

Beaver Bank Scout Receives Canada Day Youth Award

Alan Smith, Honours and Awards, 2nd Beaver Bank

On Saturday July 21, 2001, numerous Scouters, Beaver Bankers, and family watched as Scout John Saunders received the "Canada Day Youth Award" at the Beaver Bank Kinsac Fun Day. Following the reading of John's nomination letter, MP Peter Stoffer, MLA Barry Barnet, and Councillor Brad Johns, each made presentations. Also on hand to extend their congratulations were long-time resident and Scouter Ken Margeson, and Beaver Bank Group Chair, Brian Johnson.

John, a resident of Beaver Bank for the past 10 years, has been involved in the Scouting movement for nine years, and has recently taken on the role of Youth Rep for Beavers on the Sespenaak Area Service Team.

He has also been actively involved in his school and has served on numerous committees including site-based planning, lunch monitor, hero awards, and gardening committee, to name a few.

John lives by the Scouting promise, and his daily good turns are evident in his volunteering. He can be seen regularly helping out neighbours by stacking wood, shovelling paths, etc. John has also found time to lend a hand during the building of the new Scout/Guide camp here in Beaver Bank, and at several community events at the Church of Good Shepherd. Congratulations John!



Scout John Saunders, Beaver Bank, receiving Canada Day Youth Award



Ken Margeson congratulates John Saunders after receiving Canada Day Youth Award



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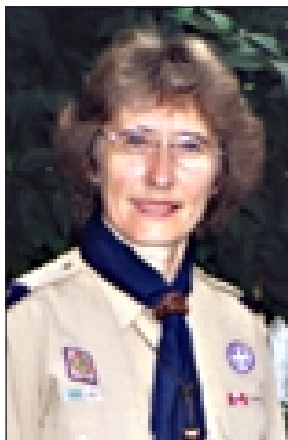
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Commissioner's Corner

Kari Robertson, Regional Commissioner



Oh my! What have I agreed to do now?

I guess when Harold Griswold, our Provincial Commissioner, called and asked if I would consider taking on the Regional Commissioner's role for Halifax Region, I was in a state of shock or something, because I said I would consider it. The next thing I knew I was calling him back to say "yes."

While I had never anticipated filling this position, the more I pondered the idea, the more I thought that maybe it would be a challenge I was up to. Perhaps I *would* like to give it my best and see how we could do. I say "we" because I strongly believe that this is not something I will do any part of on my own. It will take the efforts of a strong team, one whose members all share the same goals and desires for the Region.

With that in mind, I am working very hard to put into place the best service team that I can. Some faces will be the same, and there will also be some new faces sitting around the Regional Management Team table.

So, as I find summer quickly coming to a close and the fall activities starting up, I find myself thinking of what direction I would like to see the Region going. Many of you have expressed you would like to see the \$5.00 Regional levy gone; so would the Regional Management Team. Therefore we are looking really hard for a Corporate Sponsor team. Know of anyone who is good at raising corporate dollars and can do some work for us? Let's see if we can work together to get rid of the fee for 2002 registration.

Two other big issues I want to deal with are servicing and membership.

Spread the word, groups are going to be visited regularly this year by service teams. Through this support, communication and training will be enriched.

And how about those youth we are losing? Let's see where they are going and why.

I hope you have had a great summer and are looking forward to a new year as much as I am. Let's all work together for the same goals and discover how good it can be!

**DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT *ROUND-UP* DECEMBER 17.
Articles submitted after that date will be published as space permits.**

A show of thanks to Scouting supporters

Earl Clarke, ARC Membership

In May and early June, 2001, Halifax Region rewarded several civic-minded corporations/civic bodies/fraternal organizations for the substantial support received by Scouting within the Region. Support was provided in the form of direct monetary contributions as well as by donations of material, land usage and facility usage.

Two members of the Membership Committee, Earl Clarke and Lowell Perry, made the necessary arrangements with the organizations and prepared framed certificates, which were printed by Tena Boutilier and signed by Commissioner John Peach. These were presented along with a printed invitation to the annual regional banquet at Camp Lone Cloud.



A presentation was also made to the Grand Knight, Mr. Wayne Stewart, at a general meeting of the Knights of Columbus in Sackville, to acknowledge their donation of funds for the necessary materials to build a chapel site at Camp Lone Cloud.



A presentation was made at a general meeting of the Royal Canadian Legion, Calais Branch #162 in Sackville. Comrade President, Mr. Ernie Harrison accepted the award on behalf of the Legion, which has donated a sum of money to the Camp Lone Cloud Campership Fund.



On behalf of the Spryfield Sobeys store, Mr. Dereck Botma, Manager, accepts a certificate of appreciation from Earl Clarke, left. Sobeys has donated funds to begin a new group, 8th Spryfield, and is that group's sponsor. Mr. Botma was also presented with an expression of thanks for personally volunteering to assume the role of Group Committee Chair.



An expression of appreciation was given to Mr. George Armoyan for his company's generosity in permitting Scouting groups/sections free access to facilities.



On behalf of Atlantic Superstores, Ms. Shawna MacDonald-Wong accepted an award recognizing their offer of group sponsorship. Watch for upcoming developments on this project.



Barrett's Lumber Company of Sackville was recognized for numerous acts of kindness to Scouting over the years. To accept for the Company were the Barrett brothers, Hugh, Keith and David.

FROM THE POND



Steve Terrio
ARC Colony, Halifax Region

Hello, and a big welcome from the pond.

I would like to take this time to introduce myself to the Colony leaders within our Region. My name is Steve Terrio and I will be servicing Halifax Region this year in the capacity of Assistant Regional Commissioner for Colony. I look forward to introducing myself in person, as I visit your area Scouters' Clubs early in the new year.

My focus for this upcoming season will be to assist you in providing quality programming to our youth, while providing an open line of communication between all levels of Scouting. If there is any way that I can assist you, please contact me by email at steveterrio@hotmail.com or by phone at 454-8423.

I look forward to meeting with the AACs of each area early in the new season. I would also like to take this opportunity to invite any interested leader wishing to attend these meetings to do so.

Two of the events taking place this Scouting year are Camp Chaos, an event for Beaver leaders, and Cub Fun Day, a linkage event with the Region's White Tails. I am always interested to hear any of your exciting ideas to see if I can assist in making them reality.

A Big Tail Slap!



The Power of An Egg

Ko (aka James Wolff)
Assistant Food Services Director
Camp Lone Cloud

The egg was given to me at the beginning of the summer, by someone who is now a dear friend. "Take care of it," she said.

I didn't know what was going on at the time, but the idea of caring for an egg seemed obscure. "Just do it," she exclaimed. So I put it away and forgot about it.

The idea was simple enough, but the task, unbeknownst to me at the time, proved to be more daunting. Not so much in the physical care of my now beloved egg, but remembering that it needed me.

Weeks passed and, from time to time the egg would appear in my mind and I would think to myself, "oh yeah, I wonder where that is, I hope I still have it, I'd hate to let her down."

Water day of the fourth week, sitting by the barbeque the question is brought to my attention. "Ko, do you still have it?" Unsure I murmured a "yes". Quickly the question resurrected a foggy image in my mind. Being the very adept person

she is at reading people, she knew that it was fuzzy in my mind. "The egg," she said. Then a cold chill went through my brain. Oh no—what happened to it?

Immediately I was on the hunt for my egg. Of course, I had lost it. But after a little searching, the location of the egg (dubbed "lil Ko") made itself apparent to me. I brought it to her and she asked me the story of the egg. Immediately, thinking that I had the answer she was looking for, I started on the evolution of chickens, and then how they are mass produced. This was not the answer. No, the answer she was looking for was in many ways much more simple. Yet I still could not grasp it.

She explained the egg is one thing to take care of, and the feeling of only consciously thinking of that egg from time to time was a little un-nerving. But explaining further I began to understand that to think of something consciously, you are aware of it subconsciously all the time, and by taking care of one thing so fragile without realizing it, was the same as looking out for the team and its fragile nature.

I thought a little further and realized how one's mood in a group has a definite effect on the group. And at that

Happy Birthday Ken Margeson!



Youth and adult members of Scouting in Beaver Bank would like to take this opportunity to congratulate and send our best wishes to long time Scouter Ken Margeson who recently celebrated his 90th birthday.

moment I knew that even when I feel alone, as I'm sure everyone does at one point or another, when you are here you have a family that loves you.

It took me a summer to realize it, but I wouldn't have, I don't think, had it not been for that egg.

Thanks Nanna.

FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED...

2 small outboard motors – one long shaft seagull and one unknown horsepower! Working condition unknown.

They can be yours for a small donation to the Camp Lone Cloud Campership Fund.

Contact James Robertson at 429-7089 to arrange for a viewing.



HONOURS & AWARDS

Richard Ackles	Sackville Centre	10 Years
Janice Baker	Armview	5 Years
Shirley Banfield	Sespenaak	Medal of Merit
Tom Caithness	Harbour West	35 Years
Sean Carson	Basin Lakes	5 Years
Allan Chamberlain	Harbour West	40 Years
Chris Clarke	Sackville Centre	10 Years
Bruce Cox	Basin Lakes	20 Years
Real Daigle	Basin Lakes	5 Years
Cheryl Day	Halifax Area	10 Years
Jim DeBay	Armview	Medal for Good Service
Edward Dewolfe	Armview	5 Years
Debbie Doherty	Sackville Centre	20 Years
Dan Dugie	Basin Lakes	5 Years
Rick Fair	Basin Lakes	5 Years
Greg Fenwick	BP Guild	20 Years
Cliff Gillie	Sackville Centre	15 Years
Dwayne Goodwin	Armview	5 Years
Terry Greenham	Basin Lakes	25 Years
Brenda Griswold	Basin Lakes	15 Years
Robert Hall	Basin Lakes	5 Years
Shane Hansen	Halifax Area	10 Years
Betty Hayden	Armview	20 Years
Stan Hayden	Armview	Medal of Merit
Paul Heath	Armview	Medal for Good Service
George Hoskins	BP Guild	20 Years
James Kavanagh	Armview	5 Years
David Kennedy	Armview	5 Years
David Kennedy	Armview	Medal for Good Service
Richard LaForet	Basin Lakes	5 Years
Terry Lambert	BP Guild	25 Years
Ray Levy	Basin Lakes	5 Years
Robert Little	Basin Lakes	5 Years
Jeff MacBurnie	Armview	5 Years
Janet MacLaren	Basin Lakes	10 Years
Rod MacLeod	Basin Lakes	10 Years
David Marshall	Halifax Area	10 Years
Thomas McNeil	Halifax Area	10 Years
Bruce Millar	Halifax Area	15 Years
Jason Murphy	Halifax Area	10 Years
Kim Murphy	Harbour West	10 Years
Raye Myles	Basin Lakes	10 Years
Leo Perkins	Basin Lakes	5 Years
Pat Poirier	Harbour West	10 Years
Hamid Ramjohn	Harbour West	20 Years
Charles Reed	Armview	5 Years
Neville Roberts	Basin Lakes	5 Years
James Simon	Basin Lakes	10 Years
S. Alan Smith	Beaverbank	10 Years
Bob Stewart	Armview	Medal of Merit
Bill Strum	Basin Lakes	25 Years
Drew Taylor	Armview	5 Years
Brian Thompson	Sackville Centre	20 Years
Mark Thornton	Armview	10 Years
Rod Tilley	Armview	15 Years
Gordon Townsend	Armview	10 Years
Peter Townsend	Sackville Centre	20 Years
Coleen Vincent	Basin Lakes	5 Years
Mervin Weagle	Armview	5 Years
Christopher West	Halifax Area	10 Years
Robert Young	Basin Lakes	10 Years

Thanks from Camp Lone Cloud

David Young and friends

Our thanks to Scouter David Young and friends for building a new deck on the dining hall last spring.

Robert Braye

Thanks to Robert Braye, many of the floating docks on the waterfront at the camp have received much needed repairs.

Nova Scotia Fisheries and Aquaculture

The Camp Management Board wishes to acknowledge with gratitude, the generosity of Nova Scotia Fisheries and Aquaculture in supporting the construction of docks, ramp and steps at Camp Lone Cloud, now making the island wheel chair accessible.

Halifax Regional Municipality

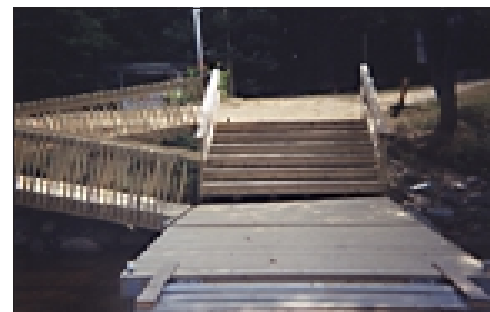
The Camp Management Board wishes to acknowledge with gratitude, the generosity of the Halifax Regional Municipality in supporting Camp Lone Cloud with a grant for siding of the Dining Hall.

The Province of Nova Scotia

The Camp Management Board wishes to acknowledge with gratitude, the generosity of the Province of Nova Scotia through the NSEPS program, three summer student grants for Camp Lone Cloud.

Down East Mobility

The Camp Management Board wishes to acknowledge with gratitude, the generosity of Down East Mobility in providing walkie talkies for use during the summer camp program.



Was it worth it?

James Robertson, Camp Committee Chair



Don't know where to start!

This article actually had its start at the end of last season, but never quite got

finished. I will try to rework it so as to encompass the past two seasons' activities relative to the summer program at Camp Lone Cloud.

It's Saturday night and I am at Camp Lone Cloud all by myself. I'm sitting on the front porch of the Director's cabin conducting night watch. It's all over—the last campers left the island a few



hours ago, and staff have the night off before returning for post camp.

The quiet is eerie—broken by the frequent grind of the transport trucks as they roar by on the highway and then a goose honks its response. Lights reflect from the glass-like surface of the lake. The scene is set. It certainly isn't the same as it has been for the last 50 days.

On occasion when I have met with the summer staff, I have suggested to

them that oftentimes we all do things and wonder whether it's worth it: school, camp, work, and so on. Each season when it is seemingly unexpected, reality strikes hard. A letter from a parent regarding their child's experience at camp is received, ending in "thank you." An evaluation form is returned with so much writing it is a challenge to identify the colour of the paper. A counsellor is on his knees at the campfire talking eye to eye to a camper about their week, and the

camper throws his arms around him in an unsolicited hug. Another counsellor gently places his hand on his camper's shoulder as he introduces him to Akela, and the camper receives his treasured beads. Campers disembark from the *Clipper* into the arms of their parents, bursting with stories and not wanting to



let go of their counsellor. You hear the emotions that explode as staff share with one another how much the summer has meant to them, and how much they have grown.

It's not hard to be convinced that once again, it was worth it! Statistical details chronicling the registration success are noted below. It was, indeed, another banner year, and in reviewing the past years' numbers, the trend

Four Year Statistical Comparison

PROGRAM	1998	1999	2000	2001	2001 Budget
Camper	164	144	204	211	185
Junior	50	22	41	47	30
Advanced	N/A	31	24	38	28
CIT	14	16	28	20	15
TOTALS	228	183	297	316	215

2001 Camp Lone Cloud Statistics

Program	Armview	Halifax Area	Basin Lakes	Harbour West	Sackville Centre	Sespenaak	St. Margaret's	Dartmouth	Tri-County	Valley	Colchester	Lunenburg	Pictou	Other	No Area	Total
Camper	23	12	23	6	1	10	5	28	4	4	8	2	2	0	83	211
Junior	1	5	3	0	2	1	0	7	1	3	0	0	1	1	22	47
Advanced	1	3	1	2	1	0	0	3	4	0	1	0	0	1	21	38
CIT	0	8	1	1	1	0	0	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	20
Total	25	28	28	9	5	11	5	41	11	8	9	2	3	2	129	316
% of Total	7.9%	8.9%	8.9%	2.8%	1.6%	3.5%	1.6%	13%	3.5%	2.5%	2.8%	.6%	.9%	.6%	41%	100%
2000	35	37	44	9	14	16	3	35	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	18	87	297

continues and tells us we must be doing something right!

The team of Sheldon Connolly, Director, and Assistant Director Philip Dumaresq, worked tirelessly to create an



environment in which young people could grow physically, mentally, spiritually and emotionally. Sheldon came to us with a background in recreation, but was unfamiliar with the physical plant of the camp, as well as the routine and program. He was quick to jump in and learn the ropes while at the same time bringing his own personality and skills to the job. Phillip's years of experience at the camp were indeed an asset in helping to coordinate the summer's activities. My personal thanks to both of them for a job well done.

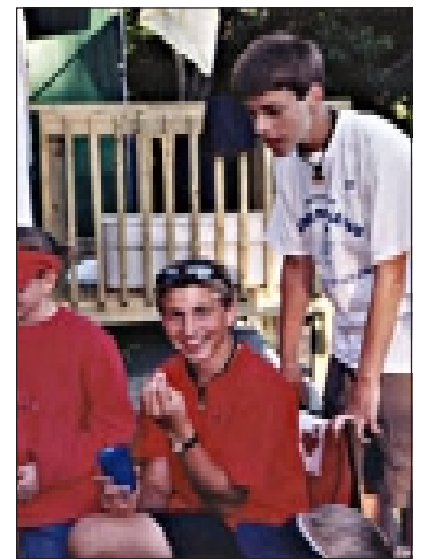
As well, I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the joint efforts of the entire staff (18 in number) who came together, many as strangers, and gave it their all. Yes, I know there were times when they were uncertain where they would find the energy to put in another day, but smiles always consumed their faces. I hope that the experience they have had during the summer at Camp Lone Cloud is one that they have learned from, and will treasure for years to come. Congratulations to all of you and thank you for helping to make this past summer a most memorable one for so many young people.

So much goes into the planning, preparation, maintenance, funding, etc. of any camp, that from time to time one will sit back and wonder...is it worth it?

Yes, you bet it was worth it!



Camp Lone Cloud Staff, 2001



VIA EMAIL TO THE WEBSITE:

"I just wanted to thank everyone that made the junior leadership camp great for my son. He had a great time. As a mother, I appreciate the opportunities given to my son through Scouting and this camp. As a Guider, I appreciate the hard work that goes into putting these events together."

"This camp is the greatest learning experience ever. Survival, leadership and teamwork, the three things this camp teaches and these things are what can help me in the real world. If Kaa reads this I hope you find your feather. I'm still looking for mine and ways to get out of the "bubble" some time. PS. Chuss, I still remember the words to "Freshmen"."

"This camp teaches you things to use in life in the best way possible."

"Camp was very awesome and he can't wait til next year. Only regret is we wish we had known about the camp years ago."

"Best camp I ever went to. And on the out trip the sunset was beautiful on the cliffs in Inukshuk Valley. Mysa playing the tin whistle seemed to really impress him; it seemed to help him get to sleep. Thank you Mysa. Overall he loved the camp - he had the best time ever."

"I just had so much fun I cannot put it in words. I loved my counsellor, she was so cool. So was everyone else. They were all cool and made me laugh. I can't wait till next year. Thank you soooo much people at Camp Lone Cloud. I had the best time of all."



Halifax Region Training Committee offers something for everyone!



Peggy Weaver, ARC Training

Welcome to a new training season! The Halifax Region Training Committee (members are Gord Hatt, Steve Terrio, Dave Armshaw, Karen O'Toole, Kari Robertson and yours truly) has already been busy looking at a plan for training in Halifax Region. A training calendar has been prepared and distributed to the groups, and for those of you who have access to the Internet you can find the latest in training as well as registration forms on the Halifax Region website www.halifaxscouts.ca. Our webmaster, John Peach (past regional commissioner—no one ever totally retires) is doing an excellent job honing his webmastering skills. Go ahead, take a peek, you won't be disappointed. Great work, John!

So now that you know where to get the training calendar and some other interesting information to improve your weekly program and camping adventures, let me give you the details about our courses and workshops.

For those of you new to training, let me provide a brief description of Wood Badge training courses.

WOOD BADGE PART I is a basic course designed to address the needs of new Scouters. So the sooner you take this course, the more confident you will be in your new role. Program delivery, characteristics of youth, planning and team leadership are among the topics covered. Upon completion of the course, you will receive a certificate and leather Gilwell woggle to wear with your group scarf, once you are invested. The Wood Badge Part I is offered throughout the different regions in the province. So if our calendar doesn't match your schedule, call the Provincial Office, 423-9227, to find out when neighbouring regional courses are being offered. Halifax Region also welcomes Scouters from outside our region to take our courses or workshops.

Halifax Region offers a *unique modular Wood Badge Part I* which consists of 5 modules. **Mod A** is an orientation to the Scouting Movement and is aimed at all *program and*

administrative Scouters. This 3-hour module is offered by the individual areas and is an excellent opportunity for you to meet your Service Scouters. **Modules B-E** comprise 10 hours, offered Friday evening and all day Saturday. The modules cover the following topics: *Mod B*—Communications (common to all sections); *Mod C*—Section Specific Topics (specific to Beavers/Cubs/Scouts/Venturers); *Mod D*—Section Elements (specific to Beaver/Cubs/Scouts/Venturers); *Mod E*—Program Planning (common to all sections).

This modular format provides you with the flexibility to take training that fits your schedule. And if you are moving to a new section, Mods C & D address the material that is specific to your new section. This avoids having to repeat material that you have already taken. We are very respectful of the fact that people lead very busy lives and we are taking the necessary steps to make training as accessible as possible through this modular format. However, if you wish to reinforce your learning by taking all the modules, you are most welcome to do so. Attending this course is an excellent way to connect with other Scouters and share ideas!

WOOD BADGE PART II is a more comprehensive course designed to increase your skills in developing exciting and interesting programs, working with youth and adults, camping

and the use of the outdoors. This 50-hour course is held in a camp setting over two weekends. Upon completion, you will receive a certificate, a Gilwell scarf and beads recognizing you as a Gilwell Scouter. Here's your opportunity to **catch the Scouting spirit!**

The **GROUP COMMITTEE COURSE** is for Scouters who carry out the important (but often behind-the-scenes) administrative functions in Scouting. This day-long course focuses on the responsibilities carried out by the variety of members on the Group Committee.

The **SERVICE TEAM WOOD BADGE PART I** will help Service Scouters learn how to better serve their groups, sections and leaders. Service Scouters will learn how to support and maintain quality Scouting in their area.

SPECIALTY WORKSHOPS are available again this year. They will be offered at the discretion of the areas who will make their own arrangements with the contact people listed on the Calendar.

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS:

Screening/Interviewing: This workshop will walk you through the "Volunteer Screening Handbook". The screening process is designed to review the suitability of volunteers who apply to deliver our programs to youth entrusted to their care. Opportunities will also be offered to develop and practice effective interviewing skills.

Honours and Awards: Tired of recruiting new leaders every year? One way to retain your leadership team is by saying "thank you." A variety of Scouting honours and awards is available to you, to recognize your Scouters

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6232 Quinpool Road, Halifax, N.S. B3L 1A3

Thank you for your support!

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as well as their spouses. This workshop will show you just how easy it is!

❑ **Child Abuse Awareness:** This workshop will introduce the topic of child abuse, including the signs and symptoms and guidelines on what to do, should a child share with you that he or she is being abused. The workshop is guided through the use of a video and group discussion.

❑ **Special Needs:** Designed to increase your comfort when working with children who have special needs. You will learn how to adapt your program and/or environment to ensure that everyone can participate and have fun.

❑ **First Aid:** This two-day course is Red Cross Standard First Aid, which is presented by certified trainers.

❑ **Building Our Future Together:** This 3-hour workshop will cover the essential information required for Scouters who are new to group committee functions.

❑ **Outdoor Resource:** Dave Armshaw, a Scouter with extensive outdoor and wilderness experience, is available to share his expertise with the Scouters in your area. Give him a call; he can tailor his presentation to meet your needs.

If you are interested in taking any of these courses, please register with me as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. Our trainers devoted a great deal of time creating these courses and in respect for them, I simply ask that you register early. Registering early will also save your group money.

DON'T HAVE A COMPUTER?

If you don't have a computer in your home, you can get easy access to one in any of the HRM public libraries. And for Scouters who live in more rural areas (like Harrietsfield, etc.) you can use the computers at the CAP (Community Access Program) sites in your community. These sites are usually found in community centers, schools, etc. This federal program (your tax dollars pay for this program, so why not use it?) provides free access to the computers on-site, which are connected to the Internet. Printers are also available for you to print off any material you are interested in. Free instruction is also available to help familiarize you with the equipment and teach you how to surf the net. For those of you who have never surfed the net, it is awesome!!! A whole world of information is available

at your fingertips. The Scouting resources you can find are extensive, and cover everything from Beaver program ideas, to games that teach knots, to camping hints, to songs, games, craft ideas and of course our **Halifax Region web page**—or did I mention that already? Well, if I did, it is because I am really excited about our new improved website.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

The following Scouters have completed their Wood Badge Part I during the past Scouting year:

Simon Blaikie, John Campbell, Steve Casely, Glenn MacInnis, Greg MacCarthy, Alta Owen, Tom Pinsent, Gerald Burgess, Greg Burgess, Doug Creelman, Marion Doucette, Susan Sutherland, John Van Oosten, Len Wagg, Glynn Harrison, Peggy Sullivan, Shannon Bowers, Duncan Elbourne, Art Embree, Kimberly Lickers, Graham Robertson, Katherine Robinson, Mary Beth Benedict, Jim Coleman, Jason Garnier, Valerie Joudrey, John Melanson, Derek Shiers, Alice Sidhu, Karen Stadnyk, Dina Ritchie, Dan Routhier, Marjory Walser, Christine Madill, Kathy Summers and Barry Feltmate.

If any of you are interested in getting the inside scoop on the Wood Badge Part I course, just ask any of these Scouters. Congratulations, once again on your achievement!!!

THE LAST WORD

The last word is reserved for you. Here is your chance to ask questions, express concerns and offer suggestion regarding training. We are working hard to answer your training needs, but to do that we need to hear from you. Watch this section, in the next issue, to see what training concerns Scouters have in Halifax Region.

I wish you happy learning!

*Apple Day
October 18-27*

MEASURING MEN

You may measure the height of a mountain, or the number of miles from the sun;

You can time the flight of a rocket, or the bullet when fired from the gun;

The size of a brooklet or river, as the landscape you casually scan;

The contents of hamper or basket—but how may you measure a man?

Surely not by his girth or the inches that reach from his head to his feet;

And not by the transit or level—and not by the plumb or the square;

And certainly not by the car that he drives, or the sort of pin he may wear.

Nor by the sum of the years he has lived, or his portion in civic affairs;

And not by the place in the church or the state, or the size of the hat that he wears;

Surely not by the riches he hoarded away, or successful investments he made;

Nor the time that he worked, as the years sped along, but rather by how much he played.

Perhaps by his friends and his neighbours, the good cheer he dispenses each day; The kind deeds he does, or the loads that he shares, as he journeys along life's highway.

Maybe the frowns he erases and the bright smiles to which he gives birth

Will help us to set up a standard that will accurately measure his worth.

For we're tiring of sham and of falsehood and we're looking for standards not shown,

That will measure all men by their output, and not by their income alone.

And when we have added the figures, and have totalled the things that are best,

We shall find that it's true, as it always has been, that it's service that measures success.

From the desk of www.halifaxscouts.ca

John Peach, Webmaster

Retirement, that's what I had in mind when I finished my term as Regional Commissioner. Then there was this glaring piece of unfinished business that I kept thinking about this summer. So my role in Scouting this year will be to try and keep the Region's website, www.halifaxscouts.ca <<http://www.halifaxscouts.ca>>, as the number one place to look for "current" information about people, places and events in Halifax Region. I know little about websites, but being the fearless sort I am, I tend to plunge blindly ahead anyway. What can go wrong? Oops, I just accidentally blew away the Calendar page. I sure hope our website service provider did a recent backup. Oh well, learning how to do this is going to be my challenge. I am confident that I will find resources out there to help me.

Since I anticipate a lot of travel this fall, this is a contribution I can make to the Region from wherever I might be. So I have started to update the website with current information. Soon, I am hoping to get a calendar database developed, similar to what we have done for the directory. This will allow for events to be displayed by type, for example training, special events, fundraisers, meetings; between certain date ranges; or "all" of them starting with the current date forward. In the meantime, I will just list them, that is if we can recover the file! It was looking so good!

I have posted the *Regional Round-Ups* for last September, January and May. You can get to these through the "News" page. Also on the "News" page I am adding current information that may be

of interest to you. As these become outdated, I'll delete them, or, if they have a long term value as reference material, I will move them to the "Resource" page. On the "Resource" page I have added a couple of new items that I will leave there for long term reference.

One of my other attributes, besides deleting current files, is that I am a lousy proofreader. So if you see mistakes, please email me at either jpeach@accesswave.ca or region@halifaxscouts.ca so I can fix them. The region@halifaxscouts.ca email address is set up for general inquiries to Halifax Region. I intend to forward the emails that come to me this way to the person who can best answer the question or deal with the issue. For example, an inquiry pertaining to training would be forwarded to the ARC Training for response. I'll answer directly only the ones that pertain to the website. Brian Johnson from 2nd Beaver Bank was the first to use the Region's email address to contact me with a couple of mistakes he saw for his group's information. Thanks, Brian.

The capability of having area email addresses is also available. I just need to know who you want the email to bounce to. For example it could be set up for Sespenaak and perhaps the mail would bounce to Pam Eisan, as Area Commissioner, or to someone else she may want to get to look after this. Once this email address became the official address on your area correspondence, websites, newsletters etc., rather than someone's individual address, then, each time someone changed their role the

email address would stay the same, but I would have the email point to a new recipient.

Halifax Region can also host your area website's front page at no direct cost to you, but I cannot undertake to develop these. Currently, I have set it up so that if you click on an area crest it shows the service team contact information we currently have in the database, rather than just being a blank page "under construction". Why not develop your own area website and post your events, newsletters, where your groups and sections meet, etc.

If you have thoughts or suggestions I would appreciate hearing from you. One of the big problems that you have told us repeatedly is the poor communication that exists in the Region. Well this is an opportunity to make an improvement, but I'll need your input and help. For example, if each area would provide me with a copy of their newsletter, so that I could add them to our website, look at the amount of information and ideas that could be exchanged this way.

So tell me what it is you would like to have posted and I look forward to deleting posting it!



Conference 2001

Pat Morrison

Are you planning to come to the Scouters' Conference in Yarmouth on November 2, 3 & 4, 2001? Have you ever attended the Scouters' Conference?

Many Scouters believe Conference is just for service team, or just for Gilwellians, or just for some other type of Scouter, but not for them. They couldn't be more mistaken.

This year's 44th Annual Nova Scotia Scouters' Conference is for every registered Scouter in the province. Yes, in some cases it is the only time each year when people who have taken courses together, or served on the same jamboree team, or Alert project get together and renew old friendships, but the conference also consists of social activities, skill sharing programs, a dance, and a whole lot of fun and fellowship, and of course, being

Halifax Region's website has a new look!



You can find us at
www.halifaxscouts.ca
To post your message contact
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(Pssst...While you're at it, check out www.camplonecloud.ca)

Halifax Region's Event Calendar

DATE	TITLE	LOCATION	CONTACT	TIME
September 2001				
Tuesday 11	Registration Night	Bedford, LeBrun Centre	Provincial Scout Office	7-8PM
Wednesday 12	Registration Night	Region Wide	Provincial Scout Office	7-8PM
Thursday 13	Registration Night	Birch Cove United Church (Donaldson Ave)	Provincial Scout Office	7-8PM
Saturday 14 - Sunday 16	Provincial Alert Weekend	Camp Nedoaae	Provincial Scout Office	
Friday 28 - Sunday 30	Fall Home Show	Exhibition Park, Halifax	Betty Hayden (852-2267)	
Friday 28 - Sunday 30	Combined WBII Course (1st Weekend)	Camp Nedoaae	Provincial Scout Office	
October 2001				
Friday 5 - Sunday 8	Combined WBII Course (2nd Weekend)	Camp Nedoaae	Provincial Scout Office	
Saturday 13	Jamboree on the Air (JOTA)	Area/Group Event		
Saturday 13	Jamboree on the Trail (JOTT)	Area/Group Event		
Thursday 18	Apple Drop-Off Date	Region/Area	Tom Banfield (864-1123)	
Thursday 18 - Saturday 27	Apple Campaign	Region/Area Fund Raiser	Tom Banfield (864-1123)	
Tuesday 23	Registration Return Night	St James Anglican Church 2668 Dutch Village Road (at Armdale Rotary)	Kari Robertson/Sue Conrad	7-8PM
Saturday 27	Apple Campaign Return Cans & Donations	Region/Areas	Tom Banfield (864-1123)	
Thursday 25	Registration Return Night	Knox United Church Hall 567 Sackville Drive	Kari Robertson/Sue Conrad	7-8PM
November 2001				
Friday 2 - Sunday 4	Scouters' Conference	Rodd Inn, Yarmouth	Provincial Office	
Sunday 11	Remembrance Day Ceremonies	Area Events	Area Commissioners	

Scouters, mealtimes are always special.

If you have never attended, why not consider joining us (150-200 of us), as we recognize the International Year of the Volunteer at the Rodd Grand Hotel in Yarmouth.

By the way, the skill programs being developed include communications, knot tying, compass, wide games, Service Team, canoeing, training update, questions and answers and more. The theme for our dance this year is (what else could it be in Yarmouth), "Down by the Sea." Costumes are encouraged and will be judged. I might also mention that those who come to the dance as couples are in the minority, so don't be shy.

Check out our page under Events on the Nova Scotia Scout website, where you will find the official application form as well as answers to most of your questions, and plan to join your Scouting friends in Yarmouth.

Camp Lone Cloud Rentals

The Camp Management Board of Halifax Region has recently undertaken a review of rates charged for use of the Island Camp.

Through an extensive investigation into camps throughout the province, Canada and the United States, along with costs associated with operating the facility on a rental basis, it was determined that adjustments needed to be made to the prices charged. The prices noted below will take effect on

September 1, 2001.

Please understand that the Board has done everything possible to keep the price at a reasonable level. The charge is necessary to cover such things as staff costs (2 persons are required from a risk management perspective), fuel, utilities, normal wear and tear, etc.

Revised rental agreement forms will be available from Scout Headquarters shortly.

Scouting Groups	Not-for-Profit Groups	Corporate
Day Rate \$200	Day Rate \$250	Day Rate \$500
Weekend Rate \$400	Weekend Rate \$500	N/A



Halifax Region Training Calendar 2001/02



ALL PARTICIPANTS **MUST PRE-REGISTER** BY PHONE OR EMAIL: Peggy Weaver (ARC Training) 868-2245 or puffins@ns.sympatico.ca.

*****NEW FEE STRUCTURE***:** To allow for proper **preparation** as well as notification of course/workshop **cancellations**, the training teams need to know the number of participants attending courses/workshops **15 days before the course date**. **Early bird registration fee** (15 DAYS OR MORE BEFORE the course or workshop date) **Late registration fee** (14 DAYS OR LESS BEFORE the course or workshop date).

September 2001

Saturday 29 **Screening/Interviewing**

October 2001

Monday 22 **B.O.F.T. (Building Our Future Together)**

November 2001

Tuesday 6 **Introduction to Training**
Fri.-Sat. 16-17 **Beaver WB I**
Fri.-Sat. 23-24 **Cub WB I**
Fri.-Sun. 23-25 **Scout/Venturer WB I** (in camp setting)

December 2001

Saturday 8 **Winter Camping Skills**

January 2002

Saturday 12 **Group Committee Course**
Sat.-Sun. 19-20 **Service Team WB I**

February 2002

Friday 15 **Deadline for registration** for Combined Beaver/Cub/Troop WB I with Outdoor Skills.) **Decision to "go or cancel" will be made by this date.**

March 2002

Monday 18 **Mod A**

April 2002

Saturday 6 **Outdoor Skills**
Fri.-Sun. 26-28 **Beaver/Cub/Troop WB I with Outdoor Skills** will be presented on Sunday and is open to all sections. Attendance is optional.

COMING TO YOUR AREA at your convenience

These workshops/courses are available in your area. All you need to do is call the contact person below and arrange a mutually agreeable date.

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