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Emergency Group Ready to Spring into Action

Laura Ripley

Spring has sprung and so has the level of excitement in the group. Our calendars are filling up fast, and there are even more things yet to be pencilled in.

We are very close to welcoming back two of our members. They have been off training to become Primary Care Paramedics, and are now coming back for their work terms on the ambulances. Also, in September we are going to be saying "good luck" to our Venturer Advisor. He will be off for his year at Holland College in the Primary Care Paramedicine program.

In December, the Crew and Company came together to have our annual Christmas party. With lots of food, fun, and friends it was an enjoyable night for all. Movies were watched, food was eaten,



Rovers Iain Melvin and Bryan Wright

games were played and there was definitely lots of laughter.

In January, the Crew invested two new Rovers and the Company welcomed in a new member. That brings our numbers up to six Venturers and ten Rovers!

As has been proven in the past two years, things start heating up in April. We have no doubt in our minds that this year will be

just like the last two. Already we have a number of events that we are going to be providing coverage at.

If there are any events that our presence is requested or required at, or if there are any questions, please feel free to send us an e-mail at emergencyscouting@hotmail.com or call David Williams, the Rover president, at 435-1968.



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Let's have some fun!

Kari Robertson, Commissioner



Well, well, well...here we are, Spring has finally sprung. Those tulip bulbs are popping through once again. It has been a long, hard winter but it is over now, and we are gearing up for camping season, summer vacation and hopefully some well-deserved rest.

This has been a year of so many changes. Everytime we turn around something new is happening. It can be very difficult to keep up with the changes and with the momentum. People are getting frustrated and some

are even leaving the organization. Our numbers have dropped significantly over the last couple of years. Why?

How can we get these numbers back? What can we do to keep people in the organization? How many of you are having *FUN*? It used to be that Scouting was an organization that had something very different; while there were the same things that pull down every organization there was always the *FUN*. It didn't matter how much change there was, or who was saying that things had to be done differently, or that there were new forms, rules and policies that had to be incorporated. We always managed to have *FUN* planning the events and doing the *FUN* stuff with the youth!

Where has the *FUN* gone? Why are we not having *FUN* anymore? Yes there have been lots of changes, and they have not always been passed "down the pike" in a positive manner, but where has the *FUN* gone? Just because somebody says it has to be done doesn't mean it has to be done in a negative way. Just because we have policies doesn't mean we can't deal with them and then move back to the *FUN* part. Let's deal with the forms, registration hikes, fundraising and communication, or lack thereof, and get on with the *FUN*!

Remember back to the times when we all came home from camp, Fun Day, Frosty, Beaveree, training, and meetings, exhausted and totally worn out, but we'd had so-o-o much *FUN* that our families and friends just shook their heads in amazement and couldn't believe where we got the energy or time to do it? Fact is, we made the time because there was so much personal reward for doing it. It was *FUN*! Now the *FUN* isn't there and people aren't making the time. When leaders had *FUN* they put the *FUN* back into their programs and the kids were there to maximize on this *FUN*.

We have lost a number of seasoned Scouters over the past few years. How many of you have done an exit survey to find out why they left? What can we do to get them back into the Movement? They remember the *FUN*. We have always said, "When the *FUN* is gone, it is time to move on." How about changing that to "When the *FUN* is gone let's get it *BACK*!" Our founder B.P. started

DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT *ROUND-UP* NOVEMBER 15.
Articles submitted after that date will be published as space permits.

Scouting for Boys to have *FUN*. So let's put the *FUN* back in Scouting!

What can you personally do to make your meeting or event *FUN*? Let's go wild, be creative, have some *FUN* and let's see Scouting get back into everyone's lives once again.

Have a super *FUN* summer and come on back next fall—full of *FUN* and creativity.



Miller Lake Mainland News

Kathy Peach

A big "hello!" to the 8th Sackville Rover Crew. They have just taken over the old 3rd Woodside (formally 1st Imperoyal) cabin. This cabin became vacant when 3rd Woodside closed this year. It is great to have them along.

A reminder that when you use the property at Miller Lake, you must fill out the yellow camp cards and deposit them in the boxes. It is important that we continue this practice so we know

who is using our facility. Cards can be picked up at the Scout Office, or your cabin contact should have some.

The fire road that leads to the pump house at the edge of the lake is owned and maintained by the Department of Transportation. They allow us to use this road to facilitate getting our supplies in and out of the cabins, and for easy access to Miller Lake. They have to keep this road clear at all times as it is an emergency road. Because of this, they have set up a few guidelines for its use.

When we go to the guard house for the key to the gate, we are supposed to be able to produce our Scout registration card so they will know we have a right to be using Scouting property.

We are also not to park on the road or the clearing at the bottom by the lake. It is simply to be used as a "stop and drop"—a quick way of getting our supplies in.

They have then graciously allowed us to use their secure facility by the guard house to park our vehicles. This has greatly reduced the amount of vandalism caused by leaving our cars parked overnight on the Guysborough Road.

Camp Lone Cloud Nanna's Corner

Anna Bone

Here I sit in my home a long way away from my special place, and want to put into words my finest memories, so I can share them with all you Scouters, and with all of the staff.

Keego, our Waterfront Director and First Aider's finest moment was after a large thunderstorm. I watched as he sat trying to eat his lunch in my office after giving out meds, and to my amusement I kept hearing a buzz... buzz.... I peeked around the dry store and he was using my wet/dry vac to suck up all the mosquitos that were buzzing around him. He would take a bite and, like a great hunter, look for the next one. He was so oblivious to the humour I found in this moment. Yes, Keego, I will take my meds if you will EAT.

Another fond memory was when one

of our campers was extremely homesick and Kotic, the counsellor, brought him to me. The boy's name was Jeremy, and he missed his baby sister very much. We talked and agreed that he would go on the outtrip with the cabin, and when he got back Nanna and he would make a dream catcher for his baby sister. Off he went. When he returned, we sat in my office with the alder piece he had brought back and a pink feather. His face and eyes lit up as the dream catcher was being formed; away went all his doubts about staying, and he asked, "Can I go now, is it finished? I want to go to the free swim." We tied it off, and off he ran. This was a special moment for me, as I rarely get to interact with the campers. Way to go Kotic and Jeremy. I heard it was an awesome outtrip.

Yet another moment. Try and imagine this. From time to time, cabin groups choose to sleep on the field, and this one clear Thursday evening Oonai's cabin group had chosen to do this very

thing. The next morning our Assistant Director, who had been in charge of the CIT social, was still up and in fine form. He woke the cabin group to his singing and Garth Brooks. This was all the camp heard, and as they rose with the mist so did the camp's spirit, along with a new appreciation for country music. That night, as Akela went around the table, just about everyone's apple was Whitehood's wake-up call. It had added a very special lift to morning dip. Way to lift us all up high, Whitehood!!

As the summer drew to a close, our close-knit family became aware that we would be parting for keeps and only a few may return for the next season. As I watched the staff and campers play with one another, how blessed we all felt. Camp Lone Cloud carries such a wondrous spirit, and I have come to believe it is because of these unique individuals and all they give, that enables the spirit to carry on. All the beautiful campfires with those magical camper eyes dreaming, and some remembering how special their camp has been.

In closing, it was once said to me that camp is comprised of two main articles. One is of ownership and the understanding that you have given all your best and invested in the campers' joys. This is so true. It could be an improved program you helped deliver or a simple remake of the basketball court, to a job well done. It is a simple concept, which is why it is easy to understand as a fundamental key for success. We all seem to name this "pride."

The second is open honesty. As we, the staff, deal with relative day-to-day tasks, we never take for granted one another, and take the time to speak with care and offer advice unsolicited. This gives us our respect for each other, as well as ourselves. What an image to portray to all our campers. This does not happen in real life, away from camp, in the quantity we experience at Camp Lone Cloud.

What a unique recipe for success, would you not agree?



Basin Lakes Frosty – Brrrrrrrr!

Drew Taylor, Commissioner, Basin Lakes



On a cold day in February, with temperatures dipping to -10 degrees and a wind chill nearing -24, over 100 youth and leaders gathered at the Miller's Lake

Camp for the Basin Lakes Frosty.

This long-running winter event goes for three hours on a Saturday afternoon, and the youth participate in a project-based program. Leaders and the Troops in Basin Lakes spend a lot of time developing and setting up the projects for the Cubs to enjoy.

As we gathered prior to the start of the program, I stood and watched the leaders—many of whom I've only recently met—and noted with interest the enthusiasm they exhibit with, and towards, the youth. Cubs, ever an attentive bunch, hung on every word spoken by their leaders. Instructions were delivered in calm voice and were, without exception, immediately followed by the youth. The Cubs clearly understood the Law of the Cub Pack, and finding no fault, accepted the advice

and instructions proffered. What a sight. "This is what it is all about," I thought.

During the course of the afternoon, the Cubs worked their way through five project sites, which were designed to encourage team-building, demonstrate winter camping skills and fulfill some badge requirements. Not once did I see a Cub not paying attention or withdrawing from the activity. At mug-up



2nd Wellington built a Quimsy like this one.

the youth, Cub and Scout alike, talked excitedly about what they had seen so far, what was left to do and asked the Service Team a whole bunch of questions. Good questions too!

What's my point to all this? It is merely to describe what I saw as I

toured the event and talked with the youth and the leaders about their experiences. The youth clearly recognized that the leaders and the Scouts were there for them. The leaders know, almost without exception, that they are there for the youth, and they genuinely get a kick out of doing what they do so well! It simply is not a process. We are an excited, motivated and talented group of adults who feel accomplishment when we teach a skill or demonstrate how to do a certain thing.

As volunteers, we train very hard to accomplish this, and despite the joke about one hour a week, we go to extraordinary lengths to do so. The key to this program is to have the training to do what we do so very well. Training makes it so much easier and since it becomes easier, we have a lot more fun doing it.

So, like the youth of Basin Lakes, get together with other

sections and other groups to find out what they are doing, how they do it and what you need to do to repeat it sometime again in the future. Get the courses that you can from our training team as they have loads of ideas for you.



Just who has the disability anyway?

Rod Lake

"I am an avid paddler who likes to spend my spare time making three- to five-day solo kayak trips."

For most of the Canadian population this lifestyle is beyond our ability and our wildest dreams. The paddler mentioned above is a retired adult living in Ontario. Jason (not his real name) drives a van fitted with racks to carry his kayak and camping gear. He loads and unloads his kayak and gear by himself.

The amazing part of this story is that Jason has had both legs amputated at the hip.

We all have challenges of one type

or another. For some, a bad day at work, followed by a room full of overactive Beavers presents a greater challenge than Jason faces on his kayaking trips

No matter what our physical or mental challenges, we all have many abilities. *Your personal disability may be the inability to look beyond the wheelchair or behavioral problem* and see the special person inside with all his, or her, abilities.

I remember running an axe and saw project at Scouterie one year. Patrols would arrive and be given an opportunity to cut up a log using an axe and a saw.

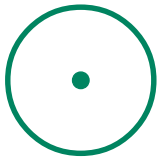
A Scouter standing waiting with his

patrol leaned over and whispered in my ear, "The two boys with the thick glasses are legally blind." After the initial panic, a way was found so that the two Scouts could learn to safely cut off a piece of log with both an axe and a saw.

People with disabilities face many challenges. One of these challenges is often the closed-mindedness of people without a disability.

Scouting is a no barriers organization. Is your group or section meeting this no barriers challenge? How have you overcome the special challenges presented to you? Share your experiences with readers of *The Regional Round-Up* and we'll all be winners!

Gone Home



Scouter Bill Stanbrook

Bill Stanbrook joined Scouting's ranks in the fall of 1969 as a Troop Scouter with 9th Dartmouth, where he served until his posting to Ottawa in 1978. During this period he was also involved in Public Relations for Dartmouth South District Council and served several years as Scout/Guide Week co-ordinator for Dartmouth South. He attained his Wood Badge II for Troop and Trainer II level, and served for two years as a member of the Dartmouth South Service Team. Some highlights from this era were his attendance with his Troop at CJ'77 and the creation of the "Frostie Award" for Scouts camping out in below 0°C weather. Who can ever forget that big paper maché head, with a nose that would make Pinocchio green with envy, and an icicle hanging off the end of the nose?

After his move to Ottawa, Bill was appointed to National Capital Region's Handicapped Service Team. He was instrumental in the start-up and running of a Troop at the Children's Hospital of



Eastern Ontario, in addition to being a Troop Scouter at 54th Ottawa at Rockliffe Air Base. Bill also worked with the 100th Ottawa Pack and Colony, both located at the Children's Hospital. He managed to find "spare time" to take on the job of Chairperson for the National Capital Region's Publicity Committee. A high point for Bill at this time, was the planning and attendance at CJ'81 with a Special Needs Contingent from the Ottawa area. He also took Wood Badge I for Pack during his stay in Ottawa.

On his return to Dartmouth in 1983, Bill didn't slow down. He was appointed ADC Training in Dartmouth South and during the next two years completed Wood Badge I training in Colony, Company, Crew and Service Team, as well as attending CJ'85 as a Venturer Advisor with 9th Dartmouth.

Bill was then appointed District Commissioner for Dartmouth South, and during this time he helped establish and run a Scouting group at the Nova Scotia Hospital, where he was Venturer Advisor. He worked as a member of a

project at Scotijamb '87 and as a member of the Nova Scotia subcamp staff at CJ'89.

After completing his term as DC for Dartmouth South, he became ARC Special Needs for Dartmouth Region, and later chairperson of the Special Needs Scouting Committee for the Nova Scotia Council. During this period, he travelled extensively to bring the message to many training courses that Scouting was for everyone.

Bill was one of the chief organizers for the Chief Scout/Queen's Venturer Award dinner to honour those youth in Dartmouth who had achieved these goals. Over the last three years, he took on the added task of Chairman of the Dartmouth Region Apple Day. Throughout his activities in Scouting, Bill was meticulous in planning and recording so all events run were quality events, and whoever came after would have up-to-date records to carry on with.

Since 1990 Bill was a member of the organizing committee for the Nova Scotia Provincial Scouters' Conference, and who can forget Bill at the registration desk at Conference selling the extra crests at "bargain" rates. For service to Scouting, Bill was awarded the Silver Acorn in 1993 and the Bar to the Silver Acorn in 2000. He touched the lives of many youth in Canada during his Scouting career. In all things, Bill "did his best."

Bill went home February 27, 2003. *As remembered by Scouter Don Sanford, Dartmouth.*



Sespenaak Centre Kub Kar Rally—A fun day for all

Paul Savoie, AAC Pack



Sespenaak Centre held its annual Kub Kar Rally on March 1, at the Vineyard Church in Lower Sackville, organized and chaired by Paul Savoie, AAC Pack. Registration began at 9:00 a.m. with 87 youth from nine different packs participating. Racing got underway at 10:15 a.m., with all youth looking forward to an exciting day of

racing. A new method to the Area for running the rally was used, utilizing four tracks with continual races. Each participant enjoyed eight preliminary races on varying tracks and lanes, and with various rivals.

The top 23 cars then proceeded to the elimination round and were quickly whittled down to the fastest four kars. The top two kars ran off for first and second place, while the two remaining kars jostled for a third place finish. The kars finishing first and second were so

close that it required six reruns and four judges to finally decide on a first place winner. It should be noted that the top three Cubs won all eight of their preliminary runs earlier in the day. The winners were, 1st Place: Steve Otterman, 1st Sackville; 2nd Place: Conor Arsenault, 4th Sackville; 3rd Place: Justin Ross, 8th Sackville; Most Endurance: Chris Hewitt, 2nd Beaverbank; Best Design: Mitchell Gilbert, 2nd Beaverbank.

A good time was had by all and youth and volunteers are looking forward to next year's rally.

Membership fees: It's not as bad as you think!

Drew Taylor, Basin Lakes Commissioner

Recently we have all heard the news that our membership fees will be rising for the 2003/2004 Scouting year.

As leaders, we are always aware of the hardships our members and their families face when deciding on where the scarce dollars are going to go. As parents, many of us have to decide those very same issues every day. The challenge is how to deal effectively with this contentious issue. Consider the following points before discussing the issue with your team or your parents.

Scouting still offers great value.

Most groups charge between \$65 and \$100 dollars per year for membership. Considering that a one week soccer camp of 20 hours of instruction time costs \$150.00, then using the same hourly rate, our program would still be

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competitive at \$270.00 for Beavers, \$405.00 for Cubs and \$540.00 for Scouts. Considering the costs of hockey, the picture becomes even more clear. Work it out for your parents based on your local costs. Then boil the amount down to a weekly or per night cost. It makes the amount more understandable for all concerned.

Is there a different way to raise the funds?

Consider keeping your fees the same for the upcoming year and attempt to fund raise the increase. If you think fees are going to rise by \$35.00 (as an example only) over last year, give the parents and the youth the choice to use a fundraiser to make up this amount. Scoutree's offers a unique opportunity to do this. A youth would have to get just over \$57.00 in pledges to retire his/her increase, assuming your group keeps 60% of the proceeds. If they were to

raise more, could you apply it all to their fee for next year? What an incentive to parents to assist their children in raising funds.

Consider a budget plan for parents to pay over time.

Unfortunately all parents have to face the back-to-school budget squeeze. Everything seems to pile up all at once. Clothes, supplies, intramural sports and Scouting all come due at the same time. Apart from Christmas, the financial pinch is at its worst in late August and early September. Offer your parents a full refund installment plan beginning in April. Estimate your fees based on what information your service team can provide and allow your parents to make installments in April, May and June to pay the fee in advance. If they move or decide not to return in the fall, tell them a full refund will be made.

Pre-register in May.

For the same reasons listed above, offer registration in May. Offer a slight discount to encourage this registration if they pay in advance. There are benefits to this plan of action. First it gives your group an approximate idea of numbers for the following year. Second, it gets the youth registered early while they are still enthusiastic about Scouting. Third, it flows naturally from your link program which builds retention over the summer. Finally, it gives you the summer to work on program, allowing the year to start smoothly rather than struggling with registration. Your group registrar will thank you too!

Give your leaders a chance to help out too!

One of our largest, and least controllable costs is the cost of registering leaders. Leaders contribute their time all year long and deliver one of the best youth programs in the country. But can your leaders help out too? Perhaps they too can take pledge sheets for Scoutree's, and their efforts could be applied to the group committee to help defray their registrations. Some groups have a

tradition that volunteers do not have to pay for registration. One sure way to keep this going is to make sure that we all do as much as we can to help offset the cost.

How do we communicate the fee

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increases effectively? Scouters are always very concerned when this issue arises. They have a relationship with every youth and parent and they do not like to have to send out bad news. Time and again, we have seen Scouters become alarmed with fee increases, and find out later that parents have no problem, once they have the correct information. Last year's insurance-related increase was feared to the point of irrationality by some Scouters. They stated that such an increase would prevent many of their youth from being Scouts. After reviewing the outcome, it does not appear to have been the problem they thought it was. Once parents felt comfortable with the reasons why, many still wrote the cheque and that, as they say, was that. One other thing on this, our exit interviewing has conclusively shown that youth are not leaving because of cost, but rather their departure is related to two key and very separate issues. They have more choices

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to make between activities, and parents are saying, "You can't do everything!" And, perhaps more to the point, our program is not offering what they want; we have lost their interest.

Recognizing that we have to do a better job communicating, what do we have to do? First, send out your group committee budgets and be ready to answer any questions which arise from it. Clearly show all the costs and where

the money comes from and goes to. Explain, not blame, has to be our new policy on fees. For far too many years, we have leaned towards blaming region, province and Ottawa for increases and expected parents to swallow it. We have to allow the parents to make the link to the stark reality that, like everything and everyone else, Scouting is NOT immune to prices increasing. Indeed, Scouts Canada held the line for three years on fee increases apart from those related to insurance, which is beyond their control. They have trimmed the excess fat from their organization. Professional staff have not been replaced as they left. There is increasing reliance on the volunteer to do many of the activities that paid staff had done previously. Travel has been cut, placing a greater reliance on communications lines such as conference calling and internet usage.

Second, make sure that all leaders are prepared to discuss the fees, the increase and why those increases are facing us. Ensure that those

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discussions are held in only the most positive way possible. If a leader is not prepared to do so, simply have him not comment and refer the parent to the group committee. We cannot have any leader, group committee member or service team member being anything but positive about this. To do otherwise will generate a self-fulfilling process. Predicting membership decline will ensure that decline will happen.

Finally, make sure that every leader attends a Scouter's Club in March or April. The service teams have been made aware of the increases just as you have, are aware of the various strategies discussed above and are prepared to work with your teams to assure parents that these increases are reasonable. They are there to advise you on how to deal with this; use their talents to ensure that fee increases don't become a flash point which detracts from your excellent programs.

Scouter awarded Silver Acorn

Peter Townsend, AAC Training, Sespennaak Centre Area



A super great yell and many congratulations can be extended to Scouter Dave Winter, a 33-year veteran leader with the old Sackville Centre Area of Lower Sackville (now amalgamated with Sespennaak Area, and called Sespennaak Centre Area). Scouter David was recently presented with The Silver Acorn award.

The surprise formal presentation of The Silver Acorn award was made to Scouter Dave in front of over 700 members of Sespennaak Centre Area, at their campfire event, held in the parking area of Knox United Church during National Guide-Scout week celebrations. To ensure a complete surprise, Scouter Dave was asked to be Parade Marshal for the torchlight parade from the Superstore parking lot to Knox United Church, and to be the Area Campfire Chief. Of course, being the Campfire Chief, this placed him in an ideal spot for the award to be officially presented.

The conferring citation, signed by National Commissioner Scouter Mike Scott, stated in part, "It gives me great pleasure, on behalf of Her Excellency the Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson, C.C., C.M.M., C.D., Governor General and the Chief Scout of Canada, to inform you that for your especially distinguished service to Scouting, she has been

pleased to award you The Silver Acorn." The formal citation was read aloud at the campfire opening by the Sespennaak Assistant Area Commissioner for Training, Peter Townsend, while the Assistant Halifax Region Commissioner for Pack, Debbie Doherty, placed The Silver Acorn award around the neck of Scouter Dave. Oh! What a thunderous yell of appreciation was heard from the campfire circle members, along with all of the many specially invited friends of Scouting in attendance.

Interviewed after the surprise presentation at a reception held in Knox United Church Hall, Scouter Dave said. "As a youth, I had a good experience as a Boy Scout, so as an adult felt I had to give something back in return. Despite increased competition from other youth groups, Scouting is still one of the best organizations today you can become involved in with your children."

During his 33 year tenure, Scouter Dave has been a volunteer serving in such roles as Cubmaster; district, area and regional service teams; commissioner; area council and has chaired most standing committees and events.

In addition, Scouter Dave has earned great respect as a trainer. Having worked on area, regional and provincial training teams, most Scouters would remember Scouter Dave's professionalism and expertise on at least one of the over 30 Wood Badge courses, workshops, administrative and modular sessions that he has worked on.

Scouter Dave is very active in the Badgers Club, attending national and provincial jamboree badge wwaps, and can often be found at camps or events, with his fantastic badge displays and his open and positive nature.

ANNOUNCEMENT, ANNOUNCEMENT, ANN-OU-OUNCE-MENT!

Year End Barbeque - Wednesday, June 18, 2003

Camp Lone Cloud - 6:00 p.m. Mainland Dock

Price - \$7.00 per person

**Come for some sharing of friendship and seasonal food.
Campfire to close.**

If you wish to have a part in the campfire, please advise.

ALL SCOUTERS WELCOME!

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Training Report

Karen O'Toole, ARC Training



It has been a roller coaster of a year. We have had to cancel many of our courses due to lack of numbers. We have made many, many changes to our calendar throughout the year (I am sure we are driving John Peach crazy trying to keep the web page up to date).

The trainers have been on a big learning curve this year as well. The new syllabus presented a challenge to the trainers as well as the candidates. We have done a lot of work adjusting the syllabus to meet our needs, and we are very confident that next year will run a lot smoother.

We are planning our calendar for next year. We want to make training as accessible to as many people as possible. Our big question is *why are people not taking the training?* We don't want another year like this year. It is difficult for trainers to make up lesson plans, only to have the course cancelled. It is also frustrating for candidates to make arrangements to take the training, and then have it cancelled or the date changed.

Please help us. We are asking for your input. If you are a leader who has not taken training this year, please tell me why (email kareno@hfx.eastlink.ca or phone 868-2991). Is the training information being passed on to the people who need it? Are Saturdays a problem? Please let us know what the problem is so we can try to find a solution. Our job is to make the training fun and available for you! If we are not fulfilling your needs, we need to know how to make it better. Also let me know if you have ideas for workshops, etc.

We still have a few courses coming up: Outdoor Skills, April 22 & 26 ; and Map & Compass – May 24th. Register now—don't wait until the last minute! (In case you haven't heard, the Group Committee course is cancelled.)

We are excited about next year. Since we have had one year under our belts, we feel confident that next year is going to be an exciting one. So please send us your ideas. We are here to help make your life easier. A well trained team means the leaders are more confident. A confident leader is ready to try new

challenges with the youth, and trying new challenges makes the program more interesting and appealing to the youth.

That's all for now! Take care and happy Scouting.



A tribute to Scouters

Earl Clarke, ARC Honours and Awards

At our past Regional Management Team meeting, Commissioner Kari Robertson asked for a moment of silence for three recently deceased Scouters from the province. The action taken was extremely gratifying to me as I was personally involved with all three superb Scouters.

The first to travel upwards was George Christie, age 95. George was an extremely active Scouter in his early 80s who served as Treasurer, then Honours and Awards Chairman for Basin Lakes. George was a very talented individual in all facets of his life, and was a charter member of 1st Bedford Troop as a youth.

The second to pass on was Bill Stanbrook, age 68. To the end, Bill was an anchor in Dartmouth Region and a tribute to Bill can be found on page 5 of this issue of *The Round-Up*.

The third to join the Scouting Group

in the heavens was George Clements, age 80, of Tusket, near Yarmouth. George's demise was a heavy blow to me, for we were personal friends for over 40 years. George was a recipient of the "Silver Wolf." I considered George to be Mr. Scouting, period. If you saw George one day you would expect to see the same George each day thereafter. (*Ed. Note: George was laid to rest in full Scouting uniform, including kilt.*)

So far this article has been my personal tribute to three model Scouters. Now I would like to make my second point, based on the Scouting lives of George Christie, Bill Stanbrook and George Clements.

It will be noticed that all three were all active into the upper age brackets. We can't afford to lose the experience, the history and the dedication Scouters like these men share with us. Over the past 17 years that I have been involved in Halifax Region, many Scouters younger than these men have left the organization. We need to bring these people back so they can become the next generation of seasoned Scouters.

Take a look around your group or area, and take stock of who may be laying dormant waiting for spring.

Have a good spring and summer. We all deserve it after our winter.

The Cub Respects the Old Wolf



Chief Scout and Governor-General Adrienne Clarkson presented Scouter Ramsay Roome with the Silver Wolf award at the National Annual Meeting in Ottawa in November. Halifax Region is proud to have many well-respected Scouters living within its boundaries, but none are loved and respected more than Ramsay. Yes, the cub does respect the old wolf, but Ramsay shows us all that the old wolf also respects the cub. Congratulations Ramsay, from your friends in Halifax Region!

It takes a village to raise a child

Peggy Weaver

Each time a child attends your weekly program, special events or camping activities, their parents entrust them to your care.

As a Scouter, you have agreed to abide by the Duty of Care (Scouting's code of conduct). The primary responsibility for adults in the Scouting movement is the welfare and development of youth members. This duty is exercised through a respectful, caring, empathic and friendly relationship with young people.

One of the elements included in the Duty of Care includes realizing that bullying, physical, verbal or cultural abuse, sexual harassment, neglect or any other type of abuse is unacceptable conduct by any member of the Movement.

"How to Protect Your Children from Child Abuse: a parent's guide" is a document that contains the following information:

SECTION I

- Recognizing the signs and symptoms of abuse and neglect
- Preventing child abuse
- Steps to follow if a child discloses to you that they have been abused
- Tips for protecting yourself when working with children

SECTION II

- Basic rules of safety for children
- Personal protection rules for computer on-line services
- Youth protection activities

AND

The "Three Rs of Youth Protection":

- Recognize that anyone could be a child molester and be aware of situations that could lead to abuse.
- Resist advances made by child molesters to avoid being abused.
- Report any molestation or attempted molestation to parents or trusted adults.

This document is available on the National Website, www.scouts.ca, or you can request a copy from the Provincial Office.

"All adult members of Scouting must act appropriately when there is prior knowledge or suspected inappropriate activity by Scouting members related to any youth, whether a member of Scouting or not." (The Board of Governors for Scouts Canada)

As a citizen of Nova Scotia, you are bound to report any case of suspected child abuse.

Steps for reporting suspected child abuse are:

1. Write out what you know from a disclosure by a child, report from a third party or personal observation.
2. Report disclosure to the child protection authority or police.
3. Contact the Provincial Office Executive Director, Jerry Walsh, only if the adult involved is a member or volunteer with Scouting.

To report suspected child abuse (under 16 years of age), call one of the following:

Halifax: Children's Aid Society
425-5420 ask for an Intake Worker
from 8:45 am to 4:30 pm *after* 4:30 pm
call Police 911

Sackville: Child Protection Services
869-3600 ask for Intake Worker
from 8:45 am to 4:30 pm *after* 4:30 pm
call Police 911

Waverley: Child Protection Services
424-3298 ask for Intake Worker
from 8:45 am to 4:30 pm *after* 4:30 pm
call Police 911

Support for the child can be found from these agencies:

Child Abuse Hotline 1-800-422-4453
(toll free, 24 hours a day)
Kids Help Phone 1-800-668-6868 (toll free, 24 hours a day)
Youth Help Line 1-800-420-8336
www.helpline.ns.ca

Support for adults who have suffered from abuse:

Avalon Sexual Assault Center 422-4240
Crisis Line 425-0122
Help Line 421-1188

Other people in your community to whom you can turn:

Clergy _____

School Counselor _____

Workplace Human Resource Department _____

Family Doctor _____

IWK Community Health Mental Services:
Halifax 422-1611
Bedford/Sackville 864-8668

Child abuse is something no one ever wants to have to face. However, by educating and preparing yourself, you will be in a better position to act in a calm and reassuring manner that will contribute to keeping all children in our communities safe and sound. It really does take a village to raise a child.



Program thanks

Steve Terrio, DRC Program

This year is one that has seen great strides at the Program level. The Regional Program Team has had the opportunity to speak with many leaders who are out there delivering an exciting program. There are many Areas involved in linking programs and what better way to show the youth what is in store as they journey forward on the Scouting path.

As another challenging Scouting year comes to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Scouters within Halifax Region for providing our youth with quality programs. I would also like to thank the many Areas within Halifax Region for the open arms that they have shown to me and the Regional Program Team. For being able to come out and talk at your Scouters' Clubs, as well as being invited to the many events which have taken place within your Areas, many thanks. Thanks also to the Regional Program Team for their ongoing support to the Scouting Program.

I would like to leave you with this thought: "Scouting is only about two things—Youth and Program. If you take one of those two things out of the equation, you will be left with nothing."

Scouting in Halifax Area

Stephen Knox, Halifax Area Commissioner



Now in my ninth month as Commissioner, I would like to let you know about some

of the things that have taken place over the last few months, and what upcoming events the Area has to offer.

The year began with a cold Area Troop winter camp on January 18-19. The temperature stayed well below zero the entire weekend, and dropped as low as 22 below Celsius during the night. Two troops, 18th and 36th Halifax, attended this event with over 25 youth and leaders. The leaders of 36th and the Venturers of 18th put on projects in the afternoon. A rousing campfire was hosted by 36th and a warming mug-up was put on by 18th. A quince was built by 36th and two Scouts were going to brave the cold, but finally opted for a warm cabin and a quiet night's sleep. One leader at 36th and four Scouts at 18th braved the cold in tents and survived the night. All got together Sunday morning for a Scout's Own at Rover Flats and then headed home. I would like to thank Chris Day, AAC Troop, and the leaders and Venturers of both groups for helping to make the weekend a successful one for all the Scouts.

Scout/Guide Week started with the Area Kub Kar Rally at St. Agnes Church on

February 15. Seventy cars were built and raced on two tracks and the competition was fierce, but friendly. I had not attended a Kub Kar Rally in many years, and the spirit and fellowship was refreshing to experience. I also have not seen so many wood and metal shavings after cars were drilled to lower their weight. I wish I could lose weight like that. After all the drilling, weighing and racing, 44th Halifax prevailed and took top honours. Congratulations to the all the youth. Thanks to Robert Bray, AAC Pack; 26th Halifax for hosting the event; and all the leaders who helped make a fun event even better.

The Area Troop Truck Rally took place at Fort Massey Church on February 20. Only two troops attended, 18th and 26th Halifax. Sixteen youth built and raced 14 trucks. A big difference from the Kub Kar Rally was that not one truck had to be drilled to meet the weight requirements, and some should have actually added weight. An intriguing part of the rally was the diversity and quality of the designs of the trucks. One Scout had designed the back trailer as a cage holding circus animals, and another had decaled the truck with Toronto Maple Leafs (Go Leafs Go!—oops, sorry to show my allegiance). 26th Halifax took all top honours; a hearty congratulation goes out to them. Hopefully we will have more troops involved next year, as this is a fun event.

The Area took the opportunity at the end of Scout/Guide Week to host a swim at

the Spryfield Wave Pool. Over 40 youth and adults attended and enjoyed a birthday celebration to honour Lord Baden-Powell, followed by swimming, sliding and surfing in the waves and water. Scout/Guide Week is a time for those of us in Scouting to reflect on, and celebrate the life of the Founder. Taken from *Thoughts for Sharing* by Peter Longmore, please remember this: "Even though we will never have the privilege of meeting B.-P. face to face, we can know him well through Scouting. He is still as outstanding a hero today as he was when he founded our Movement. Find out more about him. Not only will it be fun but also very worthwhile."

There are more Area events yet to come this year. On May 3, planting for Scoutrees will take place at Pockwock starting at 9:00 a.m. Please contact Don Connors, Area Coordinator, at 453-0234 for info.

On May 31-June 1 the Area Beaver Camp will take place at Mount Traber. Contact Heather Bennett, AAC Beavers, at 454-0946 for info. The following weekend the Area Cub Camp will be held on June 7-8 at Camp Lone Cloud. Contact Robert Bray, AAC Pack, at 475-1722 for info.

As Commissioner, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the service team, leaders, youth and parents of the Area for making Scouting what it is today. Your dedication to the Movement is what makes belonging to this organization worthwhile and fun. Take care and continue to have fun!

46th Annual Scouters' Conference

This year's Conference will be held November 7-9 at Oak Island Resort.

When calling for rooms, you must indicate that it is for the Conference to get the room rate, which is \$80.00 (plus taxes) per night for 1 to 4 persons. There are a few chalets available for \$129.00 (plus taxes) per night that hold up to 6 people. These are not close to the main building, and would require driving back and forth or a substantial hike to get to and from. Check in time is 3 p.m. for those who may be arriving early. The contact number for the hotel is 1-800-565-5075.

For further information, call the Scout Office at 423-9227.

HONOURS & AWARDS

Service Pins

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| Ernie Chaisson | 30 years | 4th Sackville |
| Kari Robertson | 25 years | Halifax Region Commissioner |
| Marilyn Moore | 25 years | Provincial |
| Robert Phillips | 20 years | 6th Sackville |
| Peggy Weaver | 20 years | Regional Service Team |
| Shirley Banfield | 20 years | Sespenaak Centre Area Service Team |
| Jacques Sauve | 20 years | Sespenaak Centre Service Team |
| Pam Eisan | 15 years | Sespenaak Centre Commissioner |
| Stewart Gourley | 5 years | St. Margarets Bay Commissioner |

Awards

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| John Peach | Silver Acorn | Halifax Region Service Team |
| Dave Winter | Silver Acorn | Sespenaak Centre Service Team |
| Paul Savoie | Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal | Sespenaak Centre Service Team (Awarded from Nfld) |

Plan Ahead for Upcoming Events in Halifax Region!

Youth Events

PROVINCIAL CHIEF SCOUT/QUEEN'S VENTURER AWARDS CEREMONY, April 27, 2:00 p.m. sharp. McInnis Room, Dal Student Union Building, 6136 University Avenue, Halifax.

SCOUTREES planting day will be Saturday, May 3. Check with your Area Commissioner or Service Team for planting details in your area.

CNIB GAMES, May 17. Contact Steve Terrio 454-8423 or Dave Durnford 864-7084 for further details.

CUB FUN DAY will be held on Saturday, May 10 at York Redoubt. Contact Debbie Doherty 864-2892 or ddoherty@accesscable.net for further information.

LODGES & LAIRS, a weekend event for Beavers and Cubs, will be held on Friday and Saturday, June 13-15 at Camp Nedooae. For more information on this provincial event, contact the Scout Office 423-9227.

LEADERSHIP CAMP, will be held July 1-August 15 at Camp Lone Cloud. Contact James Robertson at 429-7089 for more information.

CAMP LONE CLOUD regular camping season, July 6-August 16. Contact the Scout Office at 423-9227 for more information.

OPERATION ALERT Provincial weekend event for Scouts and Venturers. Sept. 20-21. Contact the Scout Office at 423-9227 for more information.

POPCORN CAMPAIGN, Oct. 10-Nov. 7. Contact the Scout Office at 423-9227 for more information.

APPLE DAY, Oct. 24-25. Regional Coordinator: Tom Banfield 864-1123.

Committee Meetings

REGIONAL MANAGEMENT TEAM BARBEQUE, June 18, Camp Lone Cloud.

PPMT FALL FORUM, September 6. Contact the Scout Office at 423-9227 for more information.

AREA COMMISSIONERS' meetings are held each month in the Tweedsmuir Room. Contact Kari Robertson at 429-7089, or by email at james.robertson@ns.sympatico.ca for further information. Meeting dates are as follows:

May 5
June 2

EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT TEAM meetings are held each month in the Tweedsmuir Room. Contact Kari Robertson at 429-7089, or by email at james.robertson@ns.sympatico.ca for further information.

REGIONAL MANAGEMENT TEAM meetings are held each month in the Tweedsmuir Room. Contact Kari Robertson at 429-7089, or by email at james.robertson@ns.sympatico.ca for further information. Meeting dates are as follows:

April 16
May 21

TRAINING ADVISORY COMMITTEE meetings are held each month in the Tweedsmuir Room. Contact Karen O'Toole at 868-2991, or by email at kareno@hfx.eastlink.ca for further information. Meeting dates are as follows:

May 14
June 11

Training Events

Basic Program & Delivery Training (formerly known as Wood Badge I) is comprised of three modules: Basic Core, Basic Outdoor Skills, and Section Specific. It also includes doing some practical experience work back home with your section. Training fees are the total cost for the three components. The cost of the Basic Program & Delivery Training is \$20.00. If you are taking any of the components separately, they are

\$10.00 each. If you already have your Wood Badge I and wish to take the Outdoor Skills course on your own, the cost is \$10.00. ALL FEES ARE PAYABLE AT THE TIME YOU TAKE THE COURSE.

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST PREREGISTER by contacting Karen O'Toole at 868-2991, or by email at kareno@hfx.eastlink.ca. Participants must fill out a registration form for all Basic Program & Delivery Training and Group Committee courses. The form **MUST** be brought to the course along with the registration fee.

OUTDOOR SKILLS, April 22&26. Contact Karen O'Toole at 868-2991, or by email at kareno@hfx.eastlink.ca for further information.

MAP & COMPASS, May 24. Contact Karen O'Toole at 868-2991, or by email at kareno@hfx.eastlink.ca for further information.

NATIONAL TRAINING EVENT, August 10-15. Course Leader: Kari Robertson. *Registration Deadline: May 10.*

Other

REGIONAL KIT NIGHT, August 26, St. James Church. August 28, Knox United Church.

REGIONAL REGISTRATION NIGHT, September 10. Contact Kari Robertson 429-7089 or Sue Conrad 861-1087 for more information.

REGIONAL KIT RETURN NIGHT, October 21, St. James Church. October 23, Knox United Church.

FALL HOME SHOW, October 3-5. Contact Nanci Douglas at 423-9227 if you would like to help out.

SCOUTERS' CONFERENCE, November 7-9. Contact the Scout Office at 423-9227 for more information.

REGIONAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, November 19. Contact Kari Robertson at 429-7089 for more information.

Nova Scotia Youth Committee— By Youth, For Youth

Rhys MacDonald, NSYC, Halifax Region Representative

The Nova Scotia Youth Committee (NSYC) is a dedicated group of Scout, Venturer and Rover aged youth. The NSYC is a liaison between the youth and adult Scouting members of Nova Scotia, and is a sub-committee of the National Youth Committee. We bring the issues and concerns of youth directly into the decision-making process of Scouting, where they can be dealt with effectively. The Nova Scotia Youth Committee is currently working to set up networks of representatives throughout the province. These representatives will be responsible to visit groups in their area and report back to the Committee.

The NSYC has the potential to make a significant impact on Scouting in Nova Scotia as well as nationally. Currently, the Committee has votes at the Provincial AGM, Provincial Program Management Team (PPMT) meetings and Provincial Support Team (PST) meetings. It also has seats on many Regional Management Teams. We hope that eventually youth will be represented at all levels of Scouting.

The Youth Committee provides leadership training to the youth of our province. Youth are often overlooked, but as they are the future of Scouting in Nova Scotia, the NSYC believes that they should be properly trained to meet future challenges. We are committed to ensuring that adequate training is provided for youth. An example of the training required is for Scouters-in-Training (SITs), Activity Leaders and Kims.

Our priorities include:

- the creation of provincial youth networks,
- youth leadership,
- the provision of opportunities for youth training,
- promotion and development of youth involvement at all levels,
- adequate representation of youth at the National level,
- meeting the needs and objectives of the National Youth Committee.

We are always seeking new members! If your region is not represented on the Youth Committee, please feel free to contact your Regional Commissioner to enquire about becoming a regional representative. If your area is already represented, contact your Regional Representative. He/she will be more than willing to include you in their network.

Remember, many hands make for light work, and the larger our network the better we can represent the youth of the province.

Youth Committee member needed

Greg Fenwick, ARC Youth Reps

Halifax Region is looking for another youth member to take an active role in the Provincial Youth Committee and represent part of Halifax Region. Rhys MacDonald is the other youth member of Halifax Region, and you would be working closely together. This position requires four meetings a year on the Provincial Youth Committee, approximately six meetings a year on the Regional Management Team, and visits to individual areas as required.

This position allows the youth member to be an active member in the decision-making process for both the Region and the Province.

But the greater value of this position, is that the youth member is an active voice for fellow youth members, both regionally as well as provincially.

Anyone interested in applying for this position should contact me at 865-8415.

