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NOTICE

With the new structure of the Provincial Council, the June 1997 edition of *Provincial Notes* will be the final issue. We thank everyone who has submitted articles and notices in the past - we already have enough material for the June issue.

We will make the final *Provincial Notes* special by having a look over our shoulder at some articles from the past. . . perhaps this will be a collectors edition?

“Better Scouting for More Youth”

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CJ'97 in Thunder Bay, Ontario, July 12 to 20, is more than a Jamboree for Scouts and Venturers. For six days, Monday, July 14th to Saturday July 19th inclusive, we will be hosting a program know as "Beaver/Cub Days at CJ'97". This is an opportunity for guided tours of groups up to 25 Beavers and/or Cubs to spend an exciting day CJ'97.

The tour will visit the Thunder Dome at Boulevard Lake and see a variety of displays and events, such as stage shows, badge trading at Barter Boulevard, buskers performing and many more exhibits. While at the Thunder Dome you can do some CJ shopping at the Trading Post, take a break enjoy a snack at the food court.

The campsites will be part of the tour, not your normal campsite, 12,000 Scouts in a tent city organized into 10 subcamps. See where and how Scouts live, eat and rest during a Jamboree. You may meet someone from your home town or talk to others from across Canada or distant lands, while exploring life in a CJ campsite.

A very interesting must do, will be a visit to the First Nations encampment. This will be a unique opportunity to talk with Native elders and learn first-hand about their folklore and traditional ways of life.

You will then "Walk on Water" from the west side of Boulevard Lake to the east side, where many of the program activities take place, via a special floating foot bridge constructed just for CJ'97. There may even be some activities geared especially for Beaver or Cub participation.

If you are planning on overnight camping, there are District Scout Camps relatively close to the Jamboree site. We can make reservations for your group, but you must book early. There are limited sites available.

Prior or after your visit to CJ'97, there are many other interesting sites to explore in the Thunder Bay area: Old Fort William "born of the fur trade", Ouimet Canyon, Sleeping Giant Provincial Park "Nanabijou" and Kakabeka Falls to name a few.

Join us and thousands of others at CJ'97 for a "Great Northern Adventure". Remember, your group must come self contained sufficient equipment and **ADULTS** to properly care for your youth.

**DON'T BE DISAPPOINTED, BOOK NOW FOR
"BEAVER/CUB DAYS AT CJ'97"**

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PRACTICES or METHODS

- o A promise and law
- o Learning by doing
- o Membership in small groups
- o Progressive and stimulating programs
- o Use of outdoor activities as a key learning resource.

- o Commitment to the values of doing ones best, contributing to the community, respecting and caring for others, contributing as a family member

KEY THREE REPORT

DAVID HAMILTON, PRESIDENT

In the year since I made my last report to you the Provincial Council for Ontario has undergone, and continues to make, significant changes in the way it operates.

Those attending the 1996 Annual General Meeting began these changes by approving, by large majorities, two resolutions - one, to approve a new set of Council By-Laws, which were approved by the National Council in November and two, to formally begin the process of forming new constituted regions on or before September 1, 1997.

Although the regionalization motion was supported by a significant majority, there were many Scouters who voiced their strong opposition to the motion.

Following the meeting, Scouters began the very difficult process of forming the ten regions which have been approved. Throughout the province this has been, in my opinion, a great project in bringing people together, identifying the problems of regionalization, debating the issues and eventually developing the solutions. During my attendance at several regional meetings I saw cooperation at its best. Even the Scouters who opposed regionalization became proactively immersed in the project. I want to thank all those who participated and those who continue to participate in creating their new regions. You have done a great job under a very tight time schedule.

In November, the Management Committee began to receive the excellent regional proposals. Over the next two months task groups reviewed each proposal and negotiated with the senior volunteers in each region. The Management Committee then reviewed the proposals and made its recommendations to the Provincial Executive Board. At its meeting in early February, the Board accepted the recommendations and ten regions will become operational between June and August.

In addition, the Provincial Management Committee and the Provincial Scout Office on Jackes Avenue will change dramatically. Their respective roles will change under regionalization and their composition will be significantly reduced. As of September 1, the only Provincial Council employees will be an Executive Director, two Directors and three and a half support staff; a decrease from thirty two. The physical location of the office is the subject of a report being prepared for the Management Committee.

We have also been examining the role that Blue Springs Scout Reserve will take in the new structure. A committee under the chair of Dick Dychuck, Vice President and Treasurer, has been reviewing the situation and is preparing a set of recommendations for the Management Committee and ultimately the Board.

Despite all the work entailed with the creation of the new regions, our membership for 1995-96 increased over the previous year - something that has not happened in many years. This membership increase has been created due to very hard work by Scouters at all levels of the organization. It is also due to the leadership of our retiring Provincial Commissioner, Judith Evans, who has created a team of Deputy and Regional Commissioners and their teams who have strived to enhance our training programs and ensured that high quality programs are delivered to our youth. With their success and the support of non-program Scouters, membership will naturally increase. Congratulations to all who have assisted in this tremendous effort and I trust that it will extend for the foreseeable future.

From the support side of Scouting, we have introduced one program and we are planning another which we believe will assist in membership growth. Last September the membership incentive program "Scouting for Scouts" was introduced which provides Scout Shop discounts to those units who show membership growth over the previous year. We are currently developing a "Partner Sales Kit" which can be used by Scouters at the local level in developing new partners to sponsor Scout groups. It will contain information on our various partners and explain how Scouting and the partner can work together in forming new groups.



Photograph Courtesy Graham Bailey

1995-96 has been an exciting and challenging year for Scouting in Ontario and I am sure the following years will bring us additional challenges but, more importantly, more successes.

PROVINCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR SCOUTING AUXILIARIES

The Provincial Advisory Committee for Scouting Auxiliaries meets monthly, except for June, July, August and December, at the Provincial Office on the third Thursday of the month. The February meeting is always held during Scout-Guide Week, when they take this opportunity to thank the Provincial Staff for their assistance to the Committee with a morning social.

Highlighting the 95-96 events, representatives attended the 50th Anniversary celebration of the Hamilton Wentworth Regional Committee; the Seton Area Doll's Tea; the Provincial Annual Meeting and Conference; 1st Madoc Annual Scout Dinner; Greater Toronto Regional Scouters Conference; Green Valleys Regional Conference; and the St. Lawrence Regional Conference.

Through the generous donations of the Brockville District Committee and 1st Renfrew Scouting Auxiliary, telephone calls were made by members of the Provincial Advisory Committee to auxiliaries throughout the province to establish a closer contact and receive a clearer report of auxiliary activities. The P.A.C.S.A. continues to print a newsletter to keep auxiliaries informed of members honoured with service awards and auxiliary news. Please let them know about your auxiliary activities that can be included in their next newsletter.

Thanks go to each volunteer working to further the Auxiliary Aim, to study the history and aims of the Scout movement and so be able to take a keen interest in the Scouting program and give encouragement and support to the youth and adult members.

JUDITH EVANS, COMMISSIONER

This will be my final report, as I complete my term as Provincial Commissioner. It is a real pleasure to report on the many and varied program activities and new initiatives that have taken place over the past year. As always, section and service Scouters throughout the province have worked with commitment and enthusiasm. For many, this has been in addition to taking part in the negotiations around the regionalization of our Province - a heavy load indeed. The following is by no means an exhaustive list but one that I believe captures the main program activities from a provincial perspective.

The reorganization of the provincial office program structure is now complete. Other than the Provincial Training Management Committee, all program committees have been replaced by task groups that focus on one issue only and have a defined time limit. There is certainly more fine tuning to do, particularly in relation to regional networks, but we are well on our way. A welcome to Brian Moore as he assumes the position of Director of Program Support and a sincere thank you to both Grant Ferron and Bob Edwards as they move on to fresh pastures. Their work over the past few years has resulted in some very positive changes in the program area and the provincial program Scouters have been ably supported by them.

As I write this report, the registration process for CJ'97 continues. We have already exceeded expectations in Ontario and there is a real excitement in the province at what is shaping up to be a great jamboree. Best wishes to Bruce Wannamaker and his team as they organize the Ontario Sub-Camp.

In February, 1997, we held our first Provincial Youth Forum in conjunction with the Provincial Executive Board meeting. The young regional representatives certainly received a baptism by fire as they immediately became involved in the crucial regionalization vote. Their participation was commendable as they made a particular effort to become familiar with the issues at hand so they could make an informed vote. As anticipated, they brought a dynamism and fresh approach to the issues at hand and I look forward to their continued participation in decision making at all levels. A vote of thanks to Lil Fulford and her task group for a lot of hard work and a great beginning. Thanks also to Ian Reilly as he finishes his term as Ontario representative to the National Youth Committee. Ian has been an active and capable participant since its inception.

The 1996 Gilwell Reunion dispelled any doubts that Scouters are not a hardy bunch. The tail end of Hurricane Fran failed to dampen the spirits of the 2,000 plus participants. Jay Campbell was an excellent guest speaker and Alex Thompson was Honorary Camp Chief. Astrid Noonan and the committee are to be congratulated on both the weekend itself and the way some difficult problems were resolved beforehand.

Project Wild, Focus on Forests and Fishways have been great successes. Due to Ministry restructuring, our original partnership with the Ministry of Natural Resources has been replaced to some degree by the Ontario Forestry Association and the Canadian Wildlife Federation. We have almost reached our target of 105 program trainers and, to date, over 750 section Scouters have been trained in the application of these programs.

After this Scout year, the Provincial Outdoor Portfolio will be amalgamated into the Program Portfolio. My thanks to Roy Knight for his work in promoting the outdoors over the past three years. Hague Vaughan, our Environmental Stewardship Coordinator, has been working with regional camps to develop on-site environmental programs. He has also played an active role in the development of the Scout Challenge Badge system in the area of conservation. The Water Activities Task Group, under the leadership of Rob McEwen, has worked hard to address concerns expressed by regional commissioners around the *On the Water* document. A revised policy was adopted at the Provincial Executive Board meeting in February and procedures are currently being revised.

Bea McLelland and her team have completed a resource document on Scouting for Youth with Disabilities. It will provide a valuable tool for Scouters with challenged youth in their programs.

In April, 1996, the Ontario Council changed the responsibility for training to Volunteer Recruitment and Development, consisting of:

- 1) Selective Recruitment,
- 2) Orientation, Servicing and Support,
- 3) Training and Development and,
- 4) Recognition

Chuck Lawrence was given responsibility to all four areas. Chuck has been working with the National Council to develop procedures and support materials for volunteer screening and has spearheaded a number of information sessions within the province. David Holmes has agreed to serve as Coordinator for Recruitment. Mark Laminman has been appointed Coordinator for the Orientation, Service and Support segment and will be supporting the new regions in this regard. After several years of hard work, Ontario adopted a competence-based system of Wood Badge accreditation. Thanks are due to the regional training coordinators, Training Management Team and others who worked so hard to develop a useful program and outstanding support materials. A farewell and thank you to Rosemary Brokenshire who resigned in January due to relocation. In the area of recognition, Coordinator Mark Young is working to raise the profile of Honours & Awards to make the mechanisms as "user friendly" as possible.

1996 was a very successful year for Training with an increase of 27%. Of particular note is the Church of the Latter Day Saints encampment with 92 Scouters taking their Wood Badge Part II and a total of 450 encampment family members.

A Program Planning weekend was held in May, 1996. The main item of business was the implementation of the new Provincial Program Structure.

A Provincial Beaver Sharing Session was held at Blue Springs in June. The emphasis was on the outdoors, networking within regions and promoting back-home sharing sessions. The Beaver Colonies of Ontario were challenged to design and name a mascot to represent Beavers and the Outdoors. My thanks to Lil Fulford for many years of service to the Beaver section, as she leaves this portfolio, and a welcome to our new Coordinator, Cathy Traverse.

The revised Cub Program is now fully implemented and appears to be working effectively.

The Provincial Scout section, under the leadership of Doug Galloway, has been working diligently with the National Program Committee, on the Scout Program Review. In June, they submitted a proposal for a new Challenge Badge program.

In April 1996, Jeanette Alyea and her team held the first Provincial Venturer Forum, to discuss issues specific to the Venturer Program. A second forum is scheduled for April, 1997.

The Ontario Rover Council, under the chairmanship of Rover Rob Schlemkevich and the guidance of Advisor Dan McLean, Jr. has had a busy year. Highlights include an ORC annual meeting in May, 1996, a Provincial Rover Conference in November, 1996, the piloting of the new contemporary Rover Program by several Ontario Crews and the adoption of an official council logo. In July, 1996, three Ontario Rovers attended the World Moot in Sweden.

No annual report would be complete without a sincere thank you to the program and support staff at all levels. This has been a particularly difficult year for them with the impact of regionalization and their continued support throughout is appreciated.

Finally, on behalf of the young people we serve, a thank you to all volunteers for your dedication this past year and every good wish for the future. ✦

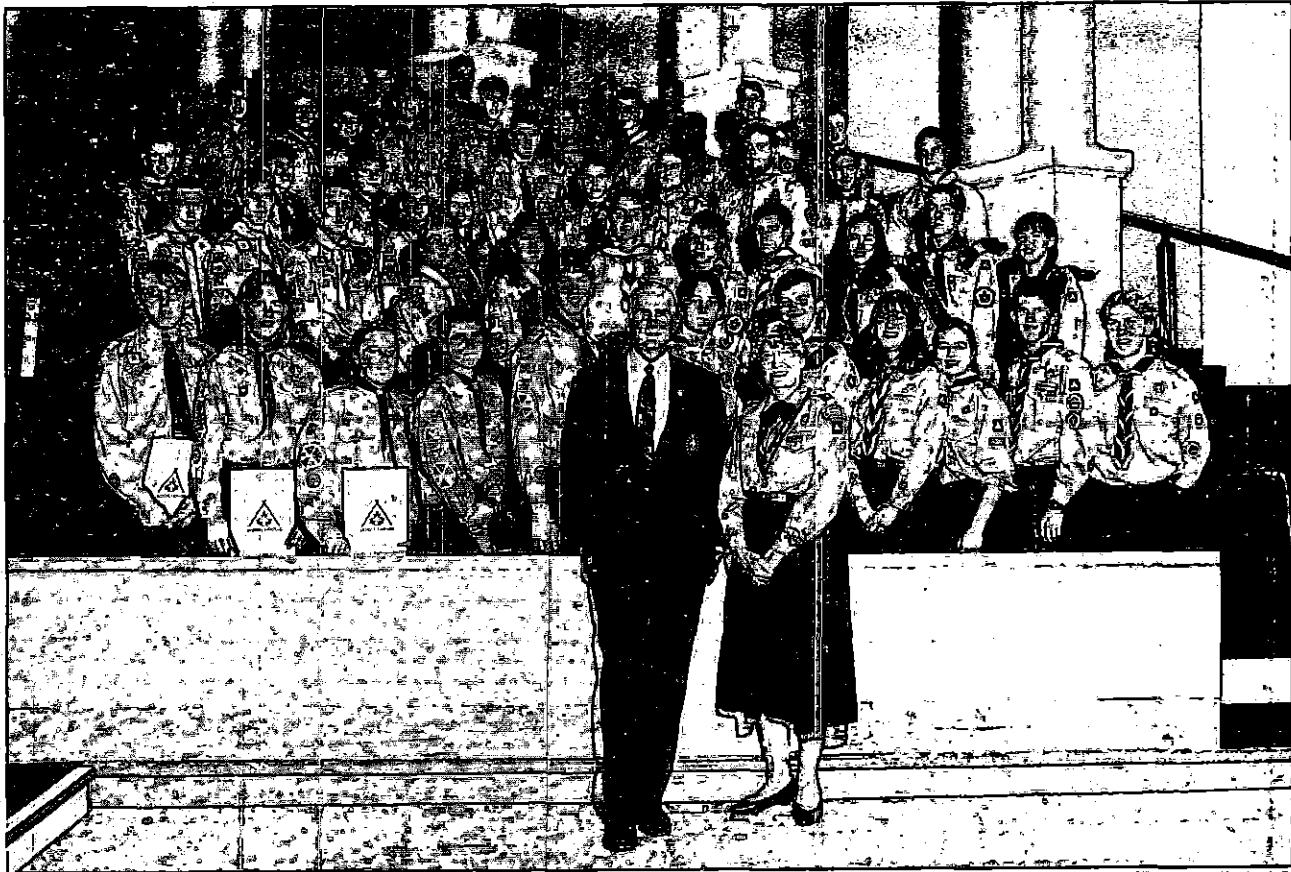
BARRY HARDAKER, PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

During the past year several remarkable changes have occurred in Ontario Scouting. Our membership increased for the first time in close to 20 years! Thanks go to not only all our presidents and commissioners but our executive staff who serve the movement as our "mission-aries". They are always looking for opportunities to market Scouting to those young people and adults who are not currently members, in every town, village and city they go to on their travels.

Several staff changes also took place. We bid farewell to Chris Ellsay (Regional Field Executive, National Capital Region), Bill Cormack (Provincial Field Executive, Land-O-Lakes Region), Tara McIntosh (Secretary - Ontario Office). Greater Toronto Region welcomed Ed Balyk (Regional Field Executive) onto their team. The National Capital Region welcomed Toni Stewart into a temporary term position providing field servicing and Land-O-Lakes Region welcomed Peter Sundborg to provide field servicing in a similar role to Toni.

In February, the Provincial Executive Board approved the creation of 10 new regions which will be "up and running" by September, 1997. This caused a restructuring of the Provincial Council office and a devolving of services that will become regional responsibilities. This results in a reduction in both executive and support staff from the current 32 to seven people. I would be remiss if I didn't thank each of our Provincial Field Executives, the Directors and all our Ontario Council office support staff. During the past twelve months our employees have conducted themselves in a very professional manner while under tremendous stress. I wish all of them the best of luck wherever they relocate.

The future looks bright for us in Ontario and I look forward to the challenges ahead as we move to our 100th birthday in 2007 at which time I envision our membership in Ontario to be more than 200,000 strong! ✦



The 1996 Queen's Venturer Award Recipients with the Lieutenant Governor, His Honour Henry N.R. Jackman and Provincial Commissioner Judith Evans
 Photograph Courtesy Andy Cole, Sunset Studios

1996 TRAINING STATISTICS

Part I courses were held in various councils

Local and regional councils across the province have also held specialty courses and numerous Scouters' conferences.

PART II WOOD BADGE COURSE PARTICIPANTS		1996	1995	1994	1993	1992	1991
1. Colony	.....	114	89	127	106	110	86
2. Pack	.....	241	166	209	199	217	130
3. Troop	.....	212	147	189	92	145	112
4. Company	.....	39	14	19	-	15	12
5. Crew	.....	4	16	-	-	-	11
6. Service Team	.....	53	47	39	167	115	71
		663	479	583	564	602	422

OTHER PROVINCIAL COURSES HELD

1. Presidents & Commissioners Management Weekend	.....	29	59	38	50	31	32
2. Scouter-In-Training	.....	37	24	96	79	73	31
3. Methods & Assessing Needs/Trainer Development	.....	43	71	579	725	823	216
4. Management Practices & Procedures	.....	30	39	17	11	-	-
5. Specialty courses	.....	125	-	64	36	106	117
6. National Leadership Skills	.....	22					
		286	193	794	901	1033	396

1996 ONTARIO SCOUT MEMBERSHIP as of SEPTEMBER 30, 1996

REGIONS	GROUPS	BEAVERS	CUBS	SCOUTS	VENTURERS	ROVERS	GROUP COMM & OTHER	TOTAL YOUTH	TOTAL SCOUTERS	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	TOTAL LESS DUPLICATES
BLUE WATER	90	1247	1330	728	139	9	377	3453	896	4726	4649
CENTRAL ESCARPMENT	102	2198	2069	908	306	60	420	5541	1399	7360	7189
GREAT LAKES	140	2315	2432	1315	279	78	632	6419	1641	8692	8574
GREATER TORONTO	225	3636	4021	2146	517	161	1027	10481	2563	14071	13678
GREEN VALLEYS	148	2311	2389	1241	350	133	634	6424	1608	8666	8538
HAMILTON WENTWORTH	78	1262	1209	538	204	36	411	3249	768	4428	4428
LAKERIDGE	134	3173	2784	1259	295	72	560	7583	1919	10062	9925
LAND-O-LAKES	106	2131	1941	939	177	38	479	5226	1237	6942	6833
LONDON	61	1138	1029	457	48	10	321	2682	729	3732	3540
MISSISSAGI	52	643	699	324	55	25	193	1746	425	2364	2325
MISSISSAUGA	43	1209	1161	469	72	27	256	2938	689	3883	3883
NATIONAL CAPITAL	123	2931	2589	1273	260	100	714	7153	1929	9796	9594
NIAGARA	103	1558	1422	757	162	61	432	3960	1116	5508	5358
NORTHLAND	32	421	461	223	7	0	112	1112	263	1487	1469
NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO	54	570	630	363	57	23	243	1643	421	2307	2244
QUINTE	119	1874	1565	918	170	58	524	4585	1252	6361	6160
ST. LAWRENCE	106	1594	1577	750	157	22	431	4100	1047	5578	5432
PROVINCIAL COUNCIL							309			309	309
SICK CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL								403		403	403
TOTAL 1996	1716	30211	29308	14608	3255	913	8075	78698	19902	106675	104531
TOTAL 1995	1764	29804	29348	14086	3053	871	11629	77162	18317	107108	103223
TOTAL 1994	1733	31086	30375	14236	2851	788	12192	79336	18534	110062	
TOTAL 1993	1780	33465	31931	14864	2944	841	11332	84045	19825	115202	

CONGRATULATIONS

To the following councils that increased their membership over the previous year

REGIONS

Central Escarpment; Great Lakes; Greater Toronto; Hamilton Wentworth; Lakeridge; Land-O-Lakes; Mississauga; National Capital; Northland; Northwestern Ontario

DISTRICTS

Belleville; Blue Mountain; Cobourg; Essex; Fort William; Ganaraska; Haldimand; Ingersoll; Kempenfelt Bay; Kent; Kingston; Lake Muskoka; Mississippi; Moira Valley; Nipissing; North Halton; Oakville; Opeongo; Oshawa; Owasco; Perth; Porcupine; Port Arthur; Port Colborne; Prince Edward; Richmond Hill; Rideau Lakes; Saugeen East; South Frontenac; South Lake Simcoe; South Waterloo; St. Lawrence; Stormont-Glengarry; Sydenham; Temiskaming; Wallaceburg; Welland; Wellington; West Durham; Whitby; Windsor; Woodstock; Yellow Briar; York Rouge



Photograph Courtesy Paul Ritchi

OUR PARTNERS IN 1996



Religious Partners

Anglican	183
Baptist	12
Jewish	3
Lutheran	22
Mormon	52
Joint	11
Mennonite	1
Orthodox	1
Pentecostal	1
Presbyterian	73
Re-Organized LDS	4
Roman Catholic	99
Salvation Army	15
United	385
Other	13
Sub total	875

Community Partners

Board of Trade	2
Canadian Forces	6
Community Groups	87
Councils/Scouters	22
Fire Departments	22
Home & School/PTA	33
Industry/Business	50
Joint Community	11
Parent Groups	92
Police Departments	6
Schools (Disabled)	19
Women's Institute	4
Others	37
Sub total	391

Service Club Partners

Civitan	6
Elks	5
Jaycees	2
Kinsmen	37
Kiwanis	14
Lions	136
Moose	5
Optimist	86
Rotary	34
Royal Canadian Legion	69
Others	14
Sub total	408
Total Partners	1,709

Religious Affiliated Partners

Knights of Columbus	33
Masonic Lodge	2
Sub total	910

COMBINED PARTNER TOTALS:

	1996	1995	1994	1993	1992	1991
	1,709	1,721	1,733	1,780	1,782	1,985

HONOURS & AWARDS GRANTED

OCTOBER 1, 1995 - SEPTEMBER 30, 1996

AWARD FOR FORTITUDE - 8

"for eagerly and enthusiastically participating in Scouting activities despite adversity"

Aaron Amirault, Petawawa
Ian Comeau, Hamilton Wentworth
Douglas Scott Cowan, Greater Toronto
Matt Houlden, Whitby
Claire Johnstone, National Capital
Kristopher Kuysten, Greater Toronto
Karl Mezger, National Capital ☉
Tony John Sheppard, Greater Toronto

BRONZE CROSS - 3

"for gallantry with moderate risk"

Hamish Boyd, Black River
Dale Morland, National Capital
Liam Morland, National Capital

MEDAL FOR

MERITORIOUS CONDUCT - 2

"for especially meritorious conduct"

Douglas R. Hammond-Wood,
 South Lake Simcoe
Scott Muir, Greater Toronto

CERTIFICATE FOR

MERITORIOUS CONDUCT - 11

"for meritorious conduct worthy of recorded commendation"

Andrew Blaney, Greater Toronto
Matthew Everingham, Oakville
Vaughan Good, South Frontenac
David Holsworth, Kingston
Kathleen Violet Ivall-Hill, National Capital
Vic Linka, Dufferin
Heather Pratt, Greater Toronto
Sean Wheatley, Greater Toronto
Jason Widawski, Greater Toronto
Nigel Williams, Greater Toronto
Roberta Lyn Alice Wolfe, Fort William

Ervin Aleve, Greater Toronto
Brian Anderson, Mississauga
George Armstrong, South Lake Simcoe
Brenda Belfry, South Lake Simcoe
Earle Belfry, South Lake Simcoe
Wallace Boustead, Greater Toronto
Thomas Chalmers, Perth
Glenn Chantler, South Lake Simcoe
Roger Clark, Wellington
Keith A. Cleaton, Trenton
Glenn Cockwell, Greater Toronto
Richard Coleman, National Capital
James Colthart, South Lake Simcoe



Recipients at the 1996 Silver Acorn Ceremony with the Lieutenant Governor, His Honour Henry N.R. Jackman
 Photograph Courtesy Graham Bailey

BAR TO THE SILVER ACORN - 3

"for further, especially distinguished service to Scouting"

David Huison, Maitland
Dean Granville Lovell, South Waterloo
John Whitelaw Thom, Wellington

BAR TO THE MEDAL OF MERIT - 3

"for further especially good service to Scouting"

Al Engler, North Waterloo
Harry Godau, South Lake Simcoe
John (Jack) D. Rumsey, Rideau Lakes

SILVER ACORN - 16

"for especially distinguished service to Scouting"

Neil Ashwin, Greater Toronto
David Barnett, Wellington
Richard Charles Blakely, Greater Toronto
John Harbour, Hamilton Wentworth
Michael Johnson, Greater Toronto
Russ Kelk, Fruitbelt
Steve Locke, Great Lakes
Darrell Nunn, Greater Toronto
Ronald Pinson, Wellington
Robert Rick, Owasco
Nancy Schoenherr, National Capital
Verna Struke, North Waterloo
Eileen Taylor, Ontario
George Tilley, Greater Toronto
Robert Willey, Woodstock
Robert Wright, Sydenham

MEDAL OF MERIT - 99 *"for especially good service to Scouting"*

Roger Cowey, Peterborough
Erika Cowley, Greater Toronto
David Edgar Coutts, Humber Seneca
Robert Craig, National Capital
Pamela Cressman, North Waterloo
Ann Crooks, Owasco
Terry Leigh Davenport, Humber Seneca
John Dickins, Mississagi
Calvin George Diegel, Brant
Clifford Dossier, Haldimand
Gerald Downe, South Lake Simcoe
Frank G. Draper, Fort William
Robert Eisner, Greater Toronto

Wayne Eva, South Lake Simcoe
Tom Evanoff, Hamilton Wentworth
David Everett, Hamilton Wentworth
Patricia Faith, Brant
Lynda Freeman, Hamilton Wentworth
Murray Fried, North Waterloo
Joan Fuller, South Lake Simcoe
Ian Galbraith, Greater Toronto
Scott J. Gardiner, North Waterloo
Leonard Allan Godwin, Fort William
George S. Gordon, Niagara
Lloyd Greenwood, South Lake Simcoe
Donald James Hamilton, Owasco

MEDAL OF MERIT - continued from previous page

Linda Henderson, North Waterloo
Paul Henderson, North Waterloo
Lee C. Horning, Rideau Lakes
Silver Kask, Greater Toronto
Bruce Kenn, Greater Toronto ☉
Winnifred Kennedy, Greater Toronto
Bette Kinnaird, Hamilton Wentworth
Evelyn Kerr, South Lake Simcoe
Wallace Kerr, South Lake Simcoe
Cheryl Kirby, Sydenham
Anthony Kopf-Johnson, National Capital
Lynda Koudys, Fruitbelt
Eino Kuris, Greater Toronto
Christine Laviolette, National Capital
Harold, J. Leduc, Greater Toronto
Tanya K. Lefler, South Lake Simcoe
Todd Martin, Hamilton Wentworth
Ronald Milliken, Sydenham
James Murray, South Lake Simcoe
Allen John McEachern, East Georgian Bay

Sheila McCoy, Greater Toronto
Gail McDonald, South Lake Simcoe
Kevin McIntyre, North Waterloo
Geoffery Osborn, Greater Toronto
David Palmer, Elgin
Karen Palmer, Elgin
Robert T. Paton, Blue Water
John Peacock, Whitby
Helen Pearen, St. Clair
Lia Pikkov, Greater Toronto
Richard Frederick Pritchett, London
Frances Re, Hamilton Wentworth
Ellen Reid, South Lake Simcoe
Jim Remenda, North Waterloo
Norman Roach Sr., Greater Toronto
Andrew Robertson, Orillia
James Robertson, Mississauga
Jeff Rosin, East Georgian Bay
Steve Sandham, Big Creek
Bernard Shuttleworth, Essex

Carol Sissons, National Capital
Sussane Sitts, Big Creek
Geraldine Margaret Smith, Trenton
Jack Smith, South Lake Simcoe
James Wilfred Sutton, Fort William
Howard Teal, South Lake Simcoe
Daryl Thynne, South Lake Simcoe
John Robert Todhunter, Owasco
Paul William Totten, National Capital
William Towill, Fort William
Avrill Tune, Hamilton Wentworth
Willem Van Der Valk, Owasco
Gail A. Vickers, South Lake Simcoe
Olaus Volmers, South Waterloo
Edna Weddell, South Georgian Bay
Ronald Wijngaarden, Essex
Murray Wilson, Fort William
Thomas Wilson, Sydenham
Glenn Young, Yellow Briar
John Zimmerman, Hamilton Wentworth

MEDAL FOR GOOD SERVICE - 82

"for good service to Scouting"

Judith Susan Baker, Greater Toronto
William Blottner, South Lake Simcoe
Janet Borneman, East Georgian Bay
David Bowes-Lyon, Owasco
Donald P. Boychyn, Oshawa
Fred Brant, Windsor
Joseph Cashin, South Lake Simcoe
Chris Clarke, National Capital
David John Cronin, Wellington
Catherine E. Cuttell, Greater Toronto
Edward Dinniwel, Hamilton Wentworth
Linda Dunsmore, Sydenham
Paul Arthur Dumouchel, Greater Toronto
Terence Dyche, National Capital
Donald Fortune, Woodstock
Brenda Foy, National Capital
W. George Gould, Trenton
Jane Greaves, Sydenham
Joanne Grove, Nottawasaga
Beverly P. Harris, National Capital
Roberta Hodgson, Sydenham
Harold Hubber, Hamilton Wentworth
Richard Hyland, Greater Toronto
Sheryl Hyland, Greater Toronto
Steve Jackson, Greater Toronto
Doreen Jensen, Elgin
Riyaz M. Jessa, Greater Toronto
Sandra-Lee Johnson, St. Lawrence
John Lewis Jones, Rideau Lakes
Ellie Kavanagh, Yellow Briar
Thomas Kavanagh, Yellow Briar

Steven Klimek, Hamilton Wentworth
Gerd Kroll, National Capital
Michael Lacey, London
Hubert Laureyssens, Greater Toronto
Tim Lean, National Capital
William Lycett, National Capital
Joseph Mitschang, Owasco
Mubyn Moledina, Greater Toronto
Elwood Moore, Talbot Trail
Dale Joseph Morland, National Capital
Tom Morrow, Hamilton Wentworth
Grace G. Mullner, Northwestern Ontario
Lorraine MacLean, York Rouge
Allen McEachern, Maitland
Robert McCuen, Wellington
Charles Eric Newman, Greater Toronto
Kevin O'Donnell, Fort William
Diane Orr, Maitland
Sandy E. Ouellet, Opeongo
Larry Patchett, Hamilton Wentworth
Judith Peasley, National Capital
Robert Pihl, Perth
Nancy Prime, South Lake Simcoe
Robert Quenneville, Windsor
David Rice, South Lake Simcoe
Leon Richardson, Humber Seneca
David W. Robertson, South Georgian Bay
Susan Rosove, National Capital
Brian Sandford, Essex
Roberta Schofield, North Waterloo
Gino Sferrazza, Hamilton Wentworth

Steven Simmons, Whitby
Joan Louise Smith, Rideau Lakes
Joyce Smith, Sydenham
Gordon Stephenson, Talbot Trail
Irene G. Stevenson, Split Rock
William H. Stevenson, Split Rock
Lesley Elaine Stewart-Gillard, London
Robert Topping, Sydenham
Nadine Treemstra, East Georgian Bay
Patricia Troughton, Hamilton Wentworth
Steve Vickers, Yellow Briar
Lori M. Wallis, Yellow Briar
Joseph Watson, Sydenham
Fred Whitbourn, Sydenham
Janet Wilkinson, National Capital
Leonard Wiley, Wellington
Clarence Williams, Elgin
Rob Williams, Sydenham
Gary Willsie, Sydenham
Frances S. Young, Yellow Briar
Edward Robert Zuber, Greater Toronto

CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION - 6

"for service to Scouting worthy of commendation"

Andrew Cresswell, Brampton
Dave Donaldson, Yellow Briar
Bruce Georgeff, London
Carl Sasse, Talbot Trail
Mark Steane, Yellow Briar
Rod Symmes, Yellow Briar



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THANK YOU

His Honour Henry N.R. Jackman was presented with a plaque, by President David Hamilton, in appreciation of his support as our patron.

He completed his term in December and during his five years in office he presented close to 250 Queen's Venturer Awards, close to 1,000 Chief Scout's Awards and more than 70 Silver Acorns. His Honour's travels for Scouting events took him to various parts of the province. ✦



OUTSTANDING LONG SERVICE AWARDS

65 years' Service

Herb Westhead, Greater Toronto
Les Wheeler, North Waterloo
Josephine Wright, Greater Toronto

60 years' Service

Robert Meredith, St. Catharines
Harvey Mitchell, Lynn Valley

55 years' Service

George Harris, Brant

50 years' Service

Edythe M. Bishop, Elgin
Donald I. Houghton, Elgin
Enn Kiilaspea, Greater Toronto
Aubrey Norquay, Windsor
Norbert E. Pautler, South Waterloo



2,137 Long Service Pins, covering service from 5 to 65 years were issued, totalling 23,280 years of service to Scouting

20 Long Service Pins were issued to Scouting Auxiliary members, totalling 500 years of service to Scouting

1,460 Warrants of Appointment were issued

FINANCE-AUDIT COMMITTEE

(Treasurer Dick Dychuck)

It is the responsibility of the Finance-Audit Committee to direct, control and safeguard the assets of the Council, and those assets entrusted to it.

The committee is also active in recommending and monitoring the council budget and financial policies.

The committee has also undertaken the following major initiatives during the fiscal year:

- Revised the Provincial Council's investment guidelines and reviewed our Investment Counsel.
- Revised the Provincial Council Trust criteria and disbursed funds for several projects, including membership assistance.

COUNCIL FINANCES

Audited financial statements for the Council, and its incorporated body, are available by contacting the Provincial Council office by mail, or telephone during normal business hours. †

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30	1996	1995
REVENUES		
Membership Fees	1,379,915	1,284,775
Interest Income	65,213	69,445
Scoutrees	121,173	92,825
Supporters' Contributions	13,235	24,441
Blue Springs*	115,165	182,500
Training*	60,716	
Sundry Income	86,947	37,117
	<u>1,842,364</u>	<u>1,691,103</u>
EXPENDITURES		
Provincial Operations	580,414	587,256
Field Operations	691,400	701,431
Blue Springs*	166,970	302,674
Training*	171,782	
Committee and Activity Costs	293,467	269,442
	<u>1,904,033</u>	<u>1,860,803</u>
EXCESS (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>(61,669)</u>	<u>(169,700)</u>

* In 1996 Blue Springs and Training Operations were accounted separately.



1st Pickering Scouts assisted the Ministry of Transportation when our licence plates were unveiled at a Queen's Park ceremony this past summer. Since then, nearly 400 Scouters have taken this opportunity to promote Scouting in Ontario
Photograph Courtesy of the Toronto Star

APPRECIATION

We acknowledge our indebtedness to the following:

- The Honourable Henry N. R. Jackman, Lieutenant Governor and Patron, for his continued assistance to Scouting;
- St. Joseph Printing for their Partners in Growth support;
- the Conservation Authorities for their co-operation on Scoutrees for Canada and large scale camps;
- the Ontario Council, Girl Guides of Canada, for their fine spirit of co-operation resulting in a number of successful Joint Activities and continuing good working relations;
- the Red Cross, Royal Life Saving, St. John Ambulance Societies and the Duke of Edinburgh's Award in Canada for their co-operation in the training programs;
- the Masonic Foundation for their support to Scouting;
- the various district, regional, provincial and national offices and The Salvation Army Youth Department for continued co-operation and assistance;
- the various United Ways throughout the province that give substantial support to local Scouting;
- the Government of Ontario for its continuous financial support and other assistance, especially the Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Recreation for its support and the Ministry of Natural Resources for their assistance to the Scoutrees for Canada and Partners in Growth programs.
- the adult volunteers in Scouting and partner members for the time, money and effort they contribute so willingly;
- the press, radio and television throughout the province for their interest and support in spreading the Scouting story across Ontario;
- the Scout Shops for their efficient distribution service;
- those who contributed to Blue Springs development;
- John Pettifer and the National Council Officers for their visits and encouragement to the hundreds of members who had the opportunity to be inspired by their insight and vision of Scouting.



To all of these we express our most sincere appreciation for their active support and encouragement to Scouting, which is an example of service to our youth members.

APPRECIATION FOR SPECIAL SUPPORT TO:

Centra Gas Ontario Inc., Comart Foundation, de Havilland Good Neighbour Fund, Evergreen Seniors Walking Club, DW Friesen, The Georgian Charitable Foundation, Guelph Hiking Trail Club, Halton/North Peel Naturalist Club, Insurance Brokers Association of Ontario, Metropolitan Toronto Police-Firearms Registration Unit, Nichemart Inc., Ontario Hydro Employees' Charity Trust.

A MEMORIAL TRIBUTE

Words too often inadequately express the sentiment that we feel at the death of a Scouting friend. No finer tribute can be paid than to encourage some young person to live the life of a Scout and thus perpetuate the high ideals that you admired in your friend. A contribution to the Provincial Council for Ontario, Scouts Canada is the perfect tribute.

If you would like to use this method, you will be supplied with a receipt for tax purposes and a full acknowledgment will be sent to the next of kin.

FORM OF BEQUEST

The Provincial Executive Board wishes to remind members and friends of Scouting that the financing of Scouts Canada is dependent upon their generosity to provide sufficient funds for the maintenance and expansion of Scouting.

The Board takes this opportunity of suggesting, to those in a position to do so, the addition to their Will of a particular legacy in the following format:

"I bequeath to the Provincial Council for Ontario of Boy Scouts of Canada, as a legacy, the sum of \$.....".

Enquiries concerning bequests or gifts should be addressed to:

The Provincial Executive Director
Scouts Canada, Provincial Council for Ontario
9 Jackes Avenue, Toronto, Ontario M4T 1E2
Telephone:(416) 923-2461 Fax:(416) 923-1330

ROVERING IN ONTARIO

Ontario Rovers met in the sleepy little hamlet of Smith's Falls, between Ottawa and Kingston. The group met on Friday night (later than usual due to an unseasonal winter snow storm).

On Saturday morning, after a delicious breakfast everyone donned their uniforms and headed to the Hershey's Chocolate factory. After an enlightening tour we were let loose on the Gift shop. . . Mmmmmmm chocolate! We later traveled to a local restaurant for lunch and returned for a short discussion about the proposed ORC development award.

Saturday afternoon was spent in the great outdoors, hiking or tobogganing, to work off some of the excess energy gained from eating all the chocolate. We went to a wonderful Chinese Buffet for dinner, then the evening was spent bowling, talking, playing euchre or doing homework. Others watched movies and had a mini-dance, while some were so tuckered out, they retired early.

After a quick breakfast on Sunday, the Rovers headed out for a change of venue to a local township hall, where the meeting of the Ontario Rover Council was held.

Quite a lot of information was shared by the ORC executive, regional representatives, and many others. All of this information should be delivered to the regions by their respective representatives in the very near future.

After a filling Spaghetti lunch we headed out for the trip home. The Ontario Rover Council congratulates and thanks Neil Looby and his team for a well planned and thoroughly enjoyable week end.

HIGHLIGHTS OF JANUARY'S ONTARIO ROVER COUNCIL MEETING

Please note that every Rover in Ontario is a member of the ORC and every member of the ORC is welcome to attend the meetings.

► ORC Executive Elections

The elections take place at the May annual meeting in Greater Toronto Region. Any Rover in good standing, from Ontario, may be nominated. All nominations must be in before February 20th 1997, so that we may confirm them.

Nominations should be sent to:

Ian Reilly, Ontario Rover Council Nominations Chair,
c/o 9 Jackes Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, M4T 1E2

► Dan McLean, Jr. Advisor to the ORC, and Provincial Rover Coordinator, announced that the May annual Meeting will be his last meeting in both those capacities. We wish to thank Dan for all the hard work and help he has provided over the last 2 years. Any suggestions for a new Advisor and PRC should be forwarded to the Executive. Please include a short biography and contact information.

► Meeting Proposals

We need proposals for four meetings, one of which is the conference held in November. Included in the process of hosting an ORC meeting are the confirmation of a meeting hall, sleeping accommodations, and local contact people. Guidelines on how to host a weekend exist. Please submit proposals by March 1st so that the meetings can be selected in May.

For further information
contact any member of the executive

EVENTS

Looney Toons Moot April 25-27, 1997
Hosted by Black Panther Rovers at Blue Heron Campsite

For more details contact

Allison Windsor (905) 777-8747 or Harry Flikkema (905) 337-3545

Last St. George's Day Dinner & Dance April 26, 1997
Cost \$10.00 Location Kitchener

For more information contact your Regional Representative

Triathlon May 2-4, 1997

Hosted by Central Escarpment Region

For more information contact Ryan Leggo 905-845-1283

May Meeting May 9-10-11, 1997
Ontario Rover Council Location Greater Toronto Region

For more information contact Albert Fuchigami 416-421-3291

or by e-mail afuchiga@undergrad.math.uwaterloo.ca

or any other member of the executive

Moot June 27-29, 1997
3rd Petawawa Excalibur Rover Crew at Camp Edlau

For further information contact

Tony Aubrey 613-687-2339 or Bob MacKenzie 613-687-8217

AN OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE WITH THE C.N.E. SCOUT SERVICE CORPS

The CNE-Scout Service Corps will provide wheelchair service for guests of the Canadian National Exhibition from Friday, August 15 to September 1, 1997. The hours of service will be from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. during the CNE.

Service Corps members are provided with meal tickets and TTC fares for each day of service.

Members of the Service Corps must be 12 years of age or older and registered Scouts, Venturers, Rovers or leaders.

For the safety of Corps members and guests, height and weight requirements have been set as follows:

Minimum Height 4'6" Weight 90 pounds

If an individual cannot meet these requirements other duties will be assigned.

If you wish to serve with the CNE Scout Service Corps, contact:

Scouts Canada, Greater Toronto Region
265 Yorkland Blvd. 2nd Floor
North York ON M2J 5C7
Phone 416-490-6364 ext 243

If you reach the voice-mail, please leave your name and address, including postal code, and the number of application forms required. They will be forwarded immediately.

Central Escarpment Region

Triathlon '97 Canoe, Bike, Run (Biathlon, Bike, Run)



**May 2, 3, 4, 1997
Camp Blue Heron**

Across from Blue Springs Scout Reserve
Cost \$20.00 includes Dinner & Dance Saturday night

For further information contact:
Morag Doyle

1 Jackson Road, Brampton ON L6S 1K2
905-792-8083
or Jennifer Belford 905-792-1035

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES SCOUTS and LEADERS

We have again been asked, by the Canadian National Exhibition Warriors' Day Committee, to hand out programs in the Grand Stand at Exhibition Place. It is preferred that Scouts be accompanied by leaders.

Date and Time: Saturday August 16, 1997 8:45 a.m.

Reporting Location: Northwest Gate to Grandstand
Scouts and Leaders to report in complete National Uniform

Period of Service: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Meal Ticket will be provided

If interested contact:

Bob Wall 416-490-6364 ext 243

Greater Toronto Region Scout Service Centre

South Lake Simcoe District

Venturer Challenge 1997 Monty Python's *Search for the Holy Grail*

May 2 - 4, 1997
at Base Borden

Open to all Venturers, Rangers,
Scouts and Pathfinders ages 13+

Registration

Postmarked prior to April 11 \$15.00 person

Later registrations \$20.00 person

Cheques to be made payable to Venturer Challenge

Events will include Dance, Car Rally, Night Hawk,
Pink Toilet Seat Challenge, Day Games and more

For more information call:

Martin Froebe 905-478-2539 or Kim Rabey 905-898-4556

CAMP ADVENTURELAND 1970-1997

Where childhood dreams become adult memories

Camp Adventureland, Greater Toronto Region's summer Cub Camp, has been in operation every July since 1970. It is open to all youth 7-11 years old, including non-Cubs and White Tail Beavers. Last summer during Weeks 3 and 4 our total campers were 575 plus 100 volunteer staff members from all over southern Ontario!

Even more themes and program options have been added in 1997.

Program rotation includes archery; woodcraft; trampoline; swimming and other sports with the addition of weekly cookouts, overnight hikes for senior Cubs, guest speakers, campfires, waterslides, mud fights.

All campers can choose to participate in one of three out trips to Laserquest, Rock Climbing, Horseback Riding, followed by a dip in a huge wave pool. The fun never stops!

The 1997 weeks of operation are:

Canada and Space June 30-July 4
Spy Week July 7-11
Superhero Week July 14-18
Pirate Week July 21-25

The following is only open to 10-11 year old campers

Adventureland Goes North July 26-August 2

Spend four days at Woodland Trails Scout Camp and four days at Haliburton Scout Reserve for an introduction to water-based camping which includes canoeing, kayaking, sailing, snorkelling, etc.

For more information, applications or a copy of our camp video to show your unit call Toronto Camping Department
416-490-6364 ext 233

CAMP OPEMIKON

Established 1938



The only accredited Scout Camp
in the Ontario Camping Association

A Scouting tradition for Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Venturers and Rovers. All registered members of Scouts Canada are invited to attend our composite camp.

Dates: July 5 to August 9, 1997

Total outdoor fun, introduction to camp life, backpacking out-trips, pioneering, exploring, trail-side cooking, climbing, rappelling and mountain biking. Swimming, paddleboats, canoes, kayaks, archery, nature lore, crafts, earning badges and special awards, wide games and evening campfires.

Enjoy it all at Camp Opemikon
on Christie Lake near Perth, Ontario
For more information and a brochure call 613-225-2770