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JOHN APPLETON STEPS DOWN FROM TRAIL MAINTENANCE ROLE

But still remains active in PBTC



John and Judy Appleton joined the BTA in the early 1970's but because of family commitments dropped their membership until 1992 when they rejoined the Caledon Club and became Trail Captains. When the club celebrated its 25th anniversary, John and Judy participated in the "Anniversary Hikes" and immediately

A new feature of TREADWAY will be the recognition of members of our Trail Maintenance volunteers who have made outstanding contributions to the Bruce Trail and their community. A special issue will be published from time to time honouring these exceptional people. Each club is invited to suggest members of their club whom they feel should be included in upcoming "Honour Role" issues.

"fell in love" with the Bruce Peninsula, so much so that when they started planning their retirement, they decided that the "Bruce" would be their retirement location. They joined the Peninsula Club and became Trail Captains, and John became a Director at Large.

In the mid 1990's, John and Judy purchased a lot and built their retirement home right on the Bruce Trail in Lion's Head. John took on the role of the first Land Stewardship Director for the PBTC and also the Club Vice President role. Shortly after that however, in 1998, the Trail Director position became vacant so John took on this role dropping the other two functions. John held that position until late 2004 when Grant Ehrhardt took over the Trail Director-Development function while John

retained the Trail Director-Maintenance function.

This past Spring at the Peninsula Club AGM, John relinquished his duties after 10 years of service to the Club and handed the duties over to Lloyd Hayward and Jeff Buckingham who will divide the maintenance function into southern and northern sections. John was made an Honorary Director of the Club. John and Judy still remain Trail Captains. With a bit of a breather now, the Appleton's will pursue another passion they just never seemed to have time for ...travel. We wish them both many happy adventures and continued good health. And thanks again for all you have done for our beloved Bruce Trail.

PETER RICE AWARD WINNER



Peter Rice, a member of our Iroquoia Club was recently honoured by the City of Hamilton as

“Environmentalist of the Year”. A lifelong naturalist and educator, Dr. Peter Rice is a founding father of the Cootes Paradise restoration efforts that have attracted global attention. Peter spent many of his working years at the Royal Botanical Gardens as head of science and assistant director, and has continued as a volunteer during his retirement. A mushroom specialist and expert in native and local foods, Peter has shared his love of nature with thousands of people - both through RBG walks and in presentations and guided tours for many local organizations. This continues to this day and includes a nature program for school children that he has developed and lead. He’s been president of the Ontario Shade Tree Council, part of the Canadian Plant Conservation Programme, and an honorary and advisory director of the Canadian Chestnut Council, as well as a director of the Bay Area Restoration Council. He is an active member of the Hamilton Naturalist’s Club and a long-time trail maintenance work crew member for the Bruce Trail Conservancy.

***Congratulations to our first two
Honour Role volunteers.***