



JUNE 1993

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"Bell" Tones

I hope all of your preparations for camp have gone well. I know our volunteers have been working hard to assist you. From all reports a "thank you" must go to Jeff Bradshaw, his committee members, leaders and the staff at Camp Tawingo for presenting a great Skills Weekend on May 8. As I write this, I know Jeff's crew is preparing for the June skills weekend at Northland. As well, Spring Training '93 was a great success, bringing together counsellors, directors and health care workers for a superb day of training. Thanks to Andrew Gold, Martha Hart, Jen Palacios, John Bergman, Judy Perry, Mary Casey and the committees for your efforts.

In concert with these training events, your Board has been very busy. At our last meeting we asked the Public Awareness Committee and its new chair Jill Dundas (Thanks, Jill) to take on a two-year project to make changes to our Directory in format, content and size. As well, we approved four provisional members and are presently in receipt of five more applications. At that same meeting the Board agreed to sponsor a training event with Michael Brandwein on June 22, 1993 for the staff of 140 camps which have been identified in the Metropolitan Toronto area. Many of these camps operate within community centres or schools and could not hope to secure a

quality trainer like Michael without some help. We hope many of these camps and staff will recognize the value of camp or individual membership in our association.

For many years the OCA has been a member of the Parks and Recreation Federation of Ontario. We join with 12 other associations who have a commitment to recreation and the well-being of children and adults. PRFO recognizes in these time of budget constraints and the demands on time of volunteers that it needs to consider restructuring. I attended a recent meeting with President-elect Marlene Mitchell and offered her our input and

stened to the many advantages of membership that can be offered to OCA. In early September we will have an opportunity to study proposed structures and re-affirm our commitment to PRFO. After a recent meeting of recreation providers with Anne Swarbrick, the Minister of an enlarged ministry which includes culture, Tourism and recreation, I know the financial restraints on government will make PRFO's role rather challenging.

As we prepare for the upcoming season, I would like to thank our camps for your assistance with the OCA name-label program. We appreciate your support of this fundraising effort for the OCA.

All of us are looking forward to the arrival of our pre-season groups and our campers. They make all of our efforts worthwhile. I wish you a productive, safe and enjoyable summer.

Larry

Third Party Medicals

The OCA office has received a note of clarification from the Ontario Ministry of Health concerning third party medicals.

The ministry has advised us that medicals conducted for the purpose of admission or continued attendance at camp may not be insured even when medically necessary, as we reported to you earlier this year

in the *OCA's* news.

To paraphrase, the new legislation states that preparing camp medical forms and conducting physicals are not insured, even when medically necessary. The ministry pointed out that the exception contained in the regulations for services considered to be medically necessary do not extend to services relating to camp.

The OCA has a copy of the new health regulations in the office for anyone needing further clarification.

Robert "Bob" Secord 1925-1993

Some camp people will not know this name; others will remember Bob as friend, colleague or mentor. Although he was not regularly visible at our Association events, he was a strong influencer of attitudes within the Ontario government toward the value of recreation for all of us. He believed that leisure time pursuits were the right of everyone and where better to learn these skills than at camp.

Bob started working with the Central Y Boys' Club trying to get youth off the streets and into the Y programs. In 1967, after serving as a Regional Recreation Consultant, he became Director of the Community Programs Branch, Ministry of Education and immediately established a position of Consultant, Camping and Outdoor Education. I filled that

position which led me to Bark Lake and to the consulting liaison with the OCA. Throughout the years, Bob was articulate about the support camping should receive.

Bob retired three years ago from the Ministry of Tourism and Recreation as Assistant Deputy Minister of the Sports and Recreation Division. He had gained respect provincially and nationally for his untiring dedication to recreation as a profession and a life style; and to amateur sport. Every Canada Games, summer or winter, would find him proudly waving the Ontario flag, marching in the front rank of the Ontario contingent at the opening ceremony.

He was a Founding member of the Ontario Recreation Society and Sport Ontario. He received Honorary Member or Honorary Fellow titles from nearly every provincial and national recreation-related organization. He knew that on May 20, 1993 he was to have been inducted into Canada's Sports Hall of Fame in the category of Builder, again recognizing the individual.

One side of Bob always emerged when a group gathered or when he was asked to speak at a banquet. He would appear with a ukelele, old felt hat, and a miniature saxophone to mimic a Spike Jones or Jimmy Durante recording. It was a hilarious take-off which pre-dated the Karaoke sound systems!!

Bob died suddenly while doing

what he loved most - addressing a group of recreation volunteers regaling them with his humour and his philosophy.

The life of Robert E. Secord was a story of uninterrupted dedication to the promotion of Sport and Recreation services to Canadians. Camping has lost a friend and supporter. Mister "Sport and Recreation" will be missed.

Dorothy Walter

Kumbayah Korner

A reminder to all OCA Camps: if you wish to make KUMBAYAH RAINBOW BOOKMARKS, please remember to send in your coupon which was mailed with your May issue of *OCA'sional News*.

At KUMBAYAH 1994, there will be an opportunity to display summer camp photographs. Please take lots of great pictures this summer and then watch for news about our Congress photo display later this fall.

Calendar of Events

Skills Weekend

June 11-13, 1993
Northland

Ontario Camp Leadership Workshop

Bark Lake
June 11-13, 1993

Eighth International Earth Education Conference

Sept. 29-Oct. 3, 1993
Camp Wanakita, Haliburton
Contact: YMCA of Hamilton
79 James St. S.
Hamilton, Ont.
L8P 2Z1
(705) 457-2132

Manitou-Wabing Waterski Instructors' course

June 19-June 22
Manitou-Wabing Sports & Arts Centre, Parry Sound
Open to any waterski staff holding a 1993 contract at an OCA camp.
Cost: \$225
Contact: 416-922-2447

Niagara Leadership Workshop

June 21-23
Brock University
Contact: Nada Swan
Coordinator
416-892-7920

Canadian Rails to Greenways National Conference

Trent University
Peterborough, Ont.
Aug. 13-14, 1993
Registration \$100 before July 1
Accommodation and meals: \$56.50
Contact: The Frost Centre for Canadian Heritage and Development Studies
Trent University
Peterborough, Ont. K9J 7B8
Fax (705) 748-1795

Association of Aquatic Personnel of Ontario 20th Anniversary Banquet

Niagara-on-the-Lake
Oct. 22 1993
Contact Tracie Coulson
City of Burlington
Parks & Rec. Department

426 Brant St. PO Box 5013
Burlington, Ont. L7R 3Z6
Fax: 416-335-7782

OCA Annual General Meeting

January, 1994
Toronto, Ont.

KUMBAYAH

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March 2-5, 1994

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Classified Ads

Attention: All OCA Camps

Please see the enclosed flyer mailed to you with this newsletter from the OCA office. In order to serve you better throughout the summer, would you please return the flyer to us *as needed*, indicating whether we can help you fill camper vacancies or staff positions. Of course, you can always call us as well with your request at 416 781-0525 or fax us at 416 781-7875. The office staff will be on hand throughout the summer to assist you in any way. Our summer hours are Monday-Friday 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Help Wanted: An opportunity to assist the OCA with in-house computer training on Q&A, Word Perfect, Lotus and Bedford. Interested applicants must be prepared to offer flexible hours (approx. 12 per week) throughout July, August and September. Contact the OCA office. Deadline: June 25.

Wanted: Director of Residence - Banff Mountain Academy - a centre of excellence for high-school age ski racers which combines education, athletics, and life skills in a mountain environment. Duties: direct the residence (an old house) for 24 students from Sept.-June. Oversee cooking, cleaning staff. Qualities: experience with teens, strong managing skills. Pay: commensurate with experience. Contact Don Findlay, Headmaster, B.M.A., PO Box 2009, Banff, Alta. T0L

OCC. PH. 403 762-4101.

THE ENVIROMANIACS are a popular theatre collective funded by WPIRG, Environment Canada and the Ontario Council for International Cooperation. We have a variety of workshops/performances on environmental and global development issues. Introduce your campers to theatre as a tool for social change. We request only an honorarium to cover transportation costs, so we can stretch your grant money further. Contact: The ENVIROMANIACS, c/o The Waterloo Public Interest Research Group, University of WATERloo, Waterloo, Ont. N2L 3G1. Ph. 519-888-4882.

Career Opportunity in Bermuda

A Sports Administrator is required to open Bermuda's first recreation centre. Preferred experience includes a degree/diploma in Sports Administration or a related discipline, a minimum of three years relevant working background and a demonstrable business acumen. Remuneration negotiable, includes relocation and benefits. Three-year contract. Contact: Frank Squires, Squires Resources Inc. Ph. 416-272-8040 or fax 416-566-0177. Write to: 53 Village Centre Place, Ste. 204, Mississauga, Ont. L4Z 1V9.

Congratulations to Jean Tomkins upon her retirement

from the Board of Camp Big Canoe. Jean shared her abilities with the organized camping world by being an individual member of the OCA as well as a member of our Standards Committee for many years. Big Canoe has established a scholarship fund in her name to be awarded annually to senior staff.

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