

# SDMRO newsletter

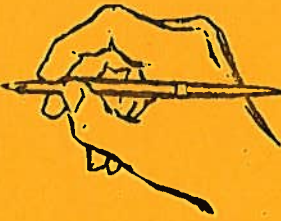
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WE WON !

"77 - here we come !"

# From the Editor's Pen



The 4th and final issue for 1976 is now off the press, and I sincerely feel it was all worthwhile. The membership has been most co-operative in submitting material; my secretary was terrific in typing and deciphering; the Community Services Department couldn't have been more generous; and even the mailmen didn't go on strike !

For anyone considering the newsletter responsibility for 1977, keep in mind the following:

1. department approval for the time needed, (approximately 40 hours)
2. secretarial help
3. your own job responsibilities for the year

The membership should consider:

1. submitting material on time
2. edit material that is sent, such as programme flyers - (it would save the editor time in perusing material)
3. sending in a few jokes - (we could all stand a good laugh)

In summary, many thanks to first, the membership for their continued submissions, secondly, "Jo" for her superb job of typing and patience, and thirdly, the Cambridge Community Services staff for their support.

I have thoroughly enjoyed the "Newsletter" responsibility and thank the S.D.M.R.O. Executive for allowing me the experience.

Respectfully

Pat Linton  
Editor



UP AND COMING .....

# CULTURA

CULTURAL AWARENESS AND PARTICIPATION HAS GROWN MORE IN THE LAST QUARTER CENTURY THAN ANY OTHER SEGMENT IN OUR SOCIETY.

AS THE WHOLE CONCEPT OF THE ARTS CHANGES AND ASSUMES GREATER IMPORTANCE IN OUR LEISURE ORIENTED SOCIETY, PEOPLE INCREASINGLY WANT AND EXPECT TO HAVE OPPORTUNITIES TO ENJOY A WIDE RANGE OF ARTISTIC EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES.

SINCE THESE CULTURAL NEEDS EXIST AT THE COMMUNITY LEVEL THE RECREATION PROFESSION MUST RE-EXAMINE ITS ROLE IN THE ARTS FIELD. WE HAVEN'T REALLY KEPT UP.

IT HAS BEEN STATED THAT:

"MOST MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS IN CANADA HAVE FUMBLING ABOUT UNIMAGINATIVELY WITH THE ARTS. SOME CITIES GIVE MORE THAN METRO, THOUGH MOST DO LITTLE TO CONTRIBUTE IN A SIGNIFICANT WAY TO THOSE AMENITIES WHICH HELP TO MAKE A CITY A FULFILLING PLACE TO LIVE. NONE HAVE SET OUT GOALS TO BE ACHIEVED IN CULTURAL MATTERS AS THEY HAVE IN PARK SYSTEMS, EDUCATION AND SO ON."

A RECENT STUDY FOR THE CANADA COUNCIL NOTED THAT PARTICULARLY AT THE MUNICIPAL LEVEL THERE IS INSUFFICIENT STAFF IN THE ARTS AREA TO BE ACCOUNTABLE FOR ARTS ORGANIZATIONS, GRANTS ETC...

NOT ONLY IS THE MUNICIPAL SHORTCOMING BEING POINTED OUT BY CONSULTANTS RESEARCH REPORTS, BUT ARTISTS ALSO HAVE UNMET EXPECTATIONS FROM THE MUNICIPALITY. THE ARTISTS, JUST AS THE HOCKEY LEAGUE OR COMMUNITY SCHOOL COMMITTEES, NEED A RESOURCE PERSON BETWEEN THE ART FORM AND THE COMMUNITY; IE. A RESOURCE CONTACT TO OFFER ASSISTANCE IN PUBLICITY, ORGANIZING, FUNDING, ETC... THIS ENABLER HAS NOT BEEN GENERALLY PROFESSIONALIZED IN THE CULTURAL AREA AS IT HAS IN OTHER FIELDS OF ENDEAVOURS.

ART MUST BE TAKEN TO THE PEOPLE TO LET THEM TOUCH IT, PARTICIPATE IN IT, IN ESSENCE LIVE IT AND THAT WAY KINDLE THE DESIRE FOR MORE. UNTIL WE AS PROFESSIONALS ACCEPT THIS CONCEPT AND PROVIDE THE METHOD TO DO IT, CULTURE WILL REMAIN ELITIST, THUS SLOWING THE PROCESS TOWARDS A CULTURAL IDENTITY WITHIN OUR COMMUNITIES.

WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY IN THE PROCESS OF PLANNING FOR ARTISTIC DEVELOPMENT. WE'D BE INTERESTED IN COMPARING OUR PHILOSOPHY WITH YOURS .....

DEBBIE REYNOLDS  
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# ZDMRE ANNUAL ZDMRE

## TRAINING INSTITUTE

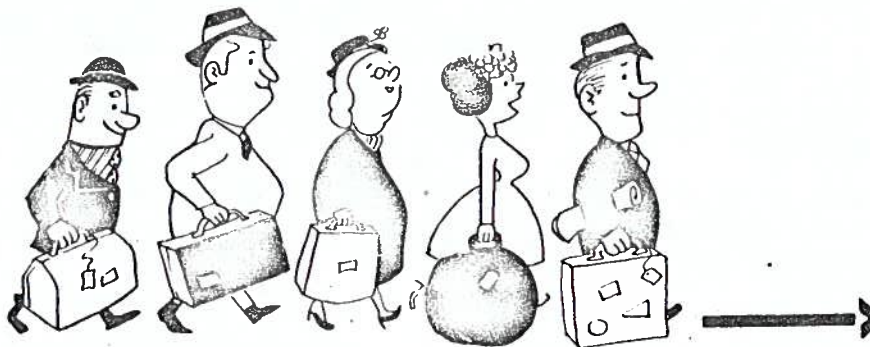
THIS YEAR'S INSTITUTE IS FAST APPROACHING. IT LOOKS LIKE THE COMMITTEE HAS ONCE AGAIN COME UP WITH SOME WORTHWHILE AND THOUGHT-PROVOKING SESSIONS.

OF COURSE, THE INSTITUTE WILL BE SPIKED WITH THE USUAL EXCITING "SUNDRIES".



SO PLAN TO ATTEND - FOR MORE INFORMATION, REGISTRATION, AND ENCOURAGEMENT, CONTACT:

RICHARD LEMBKE  
RECREATION SUPERVISOR  
ELMS COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
45 GOLFDOWN DRIVE  
REXDALE, ONTARIO



## ANNUAL TRAINING INSTITUTE - COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

- 1. CONSULTANT SKILLS - "THE ROLE OF THE CONSULTANT"  
FACILITATOR - MR. GEORGE COULSON - SIMCOE COUNTY  
RESOURCE PERSONNEL - VARIOUS PROFESSIONALS IN THE FIELD
- 2. INTEGRATION OF SPECIAL GROUPS  
RESOURCE PERSONNEL -  
MR. WM. ADAIR - MINISTRY OF CULTURE AND RECREATION  
MR. AL SYNCLAIR - MINISTRY OF CULTURE AND RECREATION  
MRS. CHERYL PROCYK - BURLINGTON RECREATION DEPARTMENT
- 3. LEGISLATION RELATING TO RECREATION  
RESOURCE PERSONNEL -  
MR. TED STOREY - UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA
- 4. CENTRALIZATION OR DECENTRALIZATION OF RECREATION SYSTEMS  
FACILITATOR: MR. SANDY PRIDE - BRAMPTON  
RESOURCE PEOPLE: VARIOUS RECREATION PROFESSIONALS
- 5. MUNICIPAL BUDGET SYSTEMS  
FACILITATOR: MR. BOB ARNOT - KITCHENER PARKS AND RECREATION  
RESOURCE PERSONNEL - STAFF FROM KITCHENER PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
- 6. MATRIX SYSTEM - PROJECT MANAGEMENT AS AN ALTERNATE STRUCTURE  
RESOURCE PERSONNEL - MR. FRANK BURCH - NORTH YORK PARKS AND RECREATION
- 7. GRANTS RELATING TO RECREATION  
FACILITATOR: MR. DAVE BASS - KINGSTON RECREATION DEPT.  
RESOURCE PERSONNEL: MR. BOB GRAHAM - BRONTI RESOURCE CENTRE  
MR. PETER MOORE - MINISTRY OF CULTURE AND RECREATION
- 8. CO-ORDINATION AND CO-OPERATION OF COMMUNITY GROUPS  
RESOURCE PERSONNEL - JOHN FLYNN, MINISTRY OF CULTURE AND RECREATION
- 9. THE ROLE OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION  
FACILITATOR - MR. GREG SHIPWAY - CAYUGA  
RESOURCE PERSONNEL - MR. P.M. HOMENUCK - MINISTRY OF STATE FOR URBAN AFFAIRS IN CO-OPERATION WITH C.P.R.A.  
- DR. J. B. ELLIS - MINISTRY OF STATE
- 10. HUMAN RELATION SKILLS WITHIN STAFF  
RESOURCE PERSONNEL - MR. BOB BALLANTYNE - CONESTOGA COLLEGE  
- MR. AL LOGAN - CONESTOGA COLLEGE
- 11. IT'S ABOUT ART  
RESOURCE PERSONNEL - DEBBIE REYNOLDS - MISSISSAUGA
- 12. DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF FACILITIES  
FACILITATOR - OLGA TYNE - MISSISSAUGA

# new in barrie



The City of Barrie recently applied for and received a grant to enlarge recreational opportunities for special groups, specifically the mentally retarded. The programme is being developed under the auspices of the Barrie Dept. of Recreation and operates on the basic principle that recreation services are a right of ALL community members. Thus, the overall goal of the special recreation programme is to help the mentally retarded take part in regular community recreation programmes. To accomplish this goal, the programme has three aspects.

- 1) The first facet will be geared towards those people who have lots of social savvy and some recreational experience. These are the ones who could, with proper information and encouragement, participate in regular community recreation programmes.
- 2) The second facet of the programme will be for those who have some social skills and recreational experience, but who need specific intervention to change or improve their functioning level.
- 3) The third aspect is for those who have had minimal exposure to recreational activities and/or whose social skills are pretty much underdeveloped.

So, the entire programme will offer a continuum of service. The participant finds out what recreation is all about, and hopefully becomes interested in doing something in his spare time. Then he learns how he can take advantage of community recreation offerings. Finally, he reaches the third level, where he is fully integrated into the community's recreation activities.

Presently, the programme is in its preparatory stage. Preparatory activities include: informing parents, guardians, service clubs, teachers and the community at large that the programme is in the making; locating potential participants to determine their needs and desires; building up a volunteer corps and developing a handbook for their use; planning specific activities; locating facilities and supplies.

Mrs. Lesley Gordon has joined our department as the staff resource person responsible for this programme. Lesley is a graduate of the Recreation Degree Programme at the University of Waterloo, and holds a Masters Degree from the University of Oregon majoring in Therapeutic Recreation, Special Education and Physical Education.

We understand that several other municipalities have received the same grant as Barrie. Correspondence is invited, perhaps there are common problems which need to be discussed, or ideas or techniques that have proven useful.

Gary W. Stoner  
P.O. Box 400, City Hall  
Barrie

# PEOPLE

# PLUS !



## SENECA COLLEGE - KING CAMPUS

Part-time staff members to join the ranks of the Seneca King Staff are Bruce Smith and John Rivera. Bruce will be assisting in the R.P.O.S. Course, while John assists in teaching Marketing to the 1st year R.F.M. students.

Bumper crops of eager students have joined the courses under the "Recreation Umbrella" at Seneca King - we now account for close to one-third of all campus students.

## ST. LAWRENCE VALLEY

The St. Lawrence Valley Playleaders Course now have their own 200 page manual. This manual will be constantly re-written with a number of additions from new sources. Information on playgrounds is being sought now. Any date that someone may have, be it old or new, can be forwarded to the undersigned at 412-5th Street. E. Cornwall, Ont. The objective of the course directors is to have the ultimate in playground resource.

## CANADIAN RED CROSS

### *New Staff ...*

Southwestern Ont. Regional  
Co-ordinator - Mr. Mark  
Ribbans, (replace Gord McKay)  
Contact Office  
400 King St. E.  
Hamilton, Ont.

Northern Ont. Youth-Water  
Safety Consultant -  
Mr. Ron Larwood  
Contact Office  
46 Drinkwater St.  
Sudbury, Ont.

Eastern Ont. Youth-Water  
Safety Consultant -  
Miss Sheri Tessis  
Contact Office  
85 Plymouth St.  
Ottawa, Ont.

### *Programme Change ...*

New policies and procedures are available as "Adapted Aquatics" makes its debut as an integrated programme. A free promotional poster is also available.  
Contact Mrs. M. Linton  
Co-ordinator of Special  
Programmes. - Ont. Div.  
Water Safety Service  
460 Jarvis St.  
Toronto M4Y 2H5



### WALPOLE ISLAND

The Recreation Committee is pleased to announce the hiring of the first full-time Recreation Director for the Reserve. Stephen St. Amant from Penetanguishene has accepted the position. Stephen, a past student member of the SDMRO graduated this May with a B.Sc. in Recreation. He attended three schools studying Recreation; Canadore College, North Bay; Ithaca College, New York and the University of Edinburgh, Scotland.

### MISSISSAUGA

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Robert Williams to our staff as Recreation Assistant - Athletics. Bob is a recent graduate from the University of Waterloo and holds an Honours B.Sc. in Kinesiology. Bob initially joined the City of Mississauga through the local Initiatives Programme funded by the Provincial Government. We welcome Bob and hope that he finds his work with the city a most enjoyable and rewarding experience.



### KITCHENER

Kitchener Parks and Recreation Department is continuing with its decentralization program and as a result, several staff changes have taken place over the last few months.

Sandy Crowther has left the Department to follow her chosen career as "mother". This career started on Aug. 3rd when Sandy gave birth to Robert (8 lb. 11 oz)

With Sandy's departure, Jack Andrews assumed the Area Supervisors position for the south area of the city to go along with his west area.

On June 25th, Kitchener officially opened the new Forest Heights Pool and Branch Library complex. Included, are a 25 meter pool, Branch library, multi-purpose room, saunas and offices for the Kitchener Parks and Recreation staff of the south-west area. Included in this staff are Julie Bugry, Aquatics Supervisor, who transferred from Breithaupt Center; Barb Quarry, Program Supervisor, who joins K.P. & R. after 3 years as Program Supervisor at the Niagara Falls Y.W.C.A.; and Mary Ellen Smith, secretary.

Taking Julie's position at Breithaupt Center as Aquatics Supervisor is Paul Daminato, fresh from a tour of duty with the Canadian Red Cross National Water Safety Service.

Also, this summer, KPR opened its new \$60,000. creative playground in Victoria Park. If the number of children and adults making use of the equipment at 'The Playce' are any indication, then the project is an overwhelming success.





#### ST. THOMAS

Mr. Gary Watts has had a position change from the Community Centre Manager to the Recreation Facilities Manager. His new responsibilities necessitate having an office now in the City Hall. Gary will now schedule, programme and supervise the maintenance of all the recreation facilities in the Parks and Recreation Department.

#### BURLINGTON

The Department of Recreation Services is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Roy Male as a Recreation Supervisor in charge of the Community School, located at the newly opened Lester B. Pearson High School.

The community facilities, include 3 offices, 1 multi-purpose lounge, 1 kitchen, 1 craft room, 1 room for a Day Care Centre, and 3 outdoor tennis courts.

The City of Burlington contributed \$150,000. towards the cost of these facilities.

#### HAMILTON

Again this year high priority is placed on the development of staff and training courses. During P.D. days, it will focus on management, accountability and volunteerism.

We would be most interested in exchanging concepts on "Model Programmes", if you have experienced breakthroughs in your area.

#### KESWICK

Mr. Frederick Horvath has joined this department as Programme Co-ordinator. Fred has worked numerous summers in positions with the City of Stratford and the City of Port Colborne. Fred is a recent graduate from the University of Waterloo in Political Science.

#### HALTON HILLS

Miss Elizabeth Binsfeld has joined the staff of the Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Department in the capacity of Aquatics Supervisor. Elizabeth is formerly from the Borough of York and has brought much experience and talent with her to Halton Hills.

- CORRECTION -

#### BARRIE

Our apologies to Susan Martin for not properly identifying her in our last newsletter. Susan Martin has assumed Peg Hall's responsibilities as Sr. Citizens Co-ordinator.





## KINGSTON

Formerly Supervisor of Recreation Programs for the City, Mr. Ed Leeman is heading up the operation as Supervisor of Portsmouth Olympic Harbour. Replacing Ed as Supervisor of Recreation Programs is Mr. Stan Galt. Stan is a native Kingstonian and graduate of the B.P.H.E. program at Queen's University.

As well, two other appointments in the department for the positions of Recreation Program Co-ordinators are Bill Reason of Kingston, graduate of Sir Sanford Fleming College, and Dan Cousins of London, graduate of Fanshawe College. Both of these gentlemen have completed the Recreation program at their respective Colleges, and bring a wealth of youth and new ideas to our City.

Further to this, and by the time the Newsletter is circulated, we will have hired an additional Recreation Programme Co-ordinator, as we are interviewing at the time of writing this information.



## SARNIA

Pauline Reaney, who has been with the department for almost five years has a new title, effective immediately. Pauline, who had the old title of Program Supervisor, will be taking up new duties as "Special Activities Co-ordinator".

"Thank You "

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the many members of the Society who took the time to reply to our letter concerning the Ministry of Culture and Recreation. Your opinions, ideas and frank replies will be most helpful in our future talks with the Minister and his staff. Thanks again, you were most helpful.

..... Ted Wood



## HAVE YOU HEARD ?

that the Pussy Population in Newmarket has decreased because of a new form of recreation called "Pussy Pedlary".

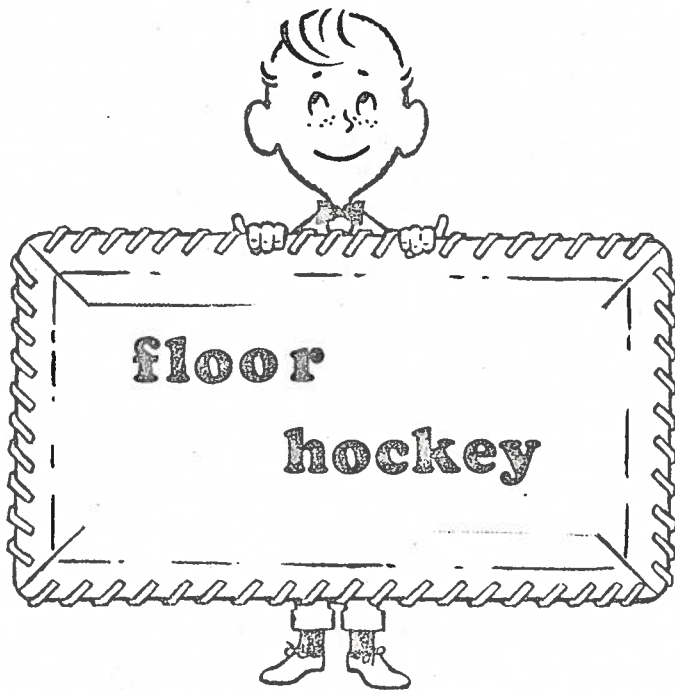
This sport is not to be confused with

CATS RIDING BICYCLES

(anon. C.P.-eocmis)



.... some time ago, and through this medium, I posed a question concerning competitions in Floor Hockey...that if there were groups who'd like to challenge our ringers in Pelham, please to let us know.....THERE WERE NO TAKERS.



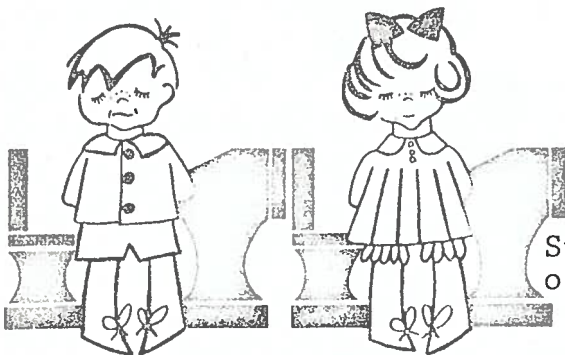
Here is a sport that's been around awhile and the participants have been and remain many. It's the most inexpensive game for any kid to take part in. I'd like to see, and help out, if necessary, the bringing about of floor hockey to an acceptable level much the same as with the attention given to Ringette. The late Ron Martin and others including myself, instituted floor hockey in St. Catharines a few years back and it went a long way and remains still a popular sport. Here in Pelham, floor hockey has flourished for some twenty years - I'd like to see a set of rules being the same for all players wherever and a governing body set up.

As we have come to know, not EVERY kid is addicted to hockey played on the ice. Granted, floor hockey, unless properly controlled, can become a spectacle similar to professional wrestling, as witnessed in these our modern times on T.V.

If any of you reading this blurb think as I do concerning the game of floor hockey, please get in touch with me and I promise to help as much as I can.

Sam Derreck  
Box 400  
Fonthill, Ontario





Submitted by Frank Burch, Superintendent  
of Recreation, North York

North York is alive, and well, and living in Metropolitan Toronto. It has been a long time since any news of us has appeared in the S.D.M.R.O. Newsletter, so rather than trying to bring you up to date on the new faces and places, we would like to share a couple of things which we are into that might be of interest.

Training: After browbeating our Parks and Recreation Committee and Council, and after an intensive "needs" study last year, we finally implemented a major in service training program for our Recreation staff. At a cost of approximately \$7,000.00 thirteen major skill workshops are scheduled for 1976, some of which started last February. The following list names the topic area. If any reader is interested in course description, resource person used, mechanics, fees or the like, please contact Frank Burch at North York.

Conflict Resolution  
Consultation Skills  
Communication Skills  
Leadership Development  
Administration  
Diagnosing and Analyzing Group and Community Needs  
Group Process Skills  
Community Development Theory  
Management Development  
Conducting Effective Meetings  
Supervision Skills  
Designing Training Programs  
Community Development Methods  
Team Building

Each workshop is a minimum of 14 hours with some being handled over two consecutive days, others for a series of mornings or afternoons for a number of weeks. Priority setting was achieved through the performance appraisal system, with each staff person working out a minimum of five priority topics with his or her own supervisor. The basic guidelines used to help staff in the selection of topic areas were:

- requirement to upgrade job performance in terms of present job responsibilities, and as agreed by both the immediate supervisor and staff member
- expansion of interest in an area which has potential advantage for present job responsibility
- area of new development as chosen by staff member.

Staff were encouraged to select topics which covered each of these objectives.

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Performance Appraisal: A number of years of experience within different divisions, and using various models for performance appraisal as a support to the "Management by Objectives" process has resulted in a standardized system in North York. Guidelines were developed for the use of the system, and the information included in these is far too involved for this newsletter. Suffice it to say the subject areas covered are:

Administration  
Leadership  
Communication  
Planning and Organization  
Problem Solving and Conflict Resolution  
Professional Development  
Personal i.e. attitude, deportment, etc.

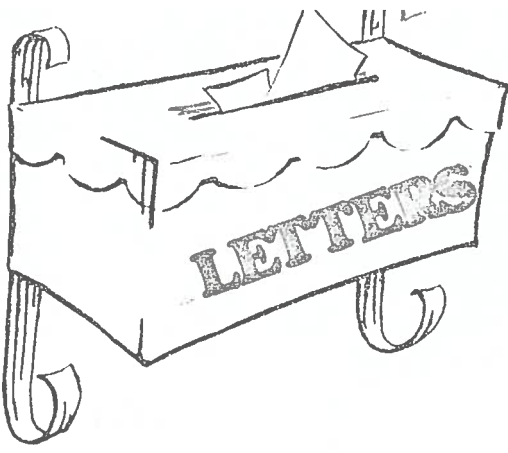
Formal appraisals using the system are conducted twice yearly, and are in support of monitoring seasonal objectives on at least a monthly basis.

The system allows for negotiation of method between a supervisor and staff. The three basic methods used are:

- completion of the appraisal by the supervisor, written comment and review by the staff person
- completion of the appraisal by the staff person, written comment, reaction and review by the supervisor
- completion of the appraisal by both supervisor and staff person, leading to consensus and completion of a joint appraisal

Again, if you are interested in this process as a tool for evaluation, contact Frank Burch, North York, and we'll mail out the forms and the guidelines.





Dear Pat:

The following letter was received from Ken Robinson, expressing his appreciation for being awarded a Life Membership in the Society at his Retirement Party.

He indicated that he thought he had missed the Newsletter as a means of conveying his thanks, however such is not the case, and I think the letter in its entirety should be included, as it expresses his sentiments, as only Ken can do.

Thanks,

Sincerely,

A. Wayne Taylor  
President, S.D.M.R.O.

letter on page opposite



P.S. You will note we corrected the grammar, spelling and typing mistakes ! !

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Dublin St.  
Peterborough, Ontario  
September 23/76

Mr. A. Wayne Taylor,  
President, S.D.M.R.O.,  
Community Services Dept.,  
14 Petty Place, P.O. Box 963,  
Cambridge, Ontario, N1R 5X9

Dear Wayne:

I have a problem, and suddenly the solution appeared quite clear. Between yourself and Pat Linton, I'm sure you'll find a satisfactory answer.

As you may be aware by now, Sept. 11th, 1976 was a night I'll never forget. The kindness and generousness of friends and other related human beings was something that makes one feel warm all over - and stays with you. It was a wonderful evening and I even forgive all the people that told lies about me. My wife is even wondering what kind of a shmuck she married. (Of course, nobody believed all the stories... I hope.)

As you may also be aware, many generous (perhaps even misguided) persons donated to a fund which was presented to Renee and myself by our Mayor, to assist us in our "new way of life". It was in the form of a travel fund, (I think some thought they were donating to a burial fund), toward our planned travels.

I particularly welcomed the cablegram from the "gang" travelling in Europe, and hope they haven't messed everything up before we get there.

Two unexpected pleasures were also conferred, both of which really thrilled me. The life membership into the Society - I don't think I really need to tell you what this means to me - even allowing for the fact that I had a part in writing the by-laws to ensure this would happen. Seriously, it was important to me. Also, unexpectantly, out of the blue, I was inducted into the Canadian Boxing Hall of Fame. I only mention this so that a number of people will realize how lucky they were that I was, so many times, willing to discuss matters graciously and courteously instead of punching out. I never, ever lost my temper with anyone - over 5'6" tall.

I wanted to say a great big "THANK YOU" to everyone via the newsletter, and then realized that the last one for this year has probably gone out. As a result, possibly you could synopsise this missive and express my gratitude at the annual meeting - which I shall unfortunately miss. It will probably be a shambles without my guidance, but you people will just have to learn to stand on your own two feet. Whatever became of the Board of Regents?

Thank you and all the gang, for everything.

Sincerely,

KEN ROBINSON



# new in mississauga



The Department is examining the possibility of using juvenile offenders as volunteer workers in facilities, parks and programmes. Staff has met with Judge Durham of Peel Region, Probation Services Staff, Board of Education Staff and Mississauga Recreation Staff, who report success with their present programme.

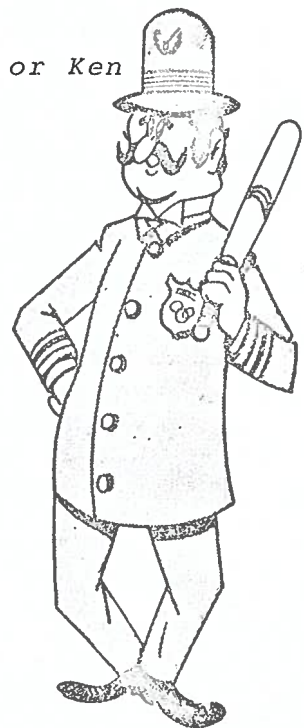
Youths who decide to volunteer their time to make restitution for wilful damage would be supervised by regular parks and recreation staff. Probation services and recreation staff would work closely to co-ordinate the programme

The major concern of this type of programme involves liability insurance for possible injury to the youths. But, this can be covered by most municipal insurance plans.

It must be stressed that the youths are usually first-time offenders, aged 13-15 years and that they volunteer their time as opposed to being forced to make restitution.

If this type of programme can be successful, perhaps we can prevent further juvenile delinquency and reduce costly damage to parks and facilities.

For further information, contact John Cooper, or Ken McClintock at Mississauga Parks and Recreation.



# HERE AND THERE...

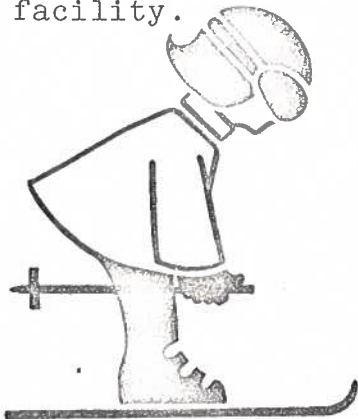
## NORTH BAY

In February of 1977, North Bay will be hosting the largest sports event ever held in our area.

The 1977 Ontario Winter Games will take place in North Bay on February 11 - 14. Some seventeen different sports will bring 1,800 athletes into North Bay. Through capital money allocated to the Games, we'll be able to develop cross-country skiing trails at Canadore College. This will be an asset to our community for years to come.

Speedskating will take place at Thomson Park. A \$50,000. donation to North Bay by the late Lord Thomson of Fleet enabled us to install lights on the football field.

We used the money to apply to Wintario and received another \$100,000. to develop this facility.



PIONEER CHRISTMAS 1876

BRAMPTON

DECEMBER 11th, 1976  
10 a.m.-5 p.m.

The City of Brampton Parks and Rec. Dept. is hosting Pioneer Christmas 1876. This gala features the exhibition and sale of Arts and Crafts.

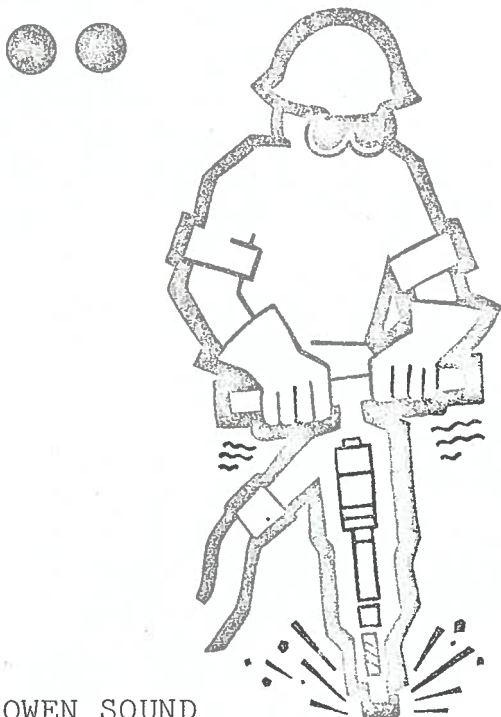
This year's expanded programme includes ethnic foods and beverages, bake sales, children's movies, figure skating demonstrations, carol singing and of course, Santa Claus.

The artists and craftsmen of Pioneer Christmas 1876 will wear period costumes and have unique pioneer exhibits.

Pioneer Christmas 1876 will be held at the Civic Centre, 150 Central Park Drive, Bramalea. For further information, phone Jim Westlake - 453-4110 Ext. 231

You are welcome to come and join in the merriment.





#### OWEN SOUND

Like many other communities in the area, Owen Sound is presently undertaking main repairs to both arena facilities. Plans are that the arena will take approximately three months, and the Coliseum approximately one month. We can sympathize with those communities who are in such a position as we are by trying to accomodate all the different organizations who are in need of ice time. We're going through it right now.

#### HAMILTON

Sir Wilfred Laurier District Recreation Centre will soon be serving the booming suburbs of the east. The centre brings the total to 10 complexes with full facilities.

The Kings Forest Scene now includes, natural ravine and hiking trails, tennis club, arena and golf course. By snow time, it will also serve Alpine Skiers.

#### HALTON HILLS

The eldest of the three arenas in our community closed in January, 1976, on the recommendation of the Recreation and Parks Dept. It is presently undergoing reconstruction and the anticipated re-opening is January, 1977. For the information of other communities faced with this same kind of problem, our projected costs for reconstruction are in the \$150,000. range.

On the recommendation of the Town's Finance Department, we are experimenting with a type of cash register at our Town pools and arenas. We would be interested in hearing from any departments that have experimented with or implemented this kind of a machine in your facilities. Replies can be addressed to:

Halton Hills Rec. and Parks Dept.  
36 Main St. S. Halton Hills  
(Georgetown), Ont. L7G 1X4

Further to an earlier request of ours for information from communities regarding natural ice rinks, our department is still researching this area, and would appreciate any literature that you may have concerning:

- 1) what involvement does the community have?
- 2) who's paying the related costs?

(Thanks Kitchener - Jack, we've got yours)

#### CAMBRIDGE

Bette Moreton has joined the staff as the Community Relations Co-ordinator.

Peter Paleczny has taken a year's leave of absence to develop Fitness Cambridge, an in-depth fitness programme for the entire community. Replacing Peter is Jim King, a recent graduate from Waterloo University.



## BRAMPTON

This summer Brampton Parks and Rec. expanded its Community Organizer of Play Programme from 2 to 8 communities within Brampton/Bramalea and continued to operate individual activity centres at 4 other locations.

The C.O. Programme was a concept intended to offer recreation programmes not just for children, but for the whole community. Ladies' daytime groups, evening teen dances and drop-in, family events, and traditional play programmes were organized by a staff of 5 playleaders in each of the 8 communities. Some of the communities responded well while others did not, and the department will be examining the programmes offered, the methods employed by summer staff, and the effectiveness of this form of community development, to determine whether or not the concept will be continued and to what extent. Perhaps it is viable in some communities and not others, because the needs of the residents are different. Anyone wishing further information can contact John Cooper or Cathy Lambden at 453-4110.



## KESWICK

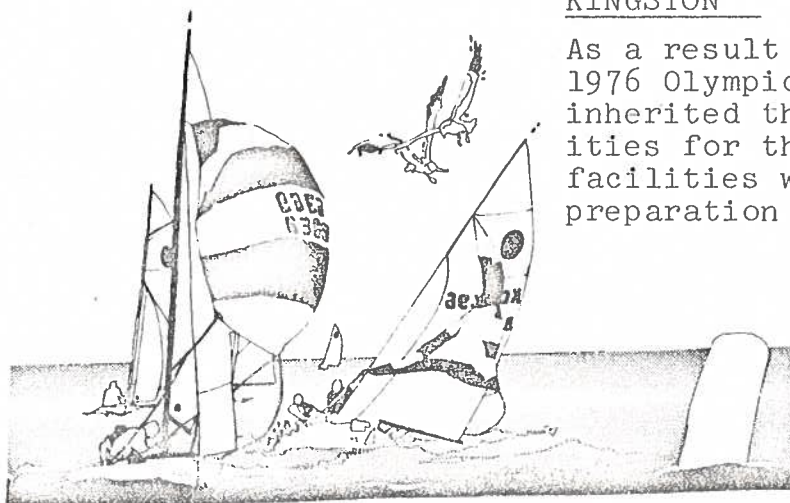
Sutton, in the Georgian Township Area, recently hosted the monthly meeting of the Ontario Arena Association. About 200 arena-minded persons attended the event and benefited thereby.

## LONDON

"Oliver", Lionel Bart's musical adaptation of Charles Dicken's "Oliver Twist" thrilled audiences this summer in London. The Public Utilities Commission, Recreation Department, local private and corporate supporters of live theatre, joined forces with Wintario to mount the show with local talent.

## KINGSTON

As a result of this city hosting the 1976 Olympics, our department has inherited the operating responsibilities for the 8 million dollar facilities which were constructed in preparation for the competition.





## STRATFORD

Proposal accepted for a new Senior Citizen Centre - still need provincial approvals. (Council and Capital budgets approved.)

Stratford Arena roof repairs will take 3 weeks inside and 4 weeks outside, thus one season will not be disrupted. Cost is \$136,000. Our other two arenas are not affected.

Service Clubs have money and community spirit too. We have another lighted ball diamond - courtesy of the Kiwanis Club.

Our Programme 50 Summer Project has changed some things according to our report. Public tennis lessons, canoeing sessions, girls soccer and even a new gymnastics club has been started. Note: this was to be a 'women's' programme, but some males got through to enjoy the activities.

Trained new employee over the past two summers for Georgian Township.

Fred Horvath started in Port Colborne, then Stratford. He has now started full time, since graduating in June '76 from Waterloo University.

## TOWN OF VAUGHAN

"Family Leisure Centres Ltd."

A public meeting regarding this development was held on Sept. 2nd in Maple. Despite a significantly larger indication of public disapproval, members of Vaughan Planning Committee voiced their general approval of a request by the owners for amendment to the official plan to accommodate this project on agriculturally zoned land.

Among other significant details the owners expect to develop approximately 320 acres, (80 acres of which would be paved for parking), as a "Disneyland" type entertainment Centre.

It is further projected that the development would attract approximately 30-35,000 persons per day as a summer operation. Parks and Rec staff took the definite position that such a use of land would be tragic given the impending problem of insufficient agricultural land and projected food shortages. It is also very discouraging to note the apparent disregard by politicians for public input in major social and environmental issues such as these.

## MISSISSAUGA

The Mississauga Recreation and Parks Department, this past summer, ran a new programme called "Holiday Magic". The Holiday Magic programme was organized for children, 2 to 8 years of age. This programme gave the children the opportunity to participate in both creative activities (Artful Toddler and Arts & Crafts) and physical activities (Kindergym and Gymnastics) in an atmosphere of both fun and learning. The Holiday Magic Programme, as an experimental programme, proved to be fairly successful.





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