

A PUBLICATION FOR TRAIL WORKERS

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Eric Best joined the Iroquoia BTC club in 1996, after selling his manufacturing business. It took 3 tries before he was finally accepted as a trail maintenance volunteer. Paul Beneteau took him under his wing and he soon became trail captain followed by the "trailworker of the year" award, and later by several other awards, culminating in the "Civic Recognition Award" from the City of Burlington in 2009.

For several years he was also active as a hike leader, specializing in winery hikes.

When an opening became available for Iroquoia Club Trail Director, he was accepted

for that position, which he held for 3 1/2 years.

His stint as Club Trail Director was soon followed by 3 years as BTC Trail Director. This period took him to many different sections of the trail which made him realize the need for an up- to- date trail audit.

There was also the need for a simpler, more user friendly "Guide for Trail Workers". He embarked upon a 2- year solo audit (with occasional help from others) of Caledon, Dufferin , Blue Mountain, Beaver Valley, Sydenham and Peninsula sections, in addition to audits of side trails of most of the Southern Clubs.

His trusted mountain bike was his means of transportation (over the road) to his starting point.

In the Spring of 2008, the "Basic Trail Maintenance Guide" was published after review by all Club Trail Directors and by several past Trail Directors.

In February 2009, he had a serious downhill ski accident which almost took his life. After a lot of rehab, he is now "almost back to normal"

Currently, as chair of the Risk Management Committee, he oversees the ongoing trail audit. His other current activities include Work Party Leader in the Iroquoia Club and Club member of the BTC Land Securement Secretariat.