

SDMRO newsletter

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MEMO FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

During the changeover of chairmen for the Membership Committee, several of the Society members did not receive certain items when they were mailed their receipts (such as Executive meeting minutes, flow charts, etc.,) It would be appreciated if those members would contact me to obtain these items for their files.

GREG BURNS
S.D.M.R.O. Membership Chairman
Box 400
City Hall
Barrie, Ontario



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THE SOCIETY OF DIRECTORS OF MUNICIPAL RECREATION OF ONTARIO



TRIED and VOLUNTEERS TESTED

A community-based group of private citizens aware of the need for leadership training among volunteers of Oshawa and district community groups have formed an organization called The Oshawa Training Institute.

In concert with the Ministry of Culture and recreation, we are offering a weekend residential "Volunteer Group Leadership Skills Seminar" June 11, 12 and 13/76, at the Ontario Ladies College, Whitby, Ontario.

The objective of the seminar is to assist those assuming leadership roles in volunteer organizations to increase skills in motivating and communicating with volunteer participants in building productive task groups, and in running business meetings that produce results.

Thirty volunteers are attending; their areas of volunteer interest range from sports to handicapped, cultural to parent-teacher groups.

We have employed a resource team of three from Durham College, who will also stay at the Ladies College.

This is the first community-based intensive training opportunity available specifically for volunteers in the Oshawa area. The working committee hopes to continue the training institute after this workshop.

If anyone would like further information, a brochure and evaluation will be available from this Division. (416-725-1111)

Susan Neal
Oshawa Community Services
Recreation Division

HERE AND THERE...

TOWN OF CALEDON

Caledon opened their new Administration Centre on June 5th/76.

ETOBICOKE

The Elms Community Swimming Pool opened on July 5th. It is an indoor 25 metre pool. If you're in the area, drop in and see it.

ORILLIA

The Orillia Recreation Dept. through a Canusa Games Committee forwarded a brief to nine cities in New York and Michigan states indicating an interest in finding a Canusa Counterpart. We received two replies and following a visit to the City of Auburn, New York and a return visit by Auburn to Orillia, have embarked on a Canusa Games Programme for the summer of '76 on August 6, 7 and 8 in Orillia.

We have had a fantastic response from the community to the games programme and look forward to hosting some 1,500 Auburnians in our first games.

SENECA COLLEGE - KING CAMPUS

In September, a new and exciting addition appeared on the ORT Faculty at Seneca King - in the personage of one Stan Talesnick formerly of North York. Stan has joined Bryan Blain in this course (Outdoor Recreation Technician) to the uninitiated.

Bill Hare, Course Director and Zahir Eisa, Teaching Master in the R.P.O.S. Course are currently hard at work plotting and planning "The Greening of King" - a five year plan to refurbish the estate to its original state during the ownership and residency of Lady Eaton, and to furnish significant on-campus field work experience for students registered in these courses.

Phase I of our new Campus Complex is forging ahead with opening date set for early '77 - we hope.

PETERBOROUGH

We have been working with two groups of parents to organize several pre-school playground programmes for children 3 - 5 years of age during the summer. Our emphasis is 'parent involvement' in the planning, supervision, and evaluation of this programme. We have hired social and family services students from the local college to co-ordinate this programme. Programme content will include arts and crafts, games, trips and special events.



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MISSISSAUGA

Fitness Testing Caravan
April - September, 1976

The Recreation Department is having a Fitness Testing Caravan through the summer months. A Wintario projects grant has been received to help operate this project. In an era where cardiovascular diseases are among the leading causes of death, a need is created for physical fitness appraisals. The Caravan will provide this service by setting up in the major malls and industries around the City. The test will be approximately one hour in length, a nominal fee of \$10. is charged. Each person will be monitored by an Electrocardiogram (ECG) while riding an exercise cycle. Blood pressure and strength tests will also be administered. For additional information, please contact City of Mississauga Recreation and Parks Department, Physical Fitness Section, One City Centre Drive, 279-7600, Ext. 253



STONEY CREEK

This year, the Stoney Creek Recreation and Parks Department will be conducting a Summer Adventure Centre Programme. This programme was developed by combining the previous Playground and Community School Programmes. Summer Adventure Centres will be in operation at eight locations in the town from July 5--Aug. 13.

The S.A.C. Programmes will offer activities which include:

- Mini Olympics
- Walt Disney Movies
- Adult Exercise Classes
- Adult Art & Craft Classes
- Senior Citizen Programmes
- 3 Specialist Vans
 - Arts and Crafts
 - Active Games & Sports
 - Drama -
- (Spice Theatre Troupe)

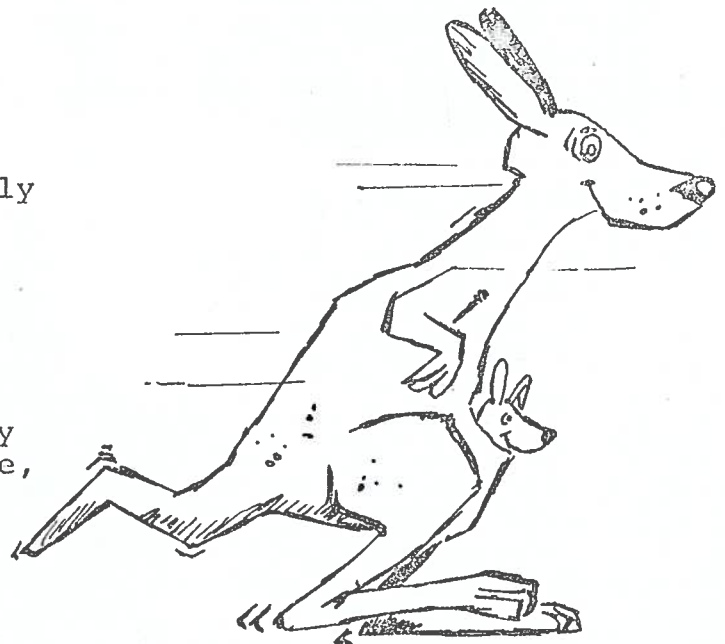
All members of the community are being encouraged to participate in this programme in an attempt to promote recreational activities for everyone, and not just children.

SCARBOROUGH - Birkdale Centre

The Borough of Scarborough Recreation and Parks Department is building a new Community Centre designed basically for use by Senior Citizens. Costing approximately \$300,000.00, Birkdale Community Centre should be open for use by December 1976.

Constructed mainly of wood, so as to blend into the natural setting, the building will include a large assembly hall, a lounge complete with fireplace, 3 craft rooms, a billiard room and a glass enclosed sundeck overlooking the adjacent park area.

Seniors are involved in fund raising to furnish this new building.



NIAGARA FALLS

Niagara Youth "Musi-call"

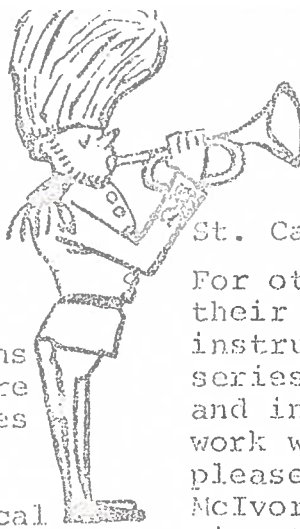
Musi-call was initiated to give promising young musicians exposure, make the public more aware of the musical resources available in the community, provide a series of low-cost public concerts utilizing local talent and encourage the organized musical groups in Niagara Falls to work together. This project has been well received and already several new groups have expressed a desire to become involved next season. While the artists are eager to perform, the promotion and organization of these events has been primarily the responsibility of the Recreation Commission. Although the initiators behind this project, we are optimistic that the Niagara Falls Public Library will assume this co-ordinating function by the end of 1976.

St. Catharines Symphony Association.

I don't know how many municipal recreation departments are working with the Symphony Orchestra in their area, but we have found this to be an invaluable resource. While the Commission provides incentive funding, facilities and some assistance with local publicity, the Symphony have the professional musicians and expertise to provide a top calibre of instrumental programme for all ages, pre-schoolers to adults. Instructional programmes for young people include:

- Beginners Music Programme
- St. Catharines Youth Orchestra
- Beginners String Ensemble
- Symphony House Lessons

For information regarding the St. Catharines Symphony Association Summer School Workshop, you may contact Mr. Shim Burstyn at 685-6881.



St. Catharines Symphony Assoc.

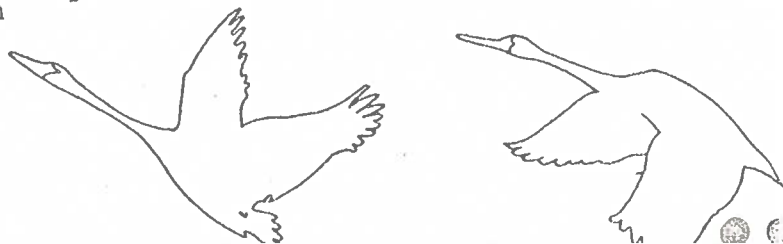
For other information regarding their fall and winter activities-instructional programmes, concert series, scholarships, etc. - and information on how you might work with this association, please contact Miss Chris McIvor, the Administrative Director after Labour Day, at the number previously listed, or 685-7358. Anyone wishing further information on our experiences in this regard is most welcome to contact Joy MacKenzie at 356-7521-Ext. 278 or 279.

CAMBRIDGE

The MillRun is a combination Bikeway/Hikeway System covering a distance of approximately 6.175 miles in the City of Cambridge. The project was financed through a local initiatives Project Grant of \$30,000.00 for salaries and wages of the ten people working on the project and \$14,000.00 was from the City of Cambridge, which was used to purchase materials and supplies.

The Mill Run makes use of City-owned land, Grand River Conservation Authority land and private land where permission to use was granted by the owner. The trail also makes use of the Guelph Trail and Speed River Trail which goes to Guelph.

Visitors to the Mill Run may be greeted by deer, rabbits, ducks and beavers. The Mill Run provides an opportunity for citizens to get in touch with nature while at the same time get some exercise.





HAMILTON

Sailing classes start a second year in conjunction with Harbour Commission.

Tennis Instruction adopts the new Rainbow Award System.

Confederation Park Tourist Camp now under direction of Recreation Department.

A puppetry specialist, funded by Safety Council travels the playground circuit.

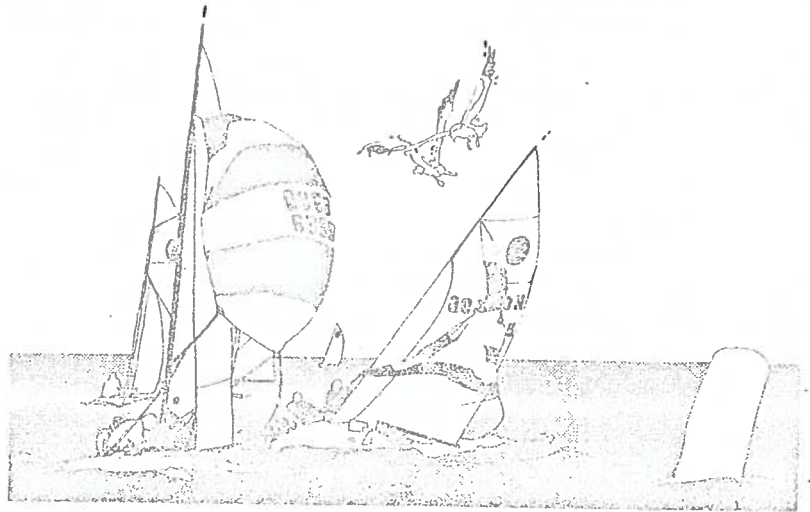
The Hamilton Model Boaters Club present demonstrations at Confederation Park - weekends.

The CANUSA Games (Flint vs Hamilton) are in the bi-centennial celebrations.

If in the CKOC Broadcast Range, catch the Daily Rec. Show-10:44 a.m.

Construction is on schedule for new District Centre "Sir Wilfred Laurier" - opening Dec. '76.

Hamilton Sports Council Conference planned for October.



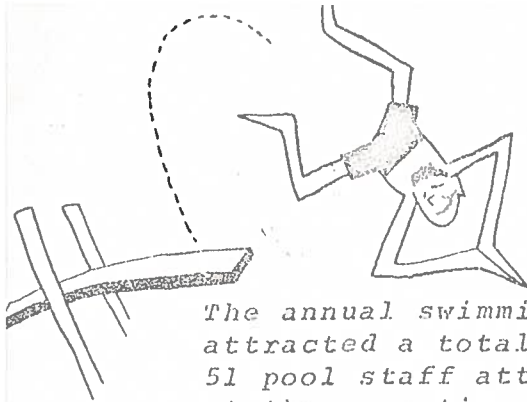
R.A.W.C.O.

Although fairly quiet this summer, R.A.W.C.O. has enjoyed several successful events to date.

- 1) 30 members took part in the Annual Bonspiel held this year in Georgetown.
- 2) 70 area Summer Supervisory Staff took part in a day-long session "3 M" - Middle Management Muscle! - at Conestoga College on June 5th.
- 3) 38 members took to the greens on June 9th for the Annual Golf Tournament.
- 4) Paid membership of 78.

The next Annual Meeting will be held Wednesday, September 15th. (Location yet to be decided.)





POOLS



PUDDLES

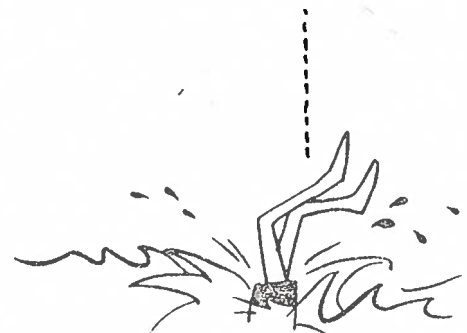
The annual swimming pool operation weekend seminars (14th Year) attracted a total of 131 to all sessions which this year included 51 pool staff attending the A.A.P.O. Management Courses held at the same time. The supervisor of pools from the Winnipeg Recreation Department was the furthest participant with Sudbury, Kapuskasing, Thunder Bay, Mooretown, Ottawa, Toronto and Uxbridge sending large contingents as well. New pools at Deep River, Markham, Ottawa, Bracebridge and Orillia also sent along staff.

Other 2 and 3 day pool operation seminars will be conducted by the Mohawk College Recreation Staff this spring in Thunder Bay, Nova Scotia, Alberta (Red Deer), North York and Burlington... to date that is as requests keep coming in. Even Timmins was on the route this year for our travelling road show at the N.O.R.D.A. workshop.

Of the 25 students graduating this year, from the 2 year Diploma program, over one half already have full time positions in recreation which is a vast improvement for this time of the year over previous years. Again this year, Mohawk has been swamped with applications for admission to first year with much interest being expressed in the Outdoor Education, Swimming Pool Management, Arena Management and Fitness and Conditioning options.

New indoor pools are on the drawing boards for Lindsay, Peterborough, Vulcan, Brooks, Truro, Arnprior, Perth, Shelbourne, while Barrie and Exeter may take a bye for awhile. Y's in St. Thomas and Orillia are also looking at additional facilities to satisfy a growing need for aquatic facilities. Forest Heights indoor community pool and library in Kitchener should be in operation soon while Deep River is already basking in excellent water in their new pool along with Sawmill Creek Pool in Gloucester Township, Ottawa.

Chemical control devices for water quality are now in University of Ottawa, several Toronto and North York Pools, Mississauga, Tillsonburg and requests in from Kitchener, University of Western Ontario, Calgary, Edmonton, Ottawa, Gloucester, Thunder Bay, etc.





ONTARIO STATUS OF WOMEN COUNCIL

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

QUEEN'S PARK - TORONTO ... A new report, entitled "About Face: Towards A Positive Image of Women In Sport", has been issued by the Ontario Status of Women Council (Secretariat for Social Development), and the Ministry of Culture and Recreation.

This report, written by the Olympic athlete, Abby Hoffman, focuses on the need to provide equal opportunities for women and men in the sports and recreation field. For too long now, Ms. Hoffman says, 'sport' has been considered a commercial, male-oriented commodity; she argues that 'consumer sport' should be replaced by 'sport' directed at the pleasure and life-long needs of individuals.

Having recognized the need for affirmative action in the area of sports and recreation, the Ontario Status of Women Council has given its full support to the recommendations contained in this report.

Everyone involved with sports and recreation is being urged to study the report and give every consideration to the recommendations. Although the number of copies of the report is limited, every effort will be made to supply additional copies as requested.

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for further information: Mary Corbett
Executive Officer
Ontario Status of Women Council
801 Bay Street, Toronto
Telephone: 965-1111



PEOPLE PLUS !

Elliott Lake

The Elliot Lake Recreation Department is pleased to announce that we have accepted two aquatic staff, who will be responsible for administering to our new \$8000,000. indoor swimming pool, which is scheduled to open on July 4th, 1976.

Our new staff people are Mrs. Mary Clairmont, Director of Aquatics, who has worked in the Hamilton, Burlington area for a number of years; and Mr. Tom Britt, Pool Manager, who is a recent Mohawk College grad and a former S.D.M.R.O. student member.

Mississauga

Two recreation assistants have been hired to team up with Debbie Reynolds to keep up with the Arts Explosion in the city.

Marion Pochmurski (formerly in the Athletic section of the Dept.) will be involved with children's programming, as well as liaising with community visual and performing Arts groups.

Richard Leach will also be working with these community groups and initiating photography programmes in the new dark room facility. Richard is also a talented artist, so that a portion of his time will be involved on promotional Art work for the Department.

Other areas of involvement in the Arts include Facility Planning, Cultural Grant Research, Obtaining Community Input in Determining Future Direction for Artistic Development in the City.

Barrie

Peggy Hall has left the Department for an early retirement on her doctor's orders. Susan Mortimer has been hired as Peg's replacement as Senior Citizen Co-ordinator.

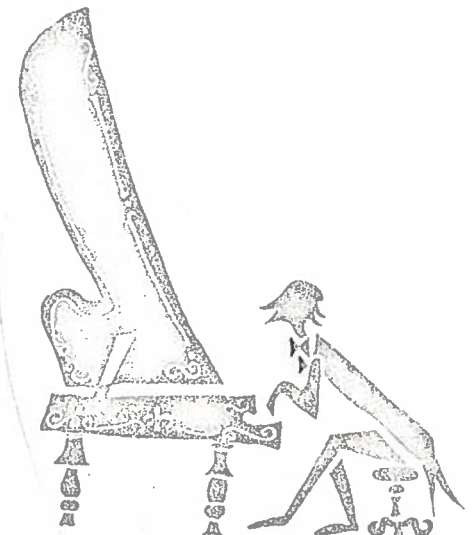
Susan is a graduate of the Recreation Leadership Program from Fanshawe College. She has been employed for the last 3 years as a recreation specialist at the Mental Health Centre in Penetang.

Sarnia

Sarnia has decided to decentralize their Recreation Department. In order to do so, additional staff was required so that there could be one Area Co-ordinator in each of the four geographical areas of the City and one Special Activities Co-ordinator working out of the Central Offices.

The new staff coming on board July 5th/76 are Ron Bates and Phillip Wong. A third person, (unnamed at this writing) will also be joining the staff.

Our thanks to S.D.M.R.O. members Doug Rigg, Don Reed, Wayne Widdas and Ted Early for their help in convincing our committee that decentralization was the way to go in Sarnia



Township of Goulbourn

Mr. Terry Gibeau is our new Director of Recreation Services.

The Department is planning a questionnaire survey in the fall regarding peoples' interests, etc.

Any communities who have recently completed a survey to find out the needs of people in their community may have something to offer us in suggestions. If so, please drop a sample of their questions to our department.

Cambridge

Approximately two hundred and fifty members from across Ontario attended the 1976 OAA Convention held at the Holiday Inn in Cambridge from June 17th to 20th. The convention this year was co-hosted by the D. English Co. through their local plant, Kerr Progress Printing Ltd., Cambridge and the City of Cambridge.

Thursday evening there were displays set up by Associate Members and Electronic Bingo was available for those wishing to play. A golf tournament was held on Friday followed by a dinner and dance. The dinner featured Mr. Richard Alapack as guest speaker. On Saturday, an all day seminar with the theme "Human Dimensions in Arch Management" was followed by the Presidents Ball in the evening.

Bus tours to points of interest in the City of Cambridge and the Stratford Shakesperian Festival were available for the wives of members during Friday and Saturday.

North Bay

The North Bay Department of Parks and Recreation, in co-operation with our local Water Safety Committee, is sponsoring the 1976 Provincial Lifeguard Waterfront Championships on Friday, August 6th.

The competition will take place at Birchaven Cove on Trout Lake.

Our staff has entered these competitions in the past and they are using their experience to help make this a really enjoyable day.

I urge all area to get your Staff involved and come to North Bay on August 6th for this event.

If you wish further information, please contact...

Dave Saad
Programme Director
Dept. of Parks & Recreation
195 Highland Rd.
North Bay, Ontario

Mississauga

Elections were held in April for the Municipal Sports Co-ordinators Association. Re-elected for 1976-77 term are:

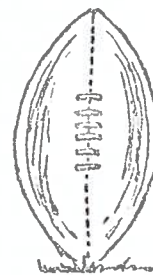
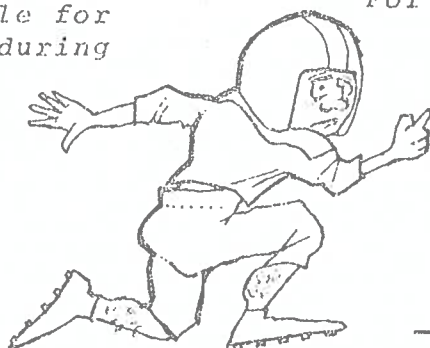
Mr. Terry Gibbons - Chairman
Mississauga Recreation

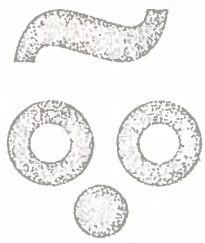
Mr. Stu Koch - Secretary-Treasurer
Brampton Recreation

Mr. Les Miller - Vice Chairman
Burlington Recreation

For further information, contact..

Terry Gibbons
279-7600 Ext. 267





Leamington

Tom Dickson is retiring. Rick Crehan has been appointed Director of Recreation. His duties commenced May 3/76.

Fanshawe College

The 1976 Recreation Graduates would like to thank all Fanshawe Graduates who are members of the Society for attending the Annual Recreation Dinner-Dance held April 10th in London.

They hope everyone who attended enjoyed themselves and that all will return for 1977's Reunion.

Once again, Thank You.

Town of Caledon

Bill Andrews has moved from Newmarket to the Town of Caledon as Director of Parks and Recreation.



Peterborough

Our director, K. W. Robinson, retired at the end of April after a great many years in recreation. Due to illness the scheduled retirement party was cancelled. For those who indicated they were coming, another party will be held in September. For those interested in securing information about the party please contact D. Oitment at the Peterborough Rec. Office.

Due to Ken's retirement, a number of staff changes have taken place. Don Oitment is now the Director of Recreation, David Clark, the Co-ordinator of Programmes and Services, and Al Walsh, Programme Supervisor.

Three new programme assistants have been hired. Miss Dianne Straiton, graduate of the Waterloo Recreation Degree Programme, comes to us after one year at The Mental Health Centre at Penetang. Mr. Wayne Smith,, graduate of the Sir Sandford Fleming Recreation Leadership Course, and Mr. Kevin Ready, graduate of the Recreation Leadership Course at Fanshawe College.



JOHN JAMES KEAY

Jack Keay first saw the light of day on December 10th, 1911 in Guelph, Ontario. He moved to Toronto in 1924. He became involved in many facets of the sports world as a player and as an executive.

He served as Secretary of the Toronto Church Basketball League from 1932 - 1937 and as Vice-President from 1946 - 1950.

Jack joined the staff of the City of Toronto in 1937 and was appointed the Supervisor of Rose Avenue Playground until he joined the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1940 in which he served until 1946. Upon discharge he rejoined the City of Toronto and was appointed Community Centre Supervisor of East Riverdale.

Jack was promoted to Assistant Superintendent of Playgrounds in 1953, a post he held until February 1956 at which time he joined the staff of the Township of Scarborough as Recreation Supervisor. He became the Director of Recreation in 1959 and the Commissioner of Recreation and Parks in 1962.

During his busy twenty years in the expansion of the Department, Jack Keay saw fit to also act in many voluntary roles in the cause of Recreation and Parks.

He served on such National bodies as the Canadian Parks and Recreation Association and the Canadian Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation. He also served as Secretary and Auditor of the Society of Directors of Municipal Recreation in Ontario.

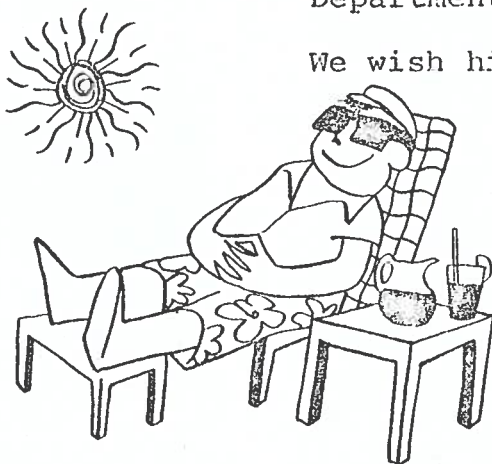
When the Indianapolis-Scarborough Peace Games was founded, Jack volunteered to serve as a Governor for the initial Games.

He was the 'founder' of the "Walk-to-Pool" concept of which four such pools were built in Scarborough and which have spread to many other municipalities.

From the first day that he became Commissioner - and before - he has worked with untiring dedication to produce what we have in Scarborough today - a Recreation and Parks Department second to none.

Editor's Note - Jack is retiring from the Borough of Scarborough as Commissioner of the Recreation and Parks Department on December 10th, 1976.

We wish him all the best in his retirement years.



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