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MAY MUSINGS



*MUSE: (Fr. Muser - to dream) to think quietly over a thing; to be in deep thought; to think earnestly.*

These spring days, since the Annual Meeting, April 16 and the first meeting of the Board, May 12, positive expectations are mingled with lament. Gone, from the Board, but NOT FORGOTTEN are Al Goodman's optimism, Shirley Ford's sparkle, Larry Bagnell's deliberations, Curtis Eastmure's considerations, Beth Moon's friendliness, Carolea Butter's effervescence, Ivan Robinson's thoughtfulness and Stan Talesnick's stability. Thank you one and all for the benefit to O.C.A. for the uniquely different talents of each of you, contributed willingly exemplified by nine words -

*"THE BEST OF EACH FOR THE GOOD OF ALL"*

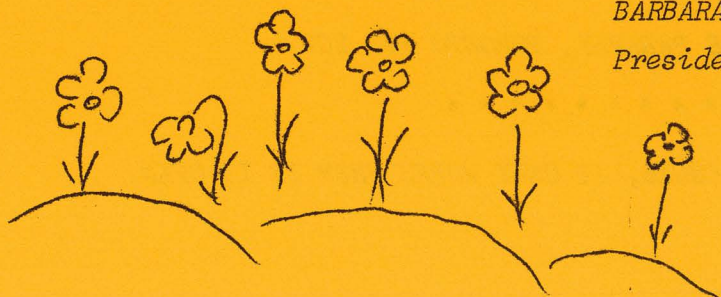
... "a motto composed by Mary Edgar in the 20's and still Glen Bernard's motto to this day.

We welcome around the Board Table new personalities Jane McCutcheon, Secretary; Airlie Armstrong, Aquatics Chairman; Walter Tose, Membership Chairman; Paul Abra Public Relations Chairman and back on the Board after only one year absence, Bruce Harris, Standards Chairman collaborating with Bob Christensen as Bob rounds out his Standards Chairmanship through Summer '80.

"Mr. Woodsman" himself, Jack MacGregor and "Mr. Outdoorsman", Clare Magee, though not now Board continue the leadership of their respective committees.

As the second, of my two year term, as President begins, I continue to appreciate the opportunity to consider the full spectrum of camping in Ontario and this province's position in Canada.

BARBARA GILCHRIST  
President



IMPORTANT OPEN FORUM

MAY 22, 1980

We urge ALL members, if possible, to set aside May 22, 1980 to attend the special OPEN FORUM on STANDARDS, which was found to be urgently needed after the March Conference Standards Session. This is not to be a meeting at which a Vote is taken, but it is a valuable opportunity to hear opinions, gather ideas, receive reactions. Hopefully it will be a wide open discussion at which as many O.C.A. members as possible will be present to voice their thinking. From the membership feedback and participation, the Standards Committee wish to prepare to present the revised standards for entire membership vote in September.

*IT'S YOUR FORUM  
BE THERE! PARTICIPATE!*

*ONTARIO SOCIETY FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN, 350 RUMSEY ROAD, TORONTO  
7:30 P.M. SHARP!*

FALL EDUCATIONAL WEEKEND - NOVEMBER 7, 8, 9, 1980

at BOLTON CENTRE

DEVELOPMENT OF LEADERSHIP IN THE 80's

This weekend is set up in two streams. One for Directors with a Chairperson to air common concerns of the past summer and camping in general.

The second stream is for senior staff involved with in-camp development of staff i.e. unit heads, C.I.T. directors with a session leader.

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BACK NUMBERS - CANADIAN CAMPING MAGAZINE

If there are any members who have duplicate copies of Canadian Camping Magazine for February 1968 and Fall 1969 . . . or, if you don't need those particular copies . . . we would appreciate having one each for a member who would like them to complete his own archives set. Please mail the copies to -

*MRS. FLYNN, 89 ORIOLE PARKWAY, TORONTO M5P 2G7*

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*A MAN'S MIND IS LIKE A PARACHUTE, IT ONLY WORKS WHEN IT IS OPEN.*

FROM THE AQUATICS COMMITTEE

RED CROSS NEWS

1. Any camp Directors interested in having a visit from the Red Cross Small Craft Safety Mobile Unit this summer should contact -

*DOUG MacNAMARA, Small Craft Safety Co-ordinator  
460 Jarvis St., Toronto, Ont. M4Y 2H5 (416)923-6692 (Ext. 311)*

2. The new pupil training levels from the Canadian Red Cross Society will be ready for use this summer. That is not to say that they will be used in every program. Any waterfront or camp directors interested in using the new levels should contact the Red Cross Water Safety Services (Ontario Division) and inquire (416)923-6692.

Those camps who already have a module 1 in hand should be aware that significant changes in that draft will be forthcoming by June end.

3. A terrific new booklet called -

SAFE BOATING FOR KIDS BOOKLET

will soon be available through Red Cross Ontario Division. This booklet is in a colourful, cartoon format and comes highly recommended as an excellent teaching aid. There is a nominal charge for these booklets.

SAFETY: DON'T LEAVE SHORE WITHOUT IT!

4. The Canadian Red Cross Society is offering an Aquatic Leadership Camp -

Water Safety Instructor Course  
Small Craft Safety Instructor Course  
Emergency First Aid Course

at

EAGLE CREST OUTDOOR CENTER

JUNE 23rd - 26th, SUNDRIDGE, ONTARIO

Further details and applications available through Ontario Division, Red Cross.

ROYAL LIFE NEWS    Introducing... AQUATIC EMERGENCY CARE (Part 1V)

The Proceedings of The RLSSC National Symposium (Edmonton) are hot off the press! The Test, the third in a series, begins with an examination of the Aquatic Evolution: the transition from the lifeguard as a Bronze God to today's full-time, first string aquatic professional. Contributor Bill Owen (Chairman of the Research and Development and International Training Committees of the National Surf Life Saving Association) addresses the complexities of the beach environment; he sees the need for highly trained supervisory personnel as ever-increasing. Mr. Owen states:

*Accidents must be anticipated, and the provision of standard first aid is no longer appropriate for the lifeguard in training...As aquatic specialists, we know that greater numbers of participants will attempt novel activities with declining ability. Training programs for lifeguards must be oriented to basic and advanced skills to ensure that techniques of aquatic emergency care are consistent with, and an extension of medical and hospital practice. Paramedical appraisal at the scene of an accident may mean the difference between life and death.*

The Proceedings of the Aquatic Emergency Care Symposium will be an excellent resource for aquatic professionals (seasonal and full-time); candidates of The RLSSC's Aquatic Emergency Care Course will also benefit from studying this text. Dr. Hamilton Hall (Chairman of the 1980 Symposium) reviews Spinal Injury + World Life Saving representative Dr. John Edmonds offers an excellent documentation on Drowning, *Aquatic Emergency Care* is fully illustrated.

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AQUATICS COMMITTEE cont'd.

Publication of the Aquatic Emergency Care Proceedings completes The Society's thrust in the emergency care field. Other AEC items include: Volume Four (also entitled Aquatic Emergency Care), a 20 Minute, full-colour 16mm film, and the training program itself. Contact your RLSSC Branch for further details.

The Proceedings of Aquatic Emergency Care Symposium are available NOW\* from RLSSC branches. Order yours today!

8 YORK ST., TORONTO, ONT.

\*Cost of the Proceedings of the Aquatic Emergency Care Symposium is \$3.50. Please enclose an additional \$0.50 for mail orders.

Due to further budget cutbacks there will be fewer representatives in - the field for the Royal Life this summer. For Camps this means that those who - previously relied on getting materials from them should arrange to order these through the Ontario Branch IMMEDIATELY. Address as above - Telephone No. 368-1809. Directors are also advised to arrange exam schedules earlier and submit examiner request forms as soon as possible.

ATTENTION: A joint RedCross/Royal Life Saving Society Instructors' recertification clinic and examiners' clinic is being planned for sometime between June 20-23 to be held at Kilcoo Camp. Call Royal Life at 368-1809 or Red Cross Watersafety at 923-6692 for further details.

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GOOD NEWS FROM ORCA!

1. At the last Executive Meeting of the Ontario Recreational Canoeing Affiliation, held at Camp Kandalore, the following motion was carried unanimously -

*"Resolved that any OCA camp which heretofore has had an announced (in the OCA Directory) canoeing programme is hereby authorized to run Basic Level and Level I Lakewater ORCA courses so long as the chief instructor or person responsible has an ORCA Level III Award or an old CRCA Instructor's certificate."*

in other words, any OCA camp is automatically accredited to run an ORCA canoeing program at the Basic and Level I Lake water levels, as long as there is an ORCA or CRCA Instructor responsible.

2. There are plenty of Voyageur Award cards and badges (for accumulative distance paddled) at the Canoe Ontario office.
3. The Guidelines for a recreational Canoeing Program for Ontario are now in the Canoe Ontario office. Feel free to contact Canoe Ontario, 160 Vanderhoof Ave. Toronto, M4G 4B8, Ont. (416)429-7701, for your own copy(s).

BRUCE HODGINS - ORCA liaison to OCA  
AIRLIE ARMSTRONG - OCA liaison to ORCA

HAVE A GOOD SUMMER!

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A THOUGHT FOR TODAY

INDIVIDUAL COMMITMENT TO A GROUP EFFORT - THAT'S WHAT MAKES A TEAM WORK.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I AM WRITING THIS OUTLINE BECAUSE I am opposed to the new recommended MANDATORY Standards proposed by the O.C.A. Standards Committee. I must make one thing very clear right from the start...I am not against standards per se...but I am very much against MANDATORY Standards.

To understand where we are, I believe we must review the history of the Standards movement within Ontario Camping. Very early on, our predecessors met and discussed the old question, "what do you do about...?" eventually a body of practices grew up. Those we coded in a document called "Desirable Camping Practices" and were used as the base educational tool of the Association. Visits were arranged so that two Camp Directors could discuss their practices...it was educational, for both, and one saw a new Camp as well! All agreed that the practices were 'minimum' and indeed, most experienced Directors were far ahead of the written practices.

In the early fifties, the American Camping Association began its accreditation program. They saw their Standards as a goal...if you could only attain them you had arrived and were accredited. In 1956 the O.C.A. followed suit and our "practices" became "standards". Instead of just visiting, we marked the standards as passed or failed...and our Camps were accredited. It changed the O.C.A. and it changed the Camp visits but that is progress, I guess!

In 1971 the standards were reviewed. Thirteen of our standards were the law of the land, these we made mandatory since the law said you had to do them if you were to run a camp.

Those recommended this year by the Standards Committee, number twenty-eight, many of them are opinion, not law, usually pretty good opinion and most Camps are practising them now anyway.

I have heard people suggesting that the Ontario Government is going to pass a Camping Act and will be writing law to govern organized youth camping and we must beat the Government to it! I just don't believe it! If and when the Government wishes to build bureaucracy for youth camping they will involve the O.C.A.

I have heard people over-reacting to recent drownings. Organized camping has a great record, 90 years of dealing with millions of children and very few accidents. Also, not one of the recent drownings would have been reversed if the new recommended mandatory standards had been in effect. "Good judgement" is what was needed. How do you make that mandatory?

Arguing about the standards would be counter-productive and is really not the question ...I believe the question that must be answered is WHAT WE WANT OUR ASSOCIATION TO BE! We are at the crossroads. Mandatory means that you as a Camp Director must agree to and make sure that the standard is carried out in your Camp, if you wish to be a member of the Ontario Camping Association. If you don't agree to follow the standard then the only alternative is not to be a member of O.C.A. The only enforcement that O.C.A. has if a member does not follow the standard is expulsion. The O.C.A. then becomes a regulatory body to control camping.

I believe that the O.C.A. was formed for basic educational purposes. It should be open to all and particularly welcoming to different opinions and practices. All of our efforts should be guided towards educating, discussing and conducting wide-open forums of opinion. I hope that we don't always agree! Challenging our thoughts and our practices will make us grow. We should word our standards as strongly as we wish, make them strongly recommended...but when you cannot enforce, you cannot make law. They should NOT be MANDATORY!!

RON JOHNSTONE  
Member of  
Ontario Camping Association

OTTAWA AREA-CAMP COMMITTEE PRESENTS

1. Sessions on - Acclimitization, Waterfront Responsibilities, Compass Work, Camp Fire Cooking - Saturday, May 31, 1980, 9:00 - 4:00 P.M. at Vincent Massey Park, Ottawa - Bring your own lunch.
2. Stargazing, Viewing Night Skies - June 17, 1980, 8:30 P.M. - 10:30 P.M. at Museum of Science and Technology, St. Laurent Blvd., and Russell Road, Ottawa. Registration Fee: No Charge. (Please bring binoculars)

For further information contact: -

VI MARSH, 12 Norfolk Ave., Ottawa, Ontario K1S 4M4 (613)235-5046

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CAMP DIRECTORS

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Will you please post the enclosed notice of the 1981 Photo Contest on your bulletin board in your Dining Area at Camp Thank You!!!

Will you need Canoe Cards this Summer??? If so NOW is the time to write or phone in your request for same to the O.C.A. Office.

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ST. JOHN AMBULANCE - METRO TORONTO

St. John Ambulance, Metro Toronto offers to train your camp personnel and campers in First Aid. For example, your camp counsellors should be trained to the Standard, (16 hours) or Emergency (8hours) level. Also, a LIFESAVER course(3 hours) is available for campers as part of your camp schedule.

The LIFESAVER course could be an additional qualification which your campers take home with them at the end of the summer.

For additional information and brochures or to discuss course costs and/or arrangements, please contact -

ST. JOHN METRO TORONTO, MANAGER OF TRAINING, ALLAN GRIFFITH, at 967-4244

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HOCKLEY VALLEY CAMP & OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTRE

- are operating an eight week bilingual (German-English) co-ed summer camp for children of ages 7 - 16. The first half in Hockley Valley, near Orangeville, Ont. the second part on Lake Temagami, 75 miles north of North Bay, Ontario.

They have counsellor positions available for both male and female students with a knowledge of German and/or Spanish, for cabin group counsellors, section heads, program counsellors in swimming, sailing, drama, ceramics, tennis, canoeing, nature lore, camp craft (woodsmanship), vocal and instrumental music.

Term of employment is from July 2nd to August 25th inclusive. Applicants are asked to send a brief resume to the Director, Mr. F.J. Saul, Camp Hockley Valley-Wabikon, R.R. #1 Orangeville, Ontario L9W 1Y8

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FOR RENT

A Resident Camp in Bancroft, Ontario located on a small private lake. Facilities for 50. For more information please call -

MISS RUTH EXON - (416)439-3104

"SIGHTS AND SOUNDS OF CAMPING IN ONTARIO"

The O.C.A. has applied for an Experience '80 Grant. "Sights and Sounds of Camping in Ontario" will develop an audio-visual presentation to be used with our display booth.

To staff this program we require two students, 18 years of age plus, with a background or interest in photography. Some experience in camping would be an asset, to plan with the project supervisor, an itinerary of camps to be visited. An effort will be made to ensure a varied cross-section of programs represented in this presentation.

This project will involve travelling throughout Ontario during the camping season. Starting date, June 2 to conclude August 29, 1980.

Interested persons should submit their resume to the O.C.A. Office.

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FOR SALE - METAL STORAGE LOCKERS

Thirty (30) units comprising of 6 lockers. Each locker measures approximately 12" X 12" X 18" deep and are key operated.

Price: \$100.00 per unit or best offer. Please contact: -

PAUL ABRA, HALIBRUTON HOCKEY HAVEN, Box 400, Stn. "R", Toronto, Ont. M4G 4C3

(416)421-1600

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WANTED - TO PURCHASE

Wanted - 10 to 15 canoes in fairly good condition or perhaps require only minor repairs to be put in good condition. Anyone interested in discussing this further may contact -

CAMP SOLELIM OFFICE - (416)781-5156 or speak to MR. Y. STRAUCH at (416)630-7050

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WE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

MARJORIE BENNETT    PAT BOWMAN (Mrs.)    MARCIE KRESTALL

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DATES TO REMEMBER

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| MAY  | 22    | 9:30 A.M.<br>PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT MEETING<br>O.C.A. Office Board Room   |
| MAY  | 22    | 7:30 P.M. OPEN FORUM - RE STANDARDS<br>Ontario Society for Crippled Children<br>350 Rumsey Road, Toronto, Ontario |
| JUNE | 11-17 | O.C.A. WOODSMANSHIP SCHOOL<br>Glen Bernard Camp - Sundridge, Ont.   |