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CASQUE ISLES HIKING CLUB STARTING UP AGAIN

by *Mike Scott*

The Casque Isles Hiking Club is back, after having been dormant for more than 10 years! A few past members, and some new people, have been working to revive interest in the club.

The Casque Isles Club is responsible for administration, maintenance, and improvements to the hiking trail between Rosspport and Terrace Bay. This 52.4-kilometre section of the Voyageur Trail roughly follows the rugged shoreline of the northernmost point of Lake Superior.

The entire trail can be hiked in one three- or four-day stretch, but is more enjoyable to do in smaller sections (there are five). This allows time to take in the spectacular scenery, such as Aguasabon Gorge shown



above. One can also enjoy northern hospitality in the towns of Rosspport, Schreiber, and Terrace Bay, at the end of the day.

Besides me, the people interested in reviving the club are Dan McGrath, Lorne Burke, Clay Gordon, and Mike Moore. We've already held a preliminary meeting, and set a tentative plan for the coming season. The first priority is to inform the public, and see how many local people are willing to help the club, or become members.

A public meeting was held May 7 at the Terrace Bay Recreation Office. Gayle Phillips and Mike Landmark were there to show the VTA slide presentation and answer questions. The attendance that evening, a subsequent article printed in the *Thunder Bay Chronicle*, and the many phone calls, have convinced us it is time to re-form the club.

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The Voyageur Trail is no longer Northern Ontario's best kept secret! From left, Mike Landmark, Susan Graham, Gayle Phillips are ready to greet visitors at the Sault Ste. Marie Sportsman's Show in March. See page 3.



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CASQUE ISLES CLUB

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On May 17, we held our "Go to Blazes" trail maintenance outing on the Lyda Bay trail. The tentative schedule for the rest of the Casque Isles Hiking Club 1997 activities follow:

Saturday, June 14 Hike the Les Ecris Section. Rain date is June 15, as parts of the trail are dangerous when wet.

Wednesday, July 2 Hike the Lyda Bay Section from Terrace Bay (Aguasabon Gorge) to Hydro Bay, to coincide with Terrace Bay's 50th Anniversary celebrations.

Wednesday, July 9 General Meeting - *Everyone welcome.*

Wednesday, July 23 Hike the Mount Gwynne Section, from Schreiber to Mount Gwynne via the access trail, then to Schreiber Beach, and back to Schreiber, to coincide with Schreiber Heritage Days celebrations.

Saturday, August 16 Hike the Schreiber Point Section, Worthington Beach over Mount Gwynne to Schreiber Beach, with picnic lunch on top of Mount Gwynne.

Wednesday, September 10 General Meeting - *Everyone welcome.*

Saturday, September 13 Hike Schreiber to Rainbow Falls Provincial Park.

Saturday, October 4 Hike Schreiber to Rainbow Falls Provincial Park, hopefully including some park staff.

Wednesday, November 12 General meeting: elect executive for club, plan winter activities, meetings, etc.

If anyone is interested in helping with these activities, joining us for a hike, finding out exact dates for hikes and meetings, or simply wants more information on the Casque Isles Club, please feel free to call Mike Scott at (807) 824-2052 (home) or (807) 824-2054 (w), or write: Casque Isles Hiking Club C/O Mike Scott, P.O. Box 947, Schreiber, Ont., P0T 2S0, or e-mail mscott@schreiber.lakeheadu.ca.

Mike Moore is also available during the day at the Terrace Bay Tourist Information Center, at (807) 825-9721.



HELP WANTED:

The Voyageur Trail Association has a vacancy on its Executive. If you can volunteer for the Trail Master position, please contact Larry Gringorten at (705) 949-7953.



NEW TRAIL TO HARMONY BEACH

by Neil Ray

The Harmony/Haviland section of the Voyageur Trail Association is pleased to announce the extension of the Voyageur Trail north from Haviland Bay to Harmony Beach. We would like to thank landowners Chuck Peterson and Michael Stanghetta for their kind permission to use their property.

This trail provides access to some beautiful views, including two small lakes, a large beaver pond and a stand of huge fir trees. The trail, to be called the Harmony Trail, is only partially flagged and cleared, but we expect to have it ready for this summer.



On Sunday, February 23, a group of 12 hikers (photo above) set out on the new trail by snowshoe. We stopped for a quick lunch about the halfway mark near the north end of Sam Lake. Then the group split in half and six of us continued in spite of an unexpected snow storm. We completed the 10-kilometre trail.

A special thank you to the following members who attended our first scheduled outing:

Patrick Capper	Pim Delfgou
Mike Landmark	Cheryl Landmark
Myra MacDonald	Ruth MacDonald
Gayle Phillips	Anne Prickett
Neil Ray	Dieter Ropke
Francois Auclair (guest)	
Shaunagh Gravelines (guest)	

And a thank you to the folks at Harmony Beach Lakeview Resort and McCauley's Motel for allowing the group to park our vehicles.

If you are interested in exploring this trail, please contact Neil Ray at (705) 649-0875 or e-mail to harmony2@ican.net for information. (Also, see the insert in this issue.)



VTA PUBLICITY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

by Gayle Phillips

I'm finding that one of the sure signs of spring is the flurry of activity in the VTA's public relations efforts. Here are some of the highlights.

In January, the VTA was featured in Peter Denley's Outdoors column in *The Sault Star* newspaper. In February, Mike Landmark staffed a booth at the Sault College Wellness Fair display.

The Sault Ste. Marie Sportsman's Show took place March 21, 22 and 23. This is the first year we staffed our own table at the show. Every kind of outdoors-related organization was represented. Friends of the Sault Ste. Marie Canal, Fort St. Joe, and Pukaskwa National Park donated a spot for us, and we are extremely grateful to them! Space is an expensive commodity!!

Thanks must also go out to those who took the time from their busy weekends to provide assistance at the show: Mike Landmark, Susan Graham, Judy Falkins, Steve Dominy, Pim Delfgou and Frank Brooks. A special thanks again to Mike Landmark who presented our slide show twice on the weekend in the 'theatre.'

In April, two presentations were made to local Boy Scout leaders to try to get more Scouts involved in the local trail maintenance outings. A special thank you to Susan Graham who helped present our story and keep us on schedule.

On April 10, the Recreation Committee of Bruce Mines/Plummer Additional Township



Gayle Phillips awards Danielle Deschamps (left) a VTA T-shirt at the Blind River Home and Sports Show.

invited the VTA to their meeting to give a slide presentation about the Association. It seems they have an interest in building a hiking trail from Bruce Mines to the Voyageur Trail. Tourists and residents will then be able to access the Voyageur Trail right from downtown! Hopefully we will hear more from the committee in the near future.

From Sunday, April 20 to Thursday, April 24, the VTA's Earth Week display was set up in the Station Mall in Sault Ste. Marie. Our brochures were a hot item.

The weekend of April 25, 26 and 27 found our VTA traveling show in the town of Blind River at their annual Home and Sports Show. This show intrigued me because we were so warmly welcomed when I called to book a space. I wasn't disappointed! Approximately 3,000 people from Elliot Lake, Blind River, Massey and points close attended the show and much interest was shown in the trail.

On May 2, the Prince Township Centennial Loop Trail was officially unveiled. It was the culmination of much work, especially by Mike Landmark in planning, clearing, blazing, and describing the trail. A new brochure was also created. A full page story about the loop trail in *The Sault Star* newspaper by Marguerite La Haye was a terrific boon to our advertising efforts.

Wednesday, May 7, we gave our slide presentation in Terrace Bay, the home of the newly revitalized Casque Isles Club. The excitement stirred by a new club certainly is infectious! I think we will be hearing much more from this nucleus of activity in the near future. Plan to join their hikes on your holidays this year (see page 2).

On the weekend of May 8, 9 and 10, I found myself at the Thunder Bay Trade Show and Exposition. This show is the biggest I've seen anywhere! There are five buildings containing displays and 30,000 people attend annually! Thunder Bay has many hikers and quite a few are excited about the prospect of having a Voyageur Trail Club in town building trails. Watch for future updates as this progresses.

This year's "between season" activities will certainly be a good indication of the response generated by attending local spring trade shows. I, for one, am very interested to hear any results of our efforts.

Hopefully, next newsletter, I can report back some good news in the way of new clubs forming and increased membership. Keep your fingers crossed and stay tuned!

