1991 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at a cost of \$10.00 per person.

The focus of the workshop is "Recruiting and Training Hike Leaders." This could be an informative workshop for anyone travelling to Southern Ontario at that time.

- Andy Cann is leading a group from Southern Ontario on hikes in the Sault Ste. Marie area on May 11 and 12.

If further information is required about any of the above mentioned points, please contact your Hike Ontario! representative, Patrick Capper at 253-4470.



**SAULTEAUX SECTION**

**Mar. 4** -Saulteaux Club General Membership meeting on Mon. March 4, at 7:30 at Algoma University College, Room EW17. Bring your requests for outings - the agenda includes planning the May to October hike schedule, as well as making final arrangements for the Annual Dinner. (See Dinner Invitation on back page.) Come on out and give us your ideas - we want to please our members!!

**Feb. 17** - A short snowshoe outing at Wishart Park; ideal for those who are short of experience or time! You may want to bring a hot drink or snack. Meet at K-Mart at 1:00 p.m. Susan Graham - Leader.

**Feb. 24** - For a truly unique experience, ski to the Agawa Rock Pictographs, weather permitting. Meet 8:00 a.m. K-Mart. Bill Robinson - Leader.

**Mar. 3** - Steve Taylor will lead us into the "Canyon" north of Nettleton Lake. Join us for a beautiful outing to an area that is one of the best kept secrets in town. Meet 10:00 a.m. Market Mall.

**Mar. 17** - Tom Allinson will lead the last ski of the season into the Carpin Beach Road area where snow can still be found when spring is observed everywhere else. Meet 10:00 a.m. Market Mall.

**Apr. 21** - Celebrate Earth Day with a spring hike in the Gros Cap area. Good opportunity to see the ice breaking up and look for other signs of spring. Bring along a bag and gloves to clean up some of the litter along this beautiful Superior shoreline. Note: There could be some slippery climbing over rocks. Meet 10:00 a.m. Market Mall. Steve Taylor - Leader.

**May 11** - Join the Conservation Authority in a Conservation Week hike in the Hiawatha Park area. Refreshments to be served. An easy walk for beginners and children. Meet at the Sugar Shack, Fifth Line at 10:00 a.m. Leaders - Susan Graham and Steve Taylor.

**May 12** - Our annual Mother's Day hike to Horst Wetzl's property, where we will enjoy a wiener roast. This is definitely a family outing - bring Mom and all the kids. Meet 10:00 a.m. Market Mall. Susan Graham - Leader.

**MICHIPICOTEN SECTION**

**Feb. 16** - Spend a day ice fishing in Lake Superior Provincial Park. Meet at the Wawa Post Office 9:00 a.m. Call Peter Stinnissen for details.

**Mar. 24** - Cross country ski jaunt, starting at Karl M. Beck school. Meet at school at 1:00 p.m.

**Apr. 24** - Michipicoten Club General Meeting. Wed. April 24, 7:30 p.m. at Michipicoten High School.

For further information on Michipicoten Club, contact Peter Stinnissen - 856-4270 or Dorothy Egan - 856-2256.

**REMINDER**

**Saulteaux Club General Membership Meeting**

Monday, March 4  
7:30 p.m.,  
Algoma University College,  
Room EW17



**Michipicoten Club General Meeting**  
Wednesday, April 24  
7:30 p.m.

Michipicoten High School

**Saulteaux Club Annual Dinner**

See announcement inside back cover.

**\*\* PLEASE NOTE \*\***

All hike leaders are unpaid volunteers. Participants are encouraged to join us but please do so at your own risk. Pack a lunch, spare clothing and extra socks. A spare pole basket, a ski tip and bits of wire should also be part of your winter day pack. Broken ski equipment in the backcountry can make skiing out difficult.