

## Canadian Citizenship Court

*Dave Durnford, DAC Special Events*

**E**arly in May, the Sackville Patriots Day Committee asked if I could find them a Scout Troop to help out with a citizenship court that was taking place on Canada Day. I arranged with Paul Sauve, the Group Commissioner with 1st Sackville, to have three of their Scouts there in full uniform. Also a Venturer from 8th Sackville volunteered to help.

At 2:30 the youth arrived. They handed out Canadian flags to everyone as they entered the hall. When the ceremony was about to start they were given front row seats, so they had a good view of the ceremony.

At 3:00 the ceremony started with the escorting in of the special guests. They were Dave Wilson, MLA; Peter Stouffer, MP; and Mayann Francis, Lieutenant-Governor. As well there were two RCMP officers in full dress red uniforms and a HRM officer in his dress blues.

When the ceremony started, each guest made a speech about how great it is to be a Canadian. Peter Stouffer's speech was especially interesting as he

immigrated to Canada in 1956 with his parents and seven siblings.

After the speeches everyone rose and recited the Canadian Oath of Allegiance and the new citizens were called by

as she had been involved with Scouting in her old country.

The Scouts were impressed with the whole ceremony and how proud these people were to become Canadian citizens. A lot of recipients had on something to do with Canada: hats, shirts, ties. Some were dressed in red and white. Others were dressed in clothes native to their original countries. There was one young lady from Brazil who was so proud that she was dressed from head to toe in red and white, and wore a Canada flag over her shoulders. When her name was called, everyone cheered and applauded.

In all, there were 40 people from 28 different countries and cultures becoming new Canadian citizens.

I would like to thank the youth who attended the ceremony and gave up their time on a beautiful summer long weekend to help make this momentous occasion extra special for our new Canadians. Thanks to Scouts Michael Duquette, Kay Dee Otterman, Joshua Reid and Venturer Adam Saunders.



name to receive their certificates of citizenship.

After they received their certificates, the Scouts handed each one a sapling to plant. The Scouts shook each new Canadian's hand, welcomed them to Canada and wished them good luck. One of the new citizens stopped to change hands to shake hands with the Scouts,



# Commissioner's Corner

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Welcome back to another exciting year of Scouting!

We have been celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Scouting. Did you see the floral display near the MacDonald bridge?

We had youth and leaders from Halifax Area attend the Jamboree in Quebec this summer. I keep hearing from both the leaders and youth who attended that everyone had a great time. It may have been dusty but the alternative could have been much worse.

Now we are celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Scouting in Nova Scotia. We should be proud that we are part of this youth organization which has become part of our heritage. I am sure we all know friends, siblings, co-workers or perhaps ourselves who can share many stories and memories of our Scouting activities. I know I have met some great friends through Scouting, and I have some fond memories of sharing my time with the youth and other adult volunteers.

Since our last *Round-Up* we have had 25 Scout-aged youth receive their Chief Scout Awards, have planted Scoutrees, attended Cub Fun Day, Provincial Camp Lodges 'n Lairs, closing BBQ at Camp Lone Cloud, visited Camp Lone Cloud during the camp season. At the provincial Scout Alert, five teams from Halifax Area were presented with plaques for their placing of first, second or third place in either the Scout or Venturer projects.

We had one hundred plus recipients of the Commemorative Centennial Award who were honoured with the presentation of the medals either at Cub Fun Day where National Commissioner Glenn Armstrong and Provincial Commissioner Herb Ripley made the presentations. Then that afternoon there was a more formal presentation at Prince Andrew High School in Dartmouth.

I have met more of you as I trained on both the Wood Badge II in June and the Wood Badge I in October. Our programs are enhanced when we take training as is our enthusiasm and confidence. So thanks for taking the time.

Now we are preparing for Apple Day. So by the time you read this Apple Day has taken place and the cans have been opened and the crests received.

At this time I must thank the members of service teams and all the other volunteers who assisted in putting together Cub Fun Day and the Chief Scout Award. All of these events take a lot of planning and the projects need to be organized and then manned. The food and crests need to be ordered, locations booked and all the other details finalized.

**DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT ROUND-UP MARCH 16.**

**Articles submitted after that date will be published as space permits.**

# 20,000 Good deeds in nine years

Everything we attend takes time to plan and then run that day or week-end, so we must thank each other for sharing our time and resources. We must also thank our families for their support, because without it we would not be able to put forth the time, etc.

Unfortunately we have lost another long-term Scouter, Earl Clarke, who had been a valuable member of the Area Management Team. He had diligently worked on the team as Honours and Awards Chair and past Commissioner of Basin Lakes. When we have Scouters who were very active for many years and who have worked on many different teams we miss them when they go home.

Now we should grasp the moment, as it has been a fantastic Fall, and I hope you have been using this great weather for outdoor games, meetings or camps.

So let's have some fun with the youth now as we walk through the woods kicking those leaves when they are crisp underfoot or that white stuff. I am still waiting to use my new snowshoes which I bought after a winter camp two years ago. I carried them in my traveling brief case (my car) for several months and again last winter, but I never got the chance to try them. So I am hoping that when I go camping in January that there will be lots of snow!!! The winter goes by much more quickly when we are involved in Scouting, so let's continue to have fun!

If you are new to Scouting, I hope you feel welcome. If anyone can assist you in any way, please feel free to contact me so that I can find someone who can answer your question or concern, or assist you in program delivery. The same goes for the members of Group Committee. We are all involved to provide an outstanding program for the youth and because we are interested in the leaders of tomorrow.

Please visit our website for up-to-date information, as well as the Provincial and National websites. There is training and other activities planned within Halifax Area, so please remember we are all following the same mission statement and are all members of the Scouting movement.

*Ian Parker, Provincial Co-Ordinator for Operation Good Deed*



**I**t is hard to believe that Operation Good Deed was first introduced to Scouting in Nova Scotia in 1999. Since then more than 5,570 youth have carried out more than 20,000 Good Deeds during the month of February.

Everyone knows that the Slogan of Scouting is *Do a Good Turn Daily*.

Good turns do not have to be big such as saving a life, helping out after misfortune or other disasters, they are often small, thoughtful acts: helping a child cross a busy street, going to the store for an elderly neighbour, cutting back brush that is blocking a sign, doing something special for a brother or sister, welcoming a new student to your school.

A good deed is an act of kindness that benefits others and is above and beyond your normal duties and responsibilities. It can be as small as an unexpected favour for a family member, neighbour, or friend.

A story attributed to Baden-Powell, which he shared with a group of youth while sitting around a campfire one night goes as follows:

"I often think, when the sun goes down, the world is hidden by a big blanket from the light of Heaven, but the stars are little holes pierced in that dark blanket by good deeds done by people in this world. The stars are not all the same size; some are big, some are small, just as some people have done large deeds and others small deeds. But they have made their hole in the blanket by doing good before they go to Heaven. Look up there and find a spot to make your hole in the blanket by good work while you are on earth. It is something to BE good, but it is far better to DO good."

Keeping this in mind, why not get involved with Operation Good Deed in 2008?

The purpose of Operation Good Deed is to return to the grass roots of Scouting by generating a sense of good spirit and community. Operation Good Deed is a revival of doing something good for others. Not to be considered a competition, it is recognition for doing good for others.

Open to youth members of all sections (Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Venturers, and Rovers), it is an excellent way of promoting the Scouting slogan, "Do a good turn every day."

How does Operation Good Deed work?

Youth members complete good deeds during the month of February and report them to their leader, who keeps a record and reports the total number of youth participating and the total number of good deeds performed by the entire Section. This information is forwarded to the Provincial Office or to me, by March 15, 2008.

All participants will receive a certificate. Certificates will be mailed out to participating Groups no later than April 30, 2008 (in time to be presented at your Section's year-end closing).

Further information is available from the Provincial Office, through your Service Team, or by emailing Ian Parker, Provincial Co-ordinator for Operation Good Deed at [hicks.parker@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:hicks.parker@ns.sympatico.ca).

Some people ask, "Is there a difference between a good deed and a chore?" The answer is yes.

Chores are jobs that are assigned to youth, while good deeds are acts that are performed for others without being told to do them. The concept is one of caring and helping to make life a little easier for someone by performing a random act of kindness.

Let's all plan to get involved with Operation Good Deed!

# The adventures of Flippy the 2nd

May Renfrew, Scouter, 2nd Beaver Bank

**2**nd Beaver Bank B Colony Beavers, as part of their Centennial events, have sent a Beaver Good Will Mascot, complete with Nova Scotia tartan necker, badges, and a short history and geography of Nova Scotia in the package, across Canada.

Flippy the 2nd, our Beaver, has now crossed all of Canada, visiting Beaver colonies, spreading Maritime Scouting news, and attending Scouting special events. He is also giving and collecting badges, photos, and learning the geography and history of some of the Scouting groups on his journey.

Each group has fun mapping his journey, and learning that they are indeed an important part of the Canadian and World Scouting Movement.

By the way Flippy is known as Flippy the 2nd, as Flippy the 1st went AWOL somewhere! Maybe in the woods? Our Beavers are still hopeful!

We are all looking forward to having Flippy the 2nd back with us soon, and reading all about his adventures, and maybe next year we will try sending him around the UK? or the World? Our Beavers and leaders have yet to decide!

Our Scouting great cheer to all of the Colonies that gave him hospitality.

One World One Promise.



*This photo of Flippy the 2nd was taken at our Hoot and Holler Halloween Camp, just before he left on his travels. He is rather small as you can see, but this was to save everyone spending too much on his postage. The old pirate, needless to say, wasn't real. At least we hope he wasn't!*



**United Way**

**DON'T FORGET THAT IT IS POSSIBLE TO SELECT SCOUTS CANADA AS A REGISTERED CHARITY THROUGH PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS FOR DONATIONS THROUGH METRO UNITED WAY. WHATEVER AMOUNT YOU ARE ABLE TO DONATE WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED. MANY THANKS IN ADVANCE.**

# STARLAB SCOUT & GUIDE NIGHTS 2007-2008

**Tuesday, November 20**  
**Wednesday, November 21**  
**Thursday, November 22**  
**Monday, January 28**  
**Tuesday, January 29**  
**Wednesday, January 30**  
**Thursday, January 31**

**Time: 6:30 – 8:30 pm**

**These nights are a chance for your groups to visit the coolest place to play and earn their Astronomy or Science badges! This three-tiered evening includes an interactive presentation in our STARLAB Portable Planetarium, a hands-on astronomy workshop and time to explore all of the exhibits at Discovery Centre.**

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# Time to recharge your batteries?

Karen O'Toole, AAC Colony



**A** Beaver has fun, works hard, and helps his family and friends".

This is the Beaver Law – it not only holds true for the Beavers, but for the leaders as well.

We need to have fun while we are working hard at making our Beaver program fun and interesting. And at some point, we need to recharge our batteries. So here are a few activities that we hope will provide you with the opportunity to do that.

**BEAVEREEN** - Oakfield Provincial Park on October 28 from 1-4 p.m. This is a very popular event with the Beavers. They get to dress up in Halloween costumes and participate in eight different activities.

**COLONY LEADERS' CHRISTMAS PARTY** - Wednesday, December 5 in the Sobeys Community Room at 279 Her-ring Cove Road, from 7-9 p.m. Please bring a Christmas Craft or activity (along with the instructions) to share with everyone. We will be decorating a tree, so if you have some decorations – bring them along. Tea, coffee and egg-nog will be provided.

**COLONY LEADERS' OUTDOOR SHARING SESSION** - Saturday, March 1 at Miller Lake from 10-2. Ever wonder what to do with the Beavers when camping or hiking? Or maybe you have been doing it for years and would like to share your knowledge with others. Either way, it should be a fun day. We will be making tinfoil dinners so there will be a small charge. Hope to see you there.

Over the next few months, I will be visiting Scouters' Club meetings in the Area. If you have any questions regarding the program, training, the above events, or would like me to drop by your meeting hall for a visit, just let me know. Contact me by phone at 868-2991 or by email at [kareno@east-link.ca](mailto:kareno@east-link.ca).



Temporary window display at the Metro Park garage on Granville Street in Halifax. The uniform belonged to a well-known Scouter, Earl Clarke and the campfire blanket is on loan by Matthew Durnford.

## Christmas Daddies Centennial challenge

May Renfrew, Scouter, 2nd Beaver Bank

**2**nd Beaver Bank Scouting Group in bonnie Nova Scotia, is sending out this challenge to every single Scouting group in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island.

We challenge your Scouting group to save as many pennies as they can towards the Christmas Daddies TV event in December, and match or beat our total. We will be very hard to beat as we have already got about \$1.67 in the kitty!

This challenge can, and will be FUN, we want at least 100 groups involved. Can your group accept this Centennial challenge?

Which group will be brave enough to be the FIRST to sign up?

If you do decide to accept, please let me know so that I can keep track of just how many groups we will be up against. You can contact me by email at [mrenfrew@accesswave.ca](mailto:mrenfrew@accesswave.ca).



## Halifax Area has a new Youth Rep

Michael Doary, Youth Rep

**H**i, my name is Michael Doary and I'm the new Youth Rep for Halifax area.

My responsibilities include visiting as many groups as possible to speak with the youth and observe how the group runs. I will be participating in Area-run events and helping out wherever needed when time is available.


I am 18 years old and have been a member of Scouting for the past 13 years with 3rd Sackville — from a Beaver to a youth Scout leader. In the past 13 years I have gone through Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Youth leader. I also have offered my services for the past six years at Lodges and Lairs. In my time of Scouting I have received my Chief Scout and Canadian Youth Citizenship awards.

As you can see, I have been through a lot with Scouting, and it's time to try something new and view Scouting from another angle.

I am looking forward to getting a chance to see the inner workings of the organization I have been a part of for over three quarters of my life.

# Training: It's mandatory and it's fun!

Kari Robertson, AAC Training

 Why should I take training? All I want to do is to volunteer for one hour a week at my child's Beaver/Cub group.

Does this sound familiar?

Well, training is now mandatory for everybody who is working within Scouting, and not just for those who just signed up this Fall. Every leader, Group Commissioner, Service Team member needs to have training.

What other job is there that lets people take training whenever they get around to it? Or not at all?

Coaches for all sports teams must take training before starting with the team. All jobs provide training for employees when you start the job.

As a parent, do you want your child left in the hands of adults for an evening, on an outing or, Heaven forbid, a weekend in the woods, who haven't been taught how to deal with whatever comes up?

Well, finally due diligence is kicking into training our leaders and preparing them for the jobs they have undertaken. Every leader must take training within the first year of registering with Scouts Canada.

If you do not make any attempt to take the training within the first year, your membership may not be renewed next Fall.

Halifax Area offers two Wood Badge I courses each Scouting year. If these dates don't work for you, by all means check the Provincial website and tap into a course in Dartmouth, Truro, Tri-County, or anywhere else in the province. All courses are open to anyone, regardless of where you live.

The first Area WBI course of the 2007/2008 Scouting year took place in October at Camp Lone Cloud. 50 people were registered. It was a wonderful course! We offered sessions for the Core, Section Specific (Beavers, Cubs and Scouts) and Outdoor Skills all in one weekend, but those who couldn't

make it for the whole thing came for what they could, and will make up the rest on another course.

We had someone from Dartmouth who needed only Outdoor Skills to finish his training. Someone in Bridgewater had Section Specific from Kings, Outdoor Skills from Dartmouth and



wanted to get Core from Halifax. His intent wasn't to mix it all up like that, but that is how his work and family schedule made it happen. The important thing is to get it done. I guaran-

tee you won't be sorry. It is not a waste of time; you will learn and have fun too! Talk to someone who has taken WBI and ask them what they thought of it. I know they will tell you it was good, but if you get another answer PLEASE call me and talk to me about it, because I promise you we will fix it so it will be fun again.

What training do you need?

You need to take a Wood Badge I course. Typically in Halifax we offer two courses, one in October another in February or March. If you can take it all at one time and get it over with, bonus. We do recognize that given people's busy schedules it is not always easy to do this, so sign up for what you can do and get started.

Typically Friday is Core. This first stage of training is for all members together. It lasts about four hours.

Saturday we break into sections (Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Venturers, Group Committee). The day is spent doing things that relate specifically to the section that you work with: ceremonies, games, crafts, skills, badges. The evening ends with a campfire — a great way to finish up a long day.

Sunday everybody is together again for Outdoor Skills. We spend the better part of the day doing all sorts of things to prepare you to go out in the woods with your youth — cooking a great meal with all kinds of things you probably never thought you could do outdoors. We do a short evening Tuesday night before the course to prepare you for what you will do in the outdoors. How to deal with hypothermia. How to prevent it, how to tie knots, how to plan a well balanced menu, etc.

It may sound overwhelming but think about it! It is important so there is a lot to cover. It is delivered by very qualified, well-trained volunteers who love bringing this message to you.

It is fun, it is meaningful and you have to take it, but I know you will realize it is very worth the time you put into it.

See you soon.

# Two Beaver Bank Scouters Gone Home

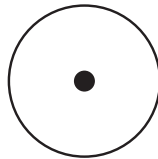


**HARRISON, JOHN ROWLAND** - 39, Beaver Bank, passed away on Tuesday, March 13, 2007, in VG Site, QEII, Halifax, after a long battle with cancer.

Born in St. John's, NL, he was the only son of Elizabeth (Marg) Fraser, Amherst, and Keith Harrison, Hammonds Plains. John was a proud member of the Navy in the Canadian Forces for the last 17 years.

Among John's passions, he loved his devoted and loving wife, Leoda and his three boys, Newfoundland music, model building, VW Bugs, the Titanic and Scouting.

John received the Medal of Fortitude for his dedication to the Cub Pack despite the hardships with his ailment. John attended every meeting, camp and planning session until it was no longer possible.



**MARGESON, KENNETH EDWARD** - 95, Kinsac, went to be with his Lord on April 13, 2007.

Born on July 28, 1911, at an early age, while making a working model of a telephone for a school project, Ken displayed such creativity and ingenuity that it led to a 41 year career with Maritime Telegraph and Telephone Company.

Wherever he worked, he became involved in the local Boy Scout movement. He was actively involved for 84 years, holding many positions of leadership and training at local, provincial and national levels. He was fortunate to have had the opportunity to attend World Jamborees in Canada, England and Australia.

Ken embodied the true spirit of Scouting by doing a "Good Deed Every



Day", and "Always Being Prepared". He continued his life of service as a leader in his community where he represented Beaver Bank/Kinsac as a County Councillor and was also the Deputy Warden for Halifax County.

He received much recognition for his community service including the two highest National Scouting awards: The Silver Wolf and The Silver Acorn. He also received the Caring Canadian Award for his dedication to volunteering.

At the time of his death, he was a member of the Second Beaver Bank Group Committee, the Baden Powell (BP) Guild, Telephone Pioneers of America Acadia Chapter No. 49, and the Bedford Masonic Lodge No. 104. He was also an honorary Elder of St. John's United Church, Beaver Bank.

Ken was an environmentalist before his time and was instrumental in starting the "Trees for Canada" campaign, which was adopted by the Boy Scouts. He started planting trees in 1925 and was responsible, with the help of others, for planting over 250,000 trees. His work in preserving and replanting forestlands won him the 1983 Environmental Award from the Province of Nova Scotia.

## MOOSEHEADS HOCKEY GAME

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ALL TICKETS FOR ALL SEATS \$9.50**

Tickets sold only at the Scout Office, Quinpool Road. Cash and carry OR Visa/Mastercard by phone.  
Tickets available for purchase by November 19, 2007.

Special collector's crest for this game – must purchase a ticket to receive crest (not to be worn on uniform).

***The sooner you buy your tickets the better your seat selection. Makes a Great Christmas gift!***  
**LAST CHANCE TO BUY TICKETS IS FEBRUARY 21, 2008.**

After this date, unsold tickets will be sent back to the box office and sold at the regular price.  
You cannot purchase tickets from Metro Centre Box Office at this price!

**THIS IS A UNIFORM EVENT: It is during Scout/Guide Week.**

# The rewards of volunteering

The rewards of volunteerism are numerous:

- Volunteering is a way to share your personal gifts and experiences with others.
- Many people experience the “attitude of gratitude” and begin to recognize their own blessings when they help others who are far less fortunate and in need.
- Helping others can be of great assistance in deflating negative self-centredness and self-absorption. Focusing on the needs of others rather than on one’s own perceived problems is one of the greatest elixirs for enhancing a person’s mental health. It is said that when we care for others, we care for ourselves.
- Volunteering provides the chance for people to try something new and challenges them to work outside their comfort zone. Many volunteers find a new talent when they begin helping others and continue to fine-tune already existing talents.
- Volunteering can allow individuals to fulfill lifelong dreams and ambitions. Many volunteers choose to serve in an area that fulfills their inner-most desires, which too often have taken a back seat to school, career and family.
- Volunteering opens doors to new communities, friends and professional contacts. You can develop or share networking skills, improve organizational or management expertise, and increase interpersonal proficiency.
- Many volunteers find that their service builds confidence, self-esteem and healthy attitudes as they help others. Finding new skills and talents, meeting new people and serving others can truly help you feel good about yourself.
- Volunteering is a great way to explore possible career options, and it allows you to discover whether you like certain kinds of work without making drastic career changes.

It can be a life-changing experience for everyone involved. Remember, many who start volunteering become “hooked” for life.

## Holiday Parade of Lights

*Dave Durnford, AAC Special Events*

**H**i. It is that time of year again. If you would like to have a good time with your Group, then the Parade of Lights is for you.

This year the parade is on November 17. This is the second year that we will be having an entry in the parade. Let’s hope that the weather is as good this year as last. No coats needed that night. We are looking for as many youth and leaders as we can get to come out. Let’s show everyone that Scouting is alive and well in Halifax.

The Parade starts at 6pm so you have to be there by 5:15. We meet under the Old Bridge by the Dockyard. There is limited space on the float, so it is reserved for Beavers first. If there is any room left then other youth can ride on the float. The rest of the youth and leaders will walk along the parade route behind the float.

If you want, decorate a wagon and bring it along. The more support we have for this event the better. It is the best publicity we can get for the money we spend. Come out, show your spirit, and help make this Parade of Lights the best one yet.

If you would like to participate in the Parade or help with the float in any way, please let me know. You can reach me by phone at 864-7084, or by email at [rtt@accesswave.ca](mailto:rtt@accesswave.ca).

I hope to see you there.

## New AAC for Troop



*Bruce Doary, AAC Troop*

**H**i, my name is Bruce Doary and I’m one of the new members of the Halifax Area Service Team. I have been appointed as the AAC for Troop for the next Scouting year. I look forward to this responsibility and offer my help where assistance is required. Some of my responsibilities will be to visit the troops in the area and help out with any of the events slated for this year.

My background in Scouting comes from 10 years as a Scouting youth right up to Venturers, and at that time a youth leader for Colony too. I received my Chief Scout Award in 1980. It wasn’t until my son, Michael, joined the movement that I became involved once again as a leader around his last year in Cubs, and then moved onto Scouts. I had been a Pack leader for two years and Troop Scouter for going on 11 years now. Some of my other contributions over the past years have been Committee Member for Program at Lodges and Lairs, Parade of Lights Float and Sub Committee for Conference.

My favourite things in Scouting are outdoor skills, winter camping, knots, map and compass, and doing all this with the youth and fellow Scouters.

I look forward to the challenge of this position in the coming year and extend an invitation to you to contact me if you have any questions or need help.



# A tree is planted in memory of Scouters who have "gone home"

Dave Winter

**W**hile attending the 11th Canadian Scout Jamboree at Camp Tamaracouta as a member of the Canadian Badgers Club Display, I attended the planting ceremony of one of the three Nova Scotia white pine seedlings sent to Camp Tamaracouta by Florence Margeson, in memory of her late husband.

The ceremony was held in the Camp Chapel on July 31, 2007, emceed by Eric Turcotte. At precisely 8:00 p.m. the Chapel Bell was rung by Mike Reid. In attendance were Herb Ripley, N.S. Provincial Commissioner; Mike Reid, President of Scouts Eh!; Don Connors, Central Halifax Zone; Mary McLeod, Dartmouth Area; Paul Savoie, 1st Sackville Group Commissioner with his Troop Scouter and seven 1st Sackville Scouts; two Troop Scouters from Colchester Area; John Butters, past N.S. Provincial Commissioner; Barb Wicks, Bridgewater Zone; Heidi Vincent, National Director of Communications; and the great-grandson of our Founder, Lord Baden-Powell, Adam Baden-Clay with his wife Nicole; and yours truly.

Eric opened the ceremony and explained the purpose of the Nova Scotian white pine seedling on the table. Adam Baden-Clay with his wife Nicole were invited to light the three white candles mounted in a fleur-de-lis shaped candle holder in memory of Ken Margeson and all the Scouters who have "gone home".

Eric asked for two Scout volunteers and a Scouter to assist with the planting of the seedling about 17 meters from the Chapel Altar. Most of those in attendance pointed to me as the Scouter, while I in turn asked Paul Savoie to point out which two Scouts had done the most work that day at camp. The planting location was protected with a heavy-duty tomato cage, well marked with survey tape and a water-proof sign explaining in whose

memory the tree was planted.

As the two Scouts began digging with trowels, we soon realized the protective cage had to be temporarily removed and all three of us ended up digging out the last of the hole with our hands. The seedling was finally planted and watered from a canteen of a third 1st Sackville Scout. The protective cage was re-installed around the newly planted seedling.

While this was taking place, Eric had placed small tea candles on the chapel altar. Upon returning to our seats, each was invited to come forward to light a candle and say a few words about Ken if we knew him personally, or read a poem from the program, or parts of the letter from Ken's widow which accompanied the three seedlings. The ceremony ended with a tape recording of Amazing Grace.

Following the ceremony, an informal gathering centered around Adam Baden-Clay and his wife, Nicole. The

1st Sackville Group got to meet and have photos taken with our Founder's great-grandson. The other two seedlings were planted privately the next day elsewhere in Camp Tamaracouta.

As a Lower Sackville Scouter and a member of 12th B.P. Guild, Halifax, of which Ken was also a member, I felt both privileged and honoured to have been a part of this tree planting ceremony. Despite these three seedlings having been shipped 1,000 miles away from home, one ended up being planted by N.S. "locals".

Ironically, Emcee Eric Turcotte, as it turned out, was Ken's "little French Scout", one of six Scouts whom Ken took to the Pan-Pacific Jamboree in January 1956 as Canadian Contingent Leader.

The first ray of sunshine on this newly planted seedling happened on August 1, 2007 just as Scouting was celebrating its Sunrise Service all around the world.



Scouts Josh Reid and James Green, 1st Sackville, are assisted by Scouter Dave Winter as they plant a white pine seedling in memory of Ken Margeson and other Scouters.

# Another chapter in the history book of Camp Lone Cloud

James Robertson  
Chair, Camp Management Board

If someone were to write a history of Camp Lone Cloud how would the **Chapter 2007** read?

(Oh, and by the way, how I wish someone would write such a history. This summer I compiled a document entitled *Fact or Fiction* – a compilation of Camp Trivia and Jargon. The primary contributor was staff member Heather MacDonald; aka “Hathi.”)

Descriptors: Enthusiasm, energy, creativity, humour, knowledge, wisdom, patience, understanding, skill, caring, awesome, rambunctious, crazy, dedicated, cheerful.

Wow – quite a list!

All of these could be used singly or collectively to describe the staff of Camp Lone Cloud 2007. Under the leadership of Director John

MacLean, the team came together and over a nine week period created an environment that would cause a person of any age to want



Camp Lone Cloud Staff – 2007

to be a child once again.

As I have commented before, it continues to amaze me how a group of 24 young people, many strangers, come together and form such

incredible bonds during this period. I consider myself to be extremely fortunate to have a role where each year I can witness this evolution.

Staff come to us from various communities, experiences, backgrounds and for that matter different countries! This past summer we had the pleasure of learning about Poland. Tomasz Stachura traveled from Poland to be with us and took on the camp name Chikai.

Observing his development over the season, along with improvement in the English language, his dry sense of humour and skill in working with young people was a great addition to the camp culture.

Each member of the team offered something unique – music, cooking, outdoor skills, writing, planning and so much more.

The programs, of which there are six: out tripping, waterfront, island camper, junior, advanced and CIT,

## 2007 Camp Lone Cloud Statistics

Program	Armview	Hfx. Central	Basin Lakes	Harbour West	Sespenaak Centre	St. Margaret's	Dartmouth	Tri-County	Valley	Colchester	Lunenburg	Other	No District	Total
Camper	5	10	16	4	14	1	23	4	0	2	0	3	63	145
Junior	1	1	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	1	0	0	18	26
Advanced	4	2	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	19	30
CIT	7	2	1	0	1	0	3	1	0	2	0	0	34	51
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>252</b>
2006	27	21	15	3	17	3	27	5	2	8	1	5	148	282

• Budgeted in 2007 for 100 non-registered campers: 30 Junior, 30 Advanced, 25 CIT

## Registration Statistics Comparison

Program	Budget	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
Camper	204	145	148	172	193	184	241	211
Junior	50	26	33	47	63	62	58	47
Advanced	50	30	53	50	37	45	62	38
CIT	35	51	48	46	46	44	39	20
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>316</b>

• 29 Campers registered at the special reduced rate.





*Akela, Iagoo, and Wabeeno join the circus.*

are all sound, well established documents. At anytime, I would be pleased to review them with you.

Each year, members of the Camp Management Board, under Mike Stewart and Olivia Hasler's direction, along with past staff members, review the programs, making minor modifications in timing and add new and creative program ideas. Each person responsible for the delivery of the programs is to



*Out Tripping on the Leadership Course*

be commended for the energy they delivered. John MacLean, Camp Director was instrumental in making it happen. His keen organizational skills made everyone's responsibilities that much easier and more enjoyable. Thanks Akela!

One lunch hour, I headed off from work to Headquarters to pick up the next week's registration. As

I pulled in the parking lot my cell phone rang; it was Nanci from the office calling me. I advised I was in the parking lot and would be up momentarily.

Ascending the stairs I find Nanci, along with a gentleman, at the counter. Introductions took place; he was the father of two of our campers. Neither child was involved in Scouting and he had found the camp through a web site search. He began a conversation which lasted for at least 15 minutes.



*CLC staff planting trees at the campfire circle in honour of the late Ken Margeson Senior. The trees were provided by the family.*

He talked of the virtues of Camp Lone Cloud. The experience has made his family stronger. He has had to buy a canoe so his son could show him what skill he had learned at camp.

Their daily menu has changed to allow for the incorporation of camp recipes. One child registered first, then the second decided he would try it. He struggled to find sufficient words to adequately express his appreciation for what camp had done for his family.

The man was there to complete registrations for both sons – each for the third session of the summer. How very proud I was.

Congratulations Camp Lone Cloud and thank you.

What will the next chapter bring?



*Staff and campers chow down at BBQ*



*Swim time.*



*Heading out on another adventure.*



*Earlier this year, en route to her summer feeding grounds in Miller Lake, Emily stopped for a brief rest on the dock at Camp Lone Cloud. Emily says, "Every time I pass the camp, I know I'm home."*

# Get 'em outdoors!!

John Nisbet, AAC Pack

**N**ow that you have them out there, what do you do? Are you ever at a loss about what activities to run when you do get your youth outside? Want to do something else after the 20th flag has been captured?

Would you like your Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Venturers and other Leaders to have fun but also learn something? Without 25 years working as a naturalist or forester, besides telling the difference between a white birch and a spruce tree, are you starting to feel a little out of your depth?

Try this activity, remembering to adopt it to the mood and abilities of your section.

## MEET A TREE

This game is for Beavers and up, and works best if you have an even number of people.

Pair off and blindfold one person per pair. The sighted person leads the blindfolded person 20 or 30 meters to a tree. The blindfolded person now gets to explore the tree.

However, if you simply tell them "explore the tree" what will happen?

Probably they will stall out on ideas how to do that and lose interest.

Instead of asking them to feel the tree, which they would just probably do with their hands, consider saying, "Rub your cheek on the bark."

Try, "Is your tree alive?" versus "explore the tree".

Be specific with suggestions on what they can do, without limiting their own ideas. Suggest that they find out if they can put their arms/hands around the tree, decide if it is older than they are, do other plants grow on it, are there animal signs on it, how does it come out of the ground, does it feel wet/cold, does it make any sounds, how powerful a smell (if any) does it have, is the smell pleasant or

yucky, what are its branches like, do they come out of the trunk alone or in bunches, at the same or all different levels, are the twigs hard or soft.

Think about these ideas and add to this list as you see fit. Please remember, planning what to say, and thinking about the above and similar points in advance of the activity, helps put you in the right "mental space" for it. If you show enthusiasm and positive ani-



mated attitude, others will enjoy the activity even more.

Once finished, (judge the time for this based on the interest/age group), get the sighted person to lead the blindfolded person back to where they started, using a different route.

Blindfolds off.

Can the formerly blindfolded person find "their" tree, without any help?

What are some of the possible advantages of such an activity?

What could be learned?

For the formerly blindfolded person,

could what was once a forest, now be a collection of individual trees?

Get the pairs to now switch roles and repeat the activity.

As always, be safe.

Last month I had the opportunity to attend an evening talk at Dalhousie University given by Joseph Cornell, a man from California. Although I did not know it when I sat in the auditorium with about 100 other people, (all strangers to me!), I have learned since that Mr. Cornell is one of the "heavyweights" or "gurus" in nature education.

Following the talk I bought and read Mr Cornell's, book *Sharing Nature With Children*. I highly recommend it to you. It has many ideas for games and activities, all of them teaching about nature. The descriptions are clear and well organized. The Meet a Tree exercise described above, is one example.

In a very gentle but powerful way, the book also drove home to me, the importance of teaching us all about nature. Mr Cornell in a simple but meaningful way develops the idea that to help youth enjoy and value nature, time spent with them in a positive and fun way, is most beneficial.

As a Scouter, you will find the book to be a great resource for ideas about what to do with youth outdoors. Although I hate to say so, (in an article cajoling you wonderful Scouters to get outside more for Scouting activities,) I must concede, some of the activities and games could be done indoors.

The book is published by Dawn Publications, 12402 Bitney Springs Road, Nevada City, CA 95959, <http://www.dawnpub.com/home.cfm>, and costs \$11.95 + tax, in Halifax (according to staff at a local bookstore) for its 175 pages. No, I do not get a kickback for each copy sold!

Let me know how the Meet a Tree game worked out for you, the next time we meet.

# Eat well at camp!

## PANCAKE TOAST

Pancake Mix (Complete) – 1 cup per 4 people

White Bread – 2 slices per person

Syrup of Choice

Butter

Cinnamon

Mix pancake mix with water until completely mix and slightly watery. Spray pan or griddle with non-stick cooking spray. Dip bread into mix to cover both sides, not too long or the bread will begin to fall apart. Place on griddle or fry pan until each side is brown. Serve with butter, syrup and cinnamon.

## COKE CHICKEN

2 lb. Chicken Breast, or one whole cut-up chicken

1 can Coke

1 12oz. Bottle Ketchup

1 lb. Baby Carrots

2 lb. Small Red Potatoes, cut in half

Place chicken and vegetables into your dutch oven. Mix the Coke and ketchup and pour over top. 12 coals on top of the dutch oven and 12 underneath should do it.

Cook for about an hour or until the chicken is done and the vegetables are tender.

## HAM & CHEESE SANDWICH BAKE

2 Hard Boiled Eggs, chopped

4 Stalks Celery, diced finely

1/2 c. Onion, grated

1/2 c. Velveeta Cheese, grated

1 lb. Chipped Ham

2 tbsp. Sugar

2 tsp. Vinegar

3/4 Cup Italian Salad Dressing

12 Hamburg Buns

Mix all ingredients together. Spread on buns. Wrap each sandwich in foil and place on grill or hot coals. Turn frequently until toasted. Makes 12 sandwiches.

## ORANGE CUP CINNAMON ROLLS

4 Oranges

1 Pkg. Refrigerator Biscuits

Cinnamon

Powdered Sugar

Milk

Cut 1/3 of the orange off and scrape pulp from the insides of both pieces. Take one biscuit and mash out. Sprinkle a little powdered sugar and cinnamon and layer with another biscuit and repeat. Usually takes 2 or 3 biscuits. Roll up the layered biscuits and put into the hollowed orange. Add about a tablespoon of powdered sugar on top and a teaspoon of milk. Replace top and wrap in tinfoil. Place in coal of fire for about 30 minutes. Remove, unwrap, pull top off and out pops a delicious cinnamon roll with a hint of orange!

## Scout Shop mailing list

The Scout Shop in Saint John is compiling a database of email addresses in order to inform Scouters of upcoming specials.

If you would like your name to be added to this list, you can send the information to [sctshpsj@nbnet.nb.ca](mailto:sctshpsj@nbnet.nb.ca). If you have already done so, it is not necessary to resubmit this information.

## Thank you DownEast Communications!



Camp Lone Cloud acknowledges the generosity of DownEast Communications through supplying complimentary use of walkie-talkies and cell phones for the summer camp program. We would not be able to offer the program as we do without their support.

Being able to conduct our programs knowing that at all times participants can be in contact with one another and emergency services should the need arise, is critical to our success.

Thank you DownEast from all the campers and staff of Camp Lone Cloud.

# Behind the scenes on WB I

Kari Robertson, AAC Training

**W**ho are the people who deliver training on the Wood Badge I courses?

Training is delivered by very qualified, well-trained volunteers.

In order to be a trainer there is so much more training to take. The dedication of these volunteers is phenomenal. Yes, I did say volunteers.

Trainers start out like any other volunteer and often remain in a section as a leader, but after they take WBI and WB II training, they realize how critical this is, and how much fun it is and decide to get involved in passing on the information to others.

Often Scouters get upset with us when we close a course registration down. Let me explain the process in preparing for a course such as Wood Badge I.

A course manager is appointed approximately four months before the course date. The course manager then starts recruiting members of the training team. A section manager is chosen for each section offered on the course, and they in turn recruit for their individual teams.

The first meeting is held to establish the schedule, who is doing which session, who the cook will be, what location is to be used and all the other various things to do for prep of the course. Then trainers go to work planning their sessions according to the National Syllabus. When sessions are completed, they are passed onto the Course/Section Manager to review and then shared with the rest of the team.

Then there is a second meeting to discuss the sessions and make sure there is no overlap of material and discuss whatever other issues pertain to the course.

Then they start to gather extra materials needed for the presentation of their sessions. Each trainer usually has three or four sessions to plan for each course; some have more than that. For instance, if they are delivering a session on crafts, they need to

gather materials for everyone to make the craft, make a sample of the craft, and prepare handouts for the craft and for the session. They may need to prepare overheads or flip charts as well.

A week before the course starts, the course manager needs to complete all the registrations, pass names on to section managers, make calls to inform everybody of what they need for the course, and find out information that may not have been included with their application.

Then the course starts.

Without this week before the course, the trainers cannot adequately prepare. If applications come in at the last minute, the cook cannot prepare for food properly, nor buy the right quantities.

This is the reason why we have to stick to our cut-off dates. If only one person were to register late then there would be no problem, but if a half dozen or more register at the last moment, that would be an issue for a weekend course.

These late registrations affect group sizes, copying of printed materials, supplies for activities, food quantities. These things all added up, would jeopardize the quality and presentation of the course.

Already this year there was a small session where registration wasn't a huge concern, however two people called to register after I had left, and two others just showed up at the door. This couldn't have possibly happened for a weekend course.

The next time you are asked to register for a course, take a minute to stop and think about this. If you can make your commitment and get your registration into us sooner rather than later, it is easier to plan for the course.

As I started off by saying we are all volunteers and we do the best we can to make the training available to you. Please take the time to consider how and when you will take the training and make it happen.

It is worth the ride.

## TRAINING DATES HALIFAX AREA 2007-2008

### WOOD BADGE I

March 4 – Indoor/Outdoor Session

March 7 – Core Training

March 8 – Section Specific (Colony, Pack, Troop, Company, Group Committee)

March 9 – Outdoor Skills. Black Point Fire Hall. Details to follow. Watch Halifax website: [www.halifaxscouts.ca](http://www.halifaxscouts.ca)

### SCREENING

November 8, 7:00-10:00pm  
St. James Anglican Church

### HONOURS AND AWARDS

November 20, 7:00-9:30pm  
Bethany United Church

### GROUP COMMITTEE TRAINING

January 7 & 14, 2008  
7:00-10:00pm  
Location TBA

### STANDARD FIRST AID

February 2 & 3, 2008  
March 1 & 2, 2008  
Locations TBA

*If you know of a session or workshop that you feel your group would be interested in learning more about, please contact Kari Robertson and the Training Committee will see if we can organize it for you and the rest of the Area.*

### TRAINING FEES

For workshops such as Screening, H&A and 1st Aid training there is no charge.

Wood Badge Training is \$40.00 for the entire course if taken altogether. If broken up into three modules (1. Core, 2. Section Specific or 3. Outdoor Skills) the cost is \$15.00 per module. This course typically is presented over a weekend where there is a cost for rental and food, as there is a cost for the woggle.

# Think globally, act locally!

John Nisbet, AAC Pack

Last year in the Fall edition of the *Round-Up*, you may have read about the International Coastal Clean Up, known in Canada as The Great Canadian Shoreline Clean Up. This global event, sponsored in Canada by TD Canada Trust and the Vancouver Aquarium, is held around the third week of September, every year.

This year, Cubs and Leaders from three Packs in Armview spent a Saturday morning walking the beach on Bedford Basin, near Prince's Lodge, picking up litter, and marking on a special form, every item picked up.

Clayton Park, Fairview, and Rockingham Cubs, using the plastic gloves, garbage bags, International Data Collection Cards and even the pencils, sent in the mail after pre-registering for this event, spent about two hours cleaning the shoreline.

Afterwards a small campfire (built using Leave No Trace techniques), was used to cook some hot dogs. The Cubs also ate some cookies and enjoyed some juice. (Yes, we made sure they all washed their hands before they ate!)

The event ran from about 9 to 12.

Cubs enjoyed the event, being outdoors, in nature, on a shoreline, learning a few things, doing a "good deed" and having fun, as Cubs will! I think the grown-ups liked it too!

The project was not simply a litter pick up. An important goal of this, (did I mention "GLOBAL"?) project, is to not just clean up some shoreline, but also to collect data on what was found. Once this data is compiled by the people we send it to, efforts can be directed to change human behaviour which causes the stuff to end up on the shoreline in the first place.

Next year, please consider registering your group to run a shoreline clean up. Any section can be involved, and *your* event could be two or three beavers or your entire zone!

Ask yourself, would it be a good idea to assign the organization of such an event to a Scout or Venturer working on their Chief Scout or Queen's

Venture Award?

Remember, the shoreline you and your youth clean, can be ocean, lake stream, river, brook — whatever! It does not have to be saltwater beach!

If you are considering having your Colony, Pack, Troop, Company, Crew participate in this event next year, go to [www.vanaqua.org/cleanup](http://www.vanaqua.org/cleanup) or call 1-877-427-2422 for more information.

The package sent, once you have registered your group, is practical and very helpful.

I close saying thank-you Cubs and Leaders from Clayton Park, Fairview and Rockingham for helping to make Halifax a better place to live, and at the same time asking all you Leaders out there to mark next year's Great Canadian Shoreline Clean Up on your planning calendar. I suggest you also mark in June as the time to pre-register your group and clean up site.



## Red Shirt Friday at CJ '07



There has been a growing trend for people to wear a red shirt on Fridays as a sign of support for our armed forces personnel. On Friday, July 27, a group which included eight Scouters from Halifax Area, showed their support.

# Plan Ahead for Upcoming Events in Halifax Area and across the Province!

## Youth Events

**APPLE DAY**, Saturday, October 27.

**BEAVEREEN**, Sunday, October 28.

**SCOUT/GUIDE WEEK**, February 18-26, 2008.

**SCOUTREES**, Sunday, May 3, 2008.

## Committee Meetings

### CAMP MANAGEMENT BOARD

meets on the third Monday of each month. Contact James Robertson at 429-7089, or by email at [james.robertson@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:james.robertson@ns.sympatico.ca) for further information.

### TRAINING ADVISORY

**COMMITTEE** meets monthly. Contact Kari Robertson at 429-7089, or by email at [james.robertson@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:james.robertson@ns.sympatico.ca) for further information.

### EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT TEAM

meets on the second Monday of each month. Contact Debbie Doherty at 864-2892 for further information.

**AREA MANAGEMENT TEAM** meets at 7:30pm at Bethany United Church on the third Wednesday of each month. Meeting dates: Oct. 17, Nov. 21 (Annual Meeting), Dec. 19, Jan. 16, Feb. 27, Mar. 19, Apr. 16, May 21. Contact Debbie Doherty at 864-2892 for further information.

## Training Events

**WOOD BADGE I** is comprised of three modules: Core, Outdoor Skills, and Section Specific. Completion of all three modules is required to obtain Wood Badge I certification. The cost for the entire course is \$40.00. If you are taking any of the components individually, they are \$15.00 each.

**REGISTRATION FORMS AND FULL PAYMENT MUST BE SUBMITTED ONE WEEK BEFORE COMMENCEMENT OF THE COURSE.** We must follow these deadlines in order to know what our costs are, how much food we need, and whether or not a course is viable. *We will be following these deadlines with no exceptions. Please adhere to them.*

**SCOUTERS' CONFERENCE**, November 2-4. Rodd Grand Hotel, Yarmouth.

**SCREENING WORKSHOP**, November 8, 7-10pm. St. James Anglican Church.

**TRAINERS SOCIAL**, November 15.

**HONOURS & AWARDS ACTIVITIES WORKSHOP**, November 20, Bethany United Church. To register, contact Kari Robertson at 429-7089, or by email at [james.robertson@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:james.robertson@ns.sympatico.ca).

**1ST AID WORKSHOP**, November 24-25.

**GROUP COMMITTEE COURSE**, January 7 & 14, 2008, 7-10pm. Location TBA.

**1ST AID WORKSHOP**, February 2-3, 2008. Location TBA.

**1ST AID WORKSHOP**, March 1-2, 2008. Location TBA.

**INDOOR/OUTDOOR WOOD BADGE I SESSION**, March 4, 2008.

**WOOD BADGE I COLONY, PACK, TROOP, COMPANY, GROUP COMMITTEE**, including Outdoor skills. March 7-9, 2008. Black Point Fire Hall.

## Other

**COLONY LEADERS' CHRISTMAS SOCIAL**, December 5, 7pm. Sobeys Community Room, Herring Cove Road.

**BEAVER LEADERS' OUTDOOR SHARING SESSION**, March 1, 10-2, Miller Lake.

