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DAVE MOULE QUINTESSENTIAL VOLUNTEER



I first met Dave Moule in 1984 when we were opening the Gun Point loop. It was a huge task, involving about twelve kilometres of tough trail building. Dave volunteered to become the trail captain for the northern section of the Gun Point loop, and that commitment has continued to this day.

But Dave's involvement did not end there. In the 1990's he became the Trail Director of the Association, a role he held for five years. Under his direction, the Trail Directors of the nine clubs became much more consistent in their approaches, the result of meetings held regularly at Dave's farm. With Chris Walker, he edited a revised *Guide for Trail Workers*

Since the early '90's, Dave has been a trail captain of the Hockleycrest section of the Caledon Hills

club. In 2010 with a reorganization of Caledon's leadership and the appointment of four Quadrant Leaders (each overseeing close to 20 km of trail), Dave volunteered for this additional responsibility.

Dave is chair of the Land Stewardship efforts in the Caledon Hills BTC. He coordinated the club's various tree-planting activities this past year.

Currently he is the chair of the BTC's Land Securement Secretariat, the group which oversees the acquisition efforts of the Conservancy.

Dave and Sally a number of years ago, donated a corridor across their Hockleycrest Farm at the southern edge of the Hockley Valley. At that time, we lacked a connection either south or north of their property. In 2009 we were able to connect this link, largely because of an acquisition to the west where Dave and Sally had played the role of "White Knight", making funds available to the Conservancy. For this reroute, Caledon Hills received the 2010 Tom East Award. In almost every issue of the *Bruce Trail Magazine*, Dave and Sally's names are listed as donors, and they have contributed significantly to other key acquisitions such as the Chris Walker Nature Reserve at Rush Cove in the Bruce Peninsula.

In addition, the Moules planted Christmas trees on their farm, the first of which were harvested in 2003. The profits from these sales are directed to the Trail's Land Acquisition Program and in 2009 again raised about \$3,000.

In 2010, Caledon Hills initiated an award for its "Volunteer of the Year" and it should have been no surprise that Dave was the winner. I was proud to have presented this award to such a worthy recipient (and a good friend).

Ross McLean

IAN REID AN IROQUIA PIONEER -



Ian Reid tells the story of his introduction to Canada, arriving to teach high school in a new country:

When we arrived in Canada in August 1964 with our 10-year-old son Donald, we stayed with my sister and family in Oakville. On our first day there, my brother-in-law took us for a walk to Hilton Falls and told us that a new trail was being constructed on the Niagara Escarpment. I was very interested because my wife Barbara and I had been very active for the past 11 years in the Mountain Club of Kenya. [In Kenya, Ian taught in a European boarding school. He remembers climbing Kilimanjaro before it became the tourist venture that it is today.] We thought Ontario was going to be a rather uninteresting area for hiking, and the nearest mountains were in British Columbia [many] miles away. I promptly took out membership in the new Bruce Trail Association and was quite excited by the Niagara Escarpment.

From that day, began a life-long contribution to the Bruce Trail. It was only when he was 88 years old that because of health concerns he had to give up his role as trail captain between

Kerns Road and King Road. He had been a trail captain for over 40 years. Although now in his nineties, Ian and his wife Barbara still attend the annual Bruce Trail AGM.

Ian has been a hiker all his life; he recounts that he “had walked in the English Pennines and the Lake District, and the Welsh and Scottish Highlands since an early age”, and he first met his wife Barbara climbing in the Austrian Alps in 1951.

In the fall of 1964 they joined the Iroquoia BTC. Ian was asked to participate in the trail construction between Governors Road and the Dundas Golf Club building.

Quickly he was drawn into leadership roles. In 1967 he was Trail Director for Iroquoia and the next year its president. From 1984 to 1987 he returned to be its Trail Director again. From 1973 to 1976, Ian was the president of the Bruce Trail Association.

It was Ian who first pioneered the establishment of uniform standards for trail maintenance. While BTA president, he wrote a series of eight articles that formed the basis for the first BTA *Guide for Trail Workers*.

When talking about their satisfactions from their Bruce Trail involvement, both Ian and Barbara remark: “It gave us a real interest in our new country and brought us many friends”.

In 2006, the club published *Iroquoia Memoirs*, edited by Ian and composed mostly of his own memories. One chapter was entitled “Iroquoian Camaraderie” and recounted stories of the early years and the family involvement in Club activities. Many Iroquoia families took the opportunity of camping on long holiday weekends. The most popular campground was Cape Croker on the shores of Sydney Bay in the Bruce Peninsula. On one memorable weekend under very wet conditions, it was nicknamed “Camp Soaker.”

The traditions first established under Ian’s leadership continue today. Iroquoia won the Philip and Jean Gosling award for quality trail work in 2004 for its rehabilitation of the unopened Walkers Line road allowance and then again in 2010 for the lengthy boardwalk on the Jack Leech-Porter trail. In each case the club was building on those traditions established by Ian Reid.

Ross McLean