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A MESSAGE
FROM THE PRESIDENT

Since the election of your Executive in November, we have had a total of five Executive Meetings. All committees are well underway with their various tasks.

The Executive has dealt with many important items that concern recreationists in the Province of Ontario. These have been documented in the minutes. However, a few subjects that do deserve some further elaboration are;

Hickey Report

This report prepared by Paul Hickey for the Government of Ontario, took a critical look at the "Decision Making Process In Ontario's Local Governments". The S.D.M.R.O. was requested through A.M.O., to react to this report. (A copy of this report is available upon request from your Executive.)

Parks & Recreation Administration Study Committee

This committee was appointed by the Minister of Natural Resources to look at a regional base for providing parks and recreation services. Your Executive presented a written brief and met with the Committee on February 12, 1974. A copy of our presentation is also included in this Newsletter.

Association of Municipalities of Ontario

A Past-President's Committee under the Chairmanship of Jim Maxwell, is developing a municipal recreation workshop for the A.M.O. annual conference. This is a particularly important task since over 1,000 municipal delegates from across the province usually attend.

Meetings with Government

Your Executive will be meeting with the Hon. Rene Brunelle on April 5, 1974 to discuss:

- present status of revisions to Bill 200 and Bill 240
- effect of the reorganization of his Ministry on the Service provided to municipal recreation practitioners
- any planned changes in existing legislation or policies that would effect those that the S.D.M.R.O. represent.

I have also requested a meeting with the new Provincial Secretary for Social Development, the Hon. Margaret Birch, to discuss our never ending battle with government in respect to a decision relative to the function of community schools. As past members will no doubt recall, your executive was promised by the Provincial Government over two years ago, that they would be doing a complete study of where the responsibility for community schools should lie -- Ministry of Education or Ministry of Community & Social Services.

Executive Visit to Thunder Bay

The executive held their March meeting in Thunder Bay. For some time now we have been criticized for being overly concerned about southern Ontario to the detriment of the remainder of the province. One of the areas of the province that the Executive felt we should concentrate on was that of North-western Ontario.

During our two-day meeting, we had several discussions with the recreationists of N-W Ontario. They expressed their appreciation for the Executive's visit and felt it should happen more often.

Your Executive felt that the extra cost involved in going to Thunder Bay was warranted in terms of the reinforcement of our existing membership in the area, as well as the possibility of attracting new members.

I will be issuing a detailed Presidential Mid-Term Report in June. If there are any questions concerning your Society please do not hesitate to contact us.

I would also like to extend a hearty welcome to the many new members of the S.D.M.R.O. I look forward to the Opportunity of meeting all of you personally in the near future.

The opportunity of meeting with your Executive is once again extended to all members and prospective members attending the O.M.R.A. Conference in May, in Brantford.

The informal get-together will take place at 1:00 P.M. on Friday, May 10th, 1974 at the Holiday Inn. The room number will be announced at the Conference.

I look forward to discussing S.D.M.R.O. business with our members at that time.

Gary Stoner, President
S.D.M.R.O.

ON CARS AND CAR MILEAGE

Does your municipality give you a car for business and personal use? Do you pay a monthly fee for it? If you use your own car, what mileage allowance do you receive? Are there restrictions? Forms and procedures?

These and other questions were asked recently of municipal parks and recreation departments by Gail Brown (Nepean) in an attempt to help that township establish a written policy for municipal cars and car allowance. Gail talked by phone with directors in Burlington, North York, Town of Stoney Creek, Cambridge, Etobicoke, Sault Ste. Marie, St. Catharines, Brantford, Brampton, Barrie, Mississauga, March, Gloucester and Ottawa.

Some areas have written policies, others follow 'traditions'; some require detailed accounting of miles travelled, others operate on a trust system; mileage rates vary from 10¢ a mile to a guaranteed allowance of \$1,400.00; from cars provided free for business and personal use to marked cars for business use only.

Nepean hasn't formulated its new policy yet, but what the data did was support how difficult it is to establish a policy for all municipal cars when one department within it operates its vehicles under such varied circumstances: nights, weekends, holidays. Space doesn't permit a detailed accounting of the data gathered, but if your department is trying to establish a written policy and this information would be useful to you, write for a copy of the report to: Gail Brown, Nepean Parks and Recreation, 3825 Richmond Road, Ottawa, K2H 5C2.



March was a busy month for PICKERING Recreation Department: they had a Recreation Showcase and their 4th annual Hockey Jamboree. The Showcase featured participants from the winter programs in displays and demonstrations and attracted some 450 spectators. The Jamboree proved to be a family affair with 900 boys playing.

On April 27th Pickering will host a Community Conference at Dunbarton High School. Purpose? To get community reaction to their proposed five year plan which has been developed on a shared decision making process.

The SUDBURY Recreation Department provides a wide variety of programs for its residents: this winter more than 5,000 boys and girls were involved in their playground hockey and ringette leagues. Of the 800 boys and girls who participated in the playground figure skating instruction programme, 40 entered the annual Figure Skating Competition. Sudbury also has 23 different sites where more than 475 youngsters learned the fundamentals from 55 volunteers. The ski enthusiasts work for their diplomas as Snow Bunny, Snow Hawk or Snow Wizard! (Now there's an award program with fun names!)

WINGHAM's 10th Annual Midget Hockey Tournament was held during the school mid-winter break with 36 teams from as far East as Ottawa, and West as Detroit: there were teams from the Niagara peninsula, Windsor and Ridgetown. With more than 700 boys participating and parents there supporting, more than 1,000 people visited the town that week. In addition to the numerous people who billeted the boys, some 150 residents helped: all of this volunteer help certainly has contributed to the growth of this event which has grown from 6 teams in '64 to the 36 teams 10 years later with teams in all categories: A, B, C, & AAA.

The WELLAND City Sports Council held a most successful second annual Athletes of the Year Banquet recently and honoured two local young people; a 21 year old male golfer and 10 year old female swimmer. Guest speaker was Graham Legett, General Manager of the O'Keefe Sports Foundation.

The Sports Council are now organizing a leadership seminar for April 20th at Niagara College with reps from all local sports groups and other organizations participating. They expect 100 to attend.

There have been inquiries relative to the annual All Ontario Hockey Conference Training Association and Tournament which has been hosted in CAMBRIDGE in the past. This year the Tournament will be held in BRAMPTON with 6 teams competing for the coveted Rusty Skate Award! the North York Nothings, the Etobicoke Indians, Brampton Gnats, Beautiful Burlington Bustlers, Kitchener Never Sweats and Cambridge Keen Competitive Conspirators. (Ha! with team entries like that we know you'll want to know the results of this ice experiment, so watch for them in your next Newsletter.)

More information? Contact Wayne Taylor in Cambridge, Community Services Department, 30 Queen Street East.

Girls soccer will be introduced for the first time this season in NIAGARA FALLS, for some 300 girls 7 to 14 years of age. It will all get underway with an exhibition game during Blossom Festival Week.

The NIAGARA BLOSSOM FESTIVAL will take place MAY 10th to 20th and their program has something for everyone: rock concert, dance, torch lighting ceremony, international parade, model plane races, all breeds open horse show, marathon cycle race, fashion show, pet show, seniors day, boys and girls minor soccer, antique auto show, parade and games!, dart competition, police tug of war and the international chefs of Niagara in a cooking classic!

The Peter Principle Game:
Cream rises until it sours.
In this game, the point is to avoid
surging up the hierarchy to your own
level of incompetence

Where are you in the game?

The Municipality of the Town of Niagara on the Lake is suffering from that phenomenal complaint - growing pains. Within the 40 sq. miles that make up the town, the Department has one arena, two lighted ball diamonds, 2 outdoor pools, 60 acres of parkland, 2 double tennis courts and lawn bowling. But with a population of 12,500 they feel there is still need for another arena, two more ball diamonds and more tennis courts.

The town is made up of five communities with 45 organizations, 11 schools with ball fields and a track at the high school. Their cultural activities rate second in demand with the Shaw Festival Theatre and the Canadian Mime Theatre but sports activities do take the lead with hockey, lacross, figure skating, boys and girls softball and soccer.

Niagara on the Lake prides itself on its historical background as well as the large agricultural productions of grapes, peaches, pears, plums, apples and cherries. If you're looking for a community with a 'flavour' ... come to Niagara on the Lake.

The BRANTFORD Recreation Commission is restructuring its staff into an area system; area supervisors will now be responsible for each of the four sections the city has been divided into for recreational purposes. The new system is designed to increase the opportunity for contact with the people and better utilization of community resources and facilities.

ELLIOT LAKE Recreation Committee reports that the Interim reports 1 & 2 of the Select Committee on the Utilization of Educational Facilities has stimulated the growth and development of a Utilization Committee with their Boards of Education and the Recreation Department and at this time it is functioning very positively.

SMOOTH ROCK FALLS has sent its first contribution to the Newsletter. SRF is located 35 miles West of Cochrane and has a population of 2,500 in the combined townships of Kendry and Smooth Rock Falls. Their main industry is the Abitibi Craft Paper Mill.

Their facilities include a community arena with rink and curling rink, an outdoor pool, community club building with bowling and pool rooms, a ball park, Legion Hall, and Trinity Theatre. Last year they developed new facilities: 2 double tennis courts, outdoor rink, and senior citizens drop-in-centre. The Knights of Columbus have a new hall and there's also a new high school with excellent gym facilities.

Their winter program offered a variety of activities for youth, adults and seniors and early in February they held their 8th Annual Recreation Winter Carnival. Everyone is now looking ahead to new programmes this summer and a special event has already been planned for September!

CAMBRIDGE reports they now have their own transit system in full operation. So the next time you visit ... just Dial-A-Bus!

A tremendous amount of work from the Recreation Commission of NIAGARA FALLS Finance Committee, has led to the establishment of a new funding policy for offering financial assistance to community groups. While a working policy that is subject to revision, it has been a big boost to those who have submitted their '74 requests. Anyone wanting further information about this new policy is invited to write to R. Sones Jr. or Joy Mackenzie.



There are no
"best ways".
There are only
alternatives.

NEPEAN seems to have survived its 2nd annual MARCH MADNESS festivities. Coordinated by the Parks and Recreation Department with the full time assistance of two coordinators on a work term from Waterloo University Recreation - ANN BRIGHT and DEANA YOUNG. This year many new activities were added: skating and a party for retarded children, a seniors afternoon including a cocktail hour!, Pancake Pantathlon, Mad Hatter Car Rally, X-Factor, Rock 'n Roll Pub, and a night in the pool called "We've Got The Sun" that featured gunnell bobbing, canoe sinking, diving and synchronized swim demonstrations and new kinds of family competitive events... cheating was encouraged! (on team entries only where you needed 10 players!) The Flea Market Bazaar was bigger than before with 37 community groups participating. Other repeats from last year included the Spectation Spoof, March Mad Dance, Holiday on Ice - boys and girls broomball and floor hockey, and another Silly Contest: this time, guess how long the 17 Police vehicles are when lined up bumper to bumper.

The event, held during the mid-winter break, attracted participants from small numbers (like 3 for the retarded skating session) to 5,000 (Flea Market Bazaar) and by the end of the week, it was estimated that some 20,000 people participated. This would never have happened, of course, without the valuable contributions of time, work and enthusiasm of more than 200 volunteers and many volunteer hours by full and part-time staff.

And it probably more than met the expectations of what a work term could be for the two coordinators from Waterloo University.

The 28th annual Great Lakes Park Training Institute was held last Feb. 18-22 at the Pokagon State Park, Angola, Indiana. Conducted by the Department of Recreation and Park Administration, School of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, Indiana University, Bloomington, the theme was "Change through Challenge". There were 12 cooperating sponsors including the National Recreation and Parks Association and the Canadian Parks/Recreation Assoc. Joy Mackenzie writes to say that it was one of the best training institutes she's experienced and that she really found the inter-disciplinary exchange very helpful. For more information, why not discuss it with Joy or write directly to Indiana University for next year's program.

MOVING?

Don't forget to tell our/your new MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN,

ROBERT SONES JR.

Director of Recreation

4310 Queen Street

Niagara Falls L2E 6X5

Two members have moved: take note -

SHARON RICHARDSON's new

address, as of April 20th, will be

R.R. # 4

Stayner, Ontario

GARY STONER tells us that the

City of Barrie Recreation Dept.

have moved their offices to the

City Hall, and their new mailing

address is:

Department of Recreation

City Hall

Box 400

BARRIE, Ontario

Population explosion? Insufficient staff? Budget restrictions? All of us face these 'challenges' and the Markham Parks and Recreation Department has made some major changes to adjust to these considerations: They have a new business address

149 Denison Street

but their mailing address is

8911 Don Mills Road

Markham, L3R 1A1.

THE MUNICIPAL RECREATION DIRECTOR AS SEEN BY



HIS SPOUSE



THE COMMITTEE



FELLOW DIRECTORS



STAFF



SCHOOL BOARDS



BUILDING SUPERINTENDENTS



HIMSELF



COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS



SPORTS & RECREATION BUREAU



COUNCIL

JAMES CLARKE

people/places/plus....

DON COSTEA is the new Director of Parks and Recreation; he's from Windsor where he was Deputy Commissioner. BRUCE HOLDSWORTH is Director of Recreation. ROY CRAVEN, Supervisor of Parks, was previously self-employed and had 17 years of experience with Scarborough where he was General Parks Superintendent. DAVID McWATERS, Aquatic Coordinator, is a recent graduate of Toronto University with a BPHE, B.Ed. SUZANNE LINSKOTT is Program Coordinator.

Not-yet-one-year-old ORANGEVILLE Parks and Recreation Department now has a Director of Recreation - BILL MCCAIG, Indoor Pool Manager - DAVE WILLIAMS and Maintenance Foreman of the Sports Complex is DON PRICE.

The Township of Georgina Recreation and Parks Department has recently been renamed the COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT with a single community services committee supervising the operation and development of parks, recreation, arenas and community halls, thereby replacing three separate committees and streamlining the service to the community. Its administrative services have also been centralized - gone are the three different offices 20 miles apart! - and their new address is:

Community Services Department

R.R. # 1

KESWICH, LOE 1M0

Saltfleet Township has been amalgamated with the Town of Stoney Creek and is now part of the Ham-Wentworth Region. Their staff now includes G. GINSBERG, Recreation, D. NEW, Parks & Arenas, S. WESTFALL, Aquatics, W. CRANE, Cemeteries, and a full time staff of 26.

MARY DALE, a graduate of Fanshawe's Recreation Leadership Course, is the new Programme Director of the new Friendship Centre in St. Mary's.

LORNA EVANS will leave her post as Recreationist with the Guelph General Hospital to join the Nepean Parks and Recreation Department as their new Programme Supervisor for Special Needs on May 13th. Lorna is a graduate of Conestoga College.

LOOKING for a new employee? Job positions will be advertised here in the SDMRO Newsletter, free of charge, to members.

Another area of assistance: many fellow Society members may have taught, worked with or been associated with the person who applies for a post with your department/agency. This could be an excellent source of reference for both the candidate and the employer. Just another way for members to help members, and be part of what the Society is all about.

A MACROCOSMIC VIEW - FOR THE FUTURE (on student placements)

Student placements in the community is a vital, initiating force for the future of recreation professionals. Utilize it! Introduce students to all facets. Too often ties are made to a miniscule aspect of the program. This microscopic outlook has no enhancement for potential learning. As a former full time recreation worker now a student, every opportunity was offered to me. My arena placement encompassed a variety of learning tasks. The wisdom of Frank Westaby, my teacher, Don Taylor and Bert Lee, the unit managers, quickly initiated me as 'one of the boys' - Zelda Zamboni! Quote: scraping and flooding is an art. One of my fondest memories is frozen jeans, polarpaint hockey lines and vending machine coffee. A close runner-up is cleaning furnace ducts! Thanks boys!

Norma Willis, Mohawk College

ROBERT SONES JR. has taken on the role of Membership Chairman, from Bud Bitton. Bob is working on all aspects of membership and is presently developing a procedures manual for future membership chairpersons: it should be ready for the '74 annual meeting.

DID YOU KNOW that SAM JACKS, RDMR, is the man who developed the games of floor hockey and ringette and is now developing the game of courtball? The SDMRO executive has accepted the rights to the games from Sam and is proceeding with copyrights for each of them. The Society will also enter into a contract with Sam on a profit sharing basis for any remuneration received relative to the games. Another indication of the contribution that Sam has made to recreation and of his dedication to the Society.

ARTHUR STEAD, Director of Recreation in Port Colbourne, was chosen Coach of the Canadian Trampoline Team for the 1974 World Championships in Johannesburg, South Africa. Congratulations Art!

ROBERT DRUMMOND joins the staff in St. Catharines on April 8th as their new Programme Supervisor.

As of May 1st, RALPH GAUTHIER will join the staff of the Broadview YMCA in Scarborough as their Physical Director. Ralph is a graduate of the Phys. Ed. course at York University, Downsview Campus.

MIKE JARVIS has changed jobs; from Activities Program Supervisor, Homes for the Aged, Office on Aging Branch, to - Manager, Community Relations Branch, Ontario Housing Corporation, 101 Bloor St. West, Toronto, M5S 1P8. Mike and Recreation Coordinator, FRED TREISCHL, would welcome the opportunity to be of assistance to you. All you have to do is ask!

DAVE DeSHANE, formerly Parks Director in York, is now Commissioner of Sarnia Parks and Recreation Department, replacing BOB HARRISON who is now General Manager of St. Clair Parkway Commission.

From the NIAGARA REGION PROFESSIONAL RECREATION SOCIETY comes word that they have appointed a committee to study the situations relating to various government sponsored summer programmes as they affect the local community in leadership requirements and salaries. It is expected that the group will make representation to the Niagara Region government on this topic.

They also acknowledge Art Stead's appointment as the Coach of the Canadian Trampoline Team and note that he is also a member of a provincially appointed committee that will study and recommend on facilities and other aspects of the Short Hills Provincial Park which will be located in the Welland-St. Catharines area with a total acreage of 1,500.

The LAKE HURON ZONE covers an area stretching from Exeter and St. Mary's on the South to the tip of the Bruce Peninsula on the North; from Lake Huron on the West to a line joining Exeter, Listowel, Dundalk and Thornbury.

A new experiment is being innovated; they're dividing the Zone into 7 cluster groups to increase communications among the municipalities within the new boundaries. Work on this project has been in progress since last fall and Bub Bitton has been very instrumental in forming these new groups. Other benefits to be realized from the new cluster groupings: travel time will be reduced; extended use of existing communications between the smaller regions; more frequent sessions possible because of reduced travelling time and distance; better use of staff and facilities between the neighbouring groups; more meetings; more input, more sharing; more information. This new structure should also increase the number of participants as opportunities for involvement will be increased.

With many areas offering hockey tournaments for their All Star teams, the Lake Huron Zone has conducted tournaments for teams who do not regularly compete in any inter-community leagues and who are not affiliated with OMHA. Held during the spring break, the Novices were hosted by Mt. Forest, the Atoms by Hanover, the PeeWees by Walkerton, the Bantams by St. Mary's and the Midgets by Owen Sound.



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OPPORTUNITIES FOR HANDCRAFT EDUCATION

UNDER STUDY IN ONTARIO

TORONTO---The Provincial Handcraft Education Committee, in co-operation with the Ministry of Community and Social Services, is examining the opportunities for skill classes in crafts and handcraft education in the province. The first step is to find out the nature and extent of opportunities already existing in Ontario and a prime source of such data lies in organizations involved in this popular and expanding activity.

A questionnaire is being mailed early in March to individual craftsmen, through mailing lists provided by provincial, regional and local craft groups and organizations. A different questionnaire is being sent to craft groups through municipal recreation authorities, voluntary agencies and boards of education that offer craft classes, to community college extension departments, to regional and community craft groups and arts councils. Craftsmen receiving two copies because of membership in several organizations are asked to send the second copy to another craftsman who may have been missed.

Anyone who does not receive the questionnaire and wishes to, can get copies from the Regional Offices of the Sports and Recreation Bureau.

The Bureau will handle distribution of the questionnaire because of its contacts at the community level and in continuing education throughout the province and its interest in crafts as a leisure-time pursuit. Tabulating, analyzing and interpreting data collected will be carried out by the Handcraft Education Committee. When gathering and analyzing of data is complete, the Handcraft Education Committee will report to the Ministry of Community and Social Services, offering recommendations regarding the level of government support that is needed for crafts, the best way to provide this support and methods for co-ordinating resources now available so that all who are interested in crafts will benefit.

The Handcraft Education Committee is chaired by E. C. Rowan, a craftsman from the Niagara peninsula; members of the committee are R. C. Blackwell - Ministry of Education, G. Wright - Ministry of Colleges and Universities, M. Wilton - Canadian Guild of Crafts, A. Suzuki - Canadian Craftsmen's Association, E. Dingman - Ontario Craft Foundation, A. Gregson and D. Garvie from Mohawk College, H. E. Thomas - Sheridan College School of Design, J. Sime - Three Schools and M. E. Hogg - Sports and Recreation Bureau. All are involved with crafts or in craft education.

Enquiries about the work of the committee or its study should be directed to the secretary L. Thomas c/o Sports and Recreation Bureau, 400 University Ave., 23rd floor, Toronto, M7A 1H9.

FACILITIES

The very new ORANGEVILLE Parks and Recreation Department is very proud of its new Sports Complex which is valued at over one million dollars. It features two arenas, an indoor pool, banquet room and large meeting room. The second arena has just been completed and will be open next fall.

Director BILL McCAIG welcomes anyone who would like to visit their new complex. He'd also like an exchange with others who have gone through the 'growing pains' of establishing a department: how they set it up, if they had a town planner, and the type of manpower and equipment needed for park development. Contact Bill at

87 Broadway Avenue
Orangeville (941-0120)

BRANTFORD will open its new Olympic size indoor pool June 1st but a good time to visit/see it would be Aug. 30th-Sept. 1st when they host the Canadian National Diving Competition!

MARKHAM Parks and Recreation Department has announced many staff changes and they've also made other major adjustments that will help prepare them for their expanded parks improvement programme, the operation of a new 25 metre indoor pool, a 2,300 seat arena and a multi-complex which includes two new arenas, a community centre, indoor track, squash courts and a health club.

* NIAGARA FALLS Recreation Commission would like to hear from other communities that have artificial ski slopes. Even if you can't help but you know someone who might, write to

JOY MACKENZIE
4310 Queen Street
Niagara Falls, Ontario.

The WELLAND Recreation Department is building another outdoor pool and community centre at a cost of \$376,000.00. The pool will be 50 metres with both 1 and 3 metre diving boards. A 50' x 50' sloped wading pool will also be part of the complex. Completion date: this summer - bringing their total pool facilities to six.

Under an L.I.P. grant, the ELLIOT LAKE Recreation Department is designing a creative playground project, which is designed to improve existing play facilities and add a new dimension to their present play programme. The group is involving the community as much as possible so that when the project is terminated there will be people within the community that can carry on the good work. Hopefully, Elliot Lake will also establish a creative play resource centre for the north shore.

In the weeks ahead ELLIOT LAKE will begin \$150,000.00 expansion program for the addition of an arena front at Centennial Arena which they feel will make their rink second to none - in the north!

The ST. MARY'S RECREATION COMMITTEE held a grand opening for their new "Friendship Centre" last February 26th. The ceremonies included ribbon cutting, messages from various government branches, craft displays, a variety show and a dance. Looks like good things are happening for the over sixties in St. Mary's and the surrounding districts. The centre was made possible through several grants including \$10,000.00 from New Horizons.

The CAMBRIDGE COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT has just completed its first year of amalgamation as a new city. During their first year, the department expanded greatly and they now have a firm base on which to build. In addition to departmental 'building' they've done some facility building too: they've covered an outdoor pad into the Karl Homuth Arena so that they now have six arenas and a new 25 metre, 6-lane indoor pool is under construction. In an effort to bring their services closer to the people, their department is establishing an area concept and are doing more work with community groups and associations.

The WINGHAM Recreation Department are very pleased with the addition of their new Rotomatic Timer Clock which also counts penalty time left and periods. This new addition was made possible through the cooperative effort of the Wingham Kinsmen, Mothers Auxiliary to Minor Hockey and Pepsi Cola - and it was just in time for their 10th annual Midget Hockey Tournament.

THE SECOND S.D.M.R.O. CITATION

Following is the second in our series of Citations presented at the Annual Banquet, Nov. '73, to four gentlemen for their outstanding contribution to the recreation profession. Presentation address by Don Shay, RDMR, Director of Recreation, Simcoe.

Mr. President,
Honoured Guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen:

Tonight we are honouring some of our esteemed members and I'm sure that it is with a feeling of pride and brotherhood that we participate in this citation ceremony. I wish to thank the executive for allowing me the honour and distinct pleasure of presenting this particular award.

I would pay tribute also to Mr. Blayne Rennick and Mr. George Cormos, Marg Phillips and Murray Shave who have assisted me with background material and I thank them for their contribution and their co-operation in sending me the material.

On behalf of the Society, therefore, it is my privilege to pay tribute to one of our esteemed members, Mr. Samuel P. Jacks.

Sam is probably one of the better known members in our Society -- for one reason or another. He's a fire and feud man -- likes action, gets excited. Sam likes to talk -- likes to tell stories -- likes to take off his shoes, curl up in a chair and expound the virtues of this, that and the other thing. Off comes his tie, he opens his shirt, gets a bottle of beer and proceeds to talk to anyone who will listen, even though they're trying to carry on a conversation with someone else. Fights to get his words in flatwise -- Thud!

I've never seen a man who could rattle off so many jokes one after the other non-stop, ad infinitum, and still know what the other people were talking about in other parts of the room. And that's when he's relaxing!

Around the conference or committee table he's worse. Why -- I've seen him lead so many discussion groups so far down the garden path that they end up climbing the wall.

Invariably Sam comes up smelling roses, but once he damn near didn't come up at all.

It was at the Y -- the west end Y in Toronto, not in the swimming pool -- but in the gym.

Sam had a group of his tumblers geared up for a special show. He needed a spectacular finale to end the show with a flurry.

He figured a way to ignite their gym suits so that when the lights went out, the audience would see human torches swirling through the air as they did their routine.

It ended up that the kids were okay but he nearly burned down the building.

Sam had the distinction of being fired and rehired by the General Secretary more times than anyone during the history of the Y.M.C.A.

Another time he once used several big pots from the kitchen to dye some uniforms blue. He forgot to clean the pots so the next day the soup so carefully prepared by the cook turned out blue. This was when Sam started in recreation way back around 1935 as Assistant Physical Education Director at West End "Y". It was during this time that Sam developed the game of floor hockey. After being up in the air most of the time at the "Y" it was inevitable that Sam served during the second World War in the Paratroopers. He attained the rank of Major while serving this Corps. After the war, 1947, and coming back down to earth, Sam was appointed the first Director of Recreation in North Bay. He had one of the first programmes involving hundreds of adults in square dancing in the early 1950's.

Sam was instrumental in arranging the Northern Ontario Playground Hockey Association in 1950. The league grew to more than 12,000 boys from towns all over Northern Ontario. It was administered by Directors of Recreation with the philosophy that "every boy shall have an equal chance to play."

This was also where the game of Ringette began. Sam created this game with the help of other Directors in Northern Ontario. The game for girls has become increasingly popular in Ontario, is spreading throughout Canada and the U.S. of A. and has drawn interest from other countries (somebody is going to copyright it one day.)

Through the years Sam has served the Society and the Federation in many capacities, Membership Chairman, Constitution and By-laws, Board of Regents.

He was the first President to serve two consecutive years, 1963-1964. Only presidents know what this means in terms of time and effort.

Way back around 1950 - 1951 I saw Sam draw the first draft of the Society's or Federation's coat of arms or insignia in the Frontenac Arms on Jarvis Street in Toronto. The design that's on your ring or your crest or your membership card was originally designed by our own Sam Jacks.

When the piano disappeared from the Hotel Peterborough (1954), Sam was blamed. He was also blamed when the hotel burned down several years later!

It doesn't take a new member long to know who Sam Jacks is and where he's from.

To say Sam is a controversial person is right! To say Sam is a dedicated professional is right! To say Sam speaks his mind is right! Sam always speaks his mind for the Society.

But foremost and at all times his aims and objectives are for the betterment of recreation professionals in this province - yes in the provinces of Canada. He would never hesitate to give time and effort for the advancement of the recreation profession.

We all owe a great deal to Sam Jacks - a man we honour tonight - for his contribution over the years. His interest in the individual development of our members and the Society in general has been significant.

So to you Sam, we say thank you and it is my great privilege to call you to the dais so that President Maxwell can present you with your citation.

FAMAM EXTENDIMUS FACTIS

Ladies and Gentlemen, Samuel P. Jacks

Coming Events

ONTARIO MUNICIPAL RECREATION ASSOCIATION

annual conference
MAY 8th to 11th - BRANTFORD, ONTARIO
Theme: "COMMUNICATIONS"

With special sessions for committee members, professionals and programmes for wives and girlfriends (husbands and boyfriends too?) who do not wish to participate in regular conference sessions. Lots of social activities are planned, including a golf tournament. REGISTER NOW!

Write: Pat Artkin, Executive Director
O.M.R.A.
559 Jarvis Street
TORONTO, M4Y 2J1

The FIRST ANNUAL CAHPER CONFERENCE

(Canadian Association for Health Physical Education and Recreation) will be held in Ottawa, May 29th to June 1st at Ottawa University. Theme: It's a Capital Idea! (with a sub-theme of "Let's Cooperate!") Varied fee structure for full or daily registration, for members, non-members and students. More information: Don Noble, YM-YWCA, 180 Argyle Avenue, Ottawa.

WORLD CRAFTS COUNCIL

June 9th to 15th at York University

This promises to be an exciting programme with craftsmen coming from Africa, Europe, Asia, Latin America and North America. On the 10th anniversary of the WCC, the conference will deal with the human condition of the craftsman in our time and the time ahead. Some 1,400 people are expected to attend. Fees: \$175.00 double occupancy, and \$200.00 single room, includes all meals, local transportation and free admission to the Ontario Science Centre Exhibition. Also planned: a sumptuous Canadian Barbecue, a tour of the Royal Ontario Museum Exhibition featuring contemporary Canadian Indian crafts and a 10th Anniversary Birthday celebration hosted by the Ontario Government's Ministry of Government Services, with all guests wearing their National dress. (Now what would that be for a Canadian?)

SUDBURY WILL HOST THE PROVINCIAL JUNIOR OLYMPICS AND SUMMER GAMES

August 3rd to 5th, 1974

All competitions, except swimming, will take place in Sudbury. Swimming events will be held at Camp Samac in Oshawa. Over 30,000 young athletes will participate in regional competitions throughout Ontario to qualify for the Games. Of these, 1,600 will compete in 15 sports: track & field, gymnastics, boxing, wrestling, diving, water polo, swimming, cycling, rugby, shooting, archery, field hockey, team handball, orienteering and canoeing.

Ontario competitors for the National Junior Olympics in Edmonton, Aug. 12th to 16th, will be selected from track & field, gymnastics, boxing, wrestling, diving, water polo and swimming finalists.

Administration and operation of the Ontario Summer Games will be staged by the City of Sudbury and the Ministry's Sports and Recreation Bureau. Sudbury will provide facilities and personnel, using the resources of Laurentian University, Sudbury and District Sports Central and Cambrian College, with S & R providing financing and coordination.

A.M.O.

Association of Municipalities of Ontario. The Past-President's Committee, Jim Maxwell, RDMR, Chairman, will present a workshop at the AMO Conference scheduled for Aug. 4th to 7th in Toronto. Entitled, "Recreation - the Exploding Municipal Service" it will be of interest to your local councillors attending the AMO. Do make them aware of this workshop. The AMO is an organization of representatives of municipal councils and professional municipal staff organizations which relate to government and its policies affecting municipalities. They could have a positive influence in your area!

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SDMRO Annual Training Institute and Meeting: Wed. Nov. 13th to Sun. Nov. 17th, at Geneva Park, Lake Couchiching.

FILMS

"INTO THE WATER"

16 mm, colour, 12 min. produced by the Royal Life Saving Society. On loan from the provincial RLSS office or it may also be purchased for \$99.00 - 550 Church St., TORONTO, M4Y 2U1.

The film is designed to encourage participation in aquatic activities in an exciting, fun, pleasurable way in the areas of swimming, canoeing, water skiing and sailing.

The film has application for most swimming classes, but as always, the true value of a film rests with how it is introduced and used by the instructor or program director.

The CANADIAN PARKS/RECREATION ASSOCIATION has a new film rental service which begins May 1st and the first three to be available are all concerned with children's play areas!

THE PACEMAKER - Lady Allen of Hurtwood. (14 min. 16mm colour) Lady Allen, an expert on child's play and on play theory, explains her latest, remarkable and unique achievement, an adventure playground for handicapped children.

NEW PLAYGROUNDS (12 min. B & W, 16 mm) Three pioneer adventure playgrounds in London where city children are given free rein to invent, construct, play, improvise or read under unobtrusive but expert supervision.

CHILDREN WAITING (16 min. 16 mm colour) A fascinating account of the development of adventure playgrounds in one of England's new towns. Vivid pictorial description of the involvement of the community, the children and the play leaders in developing the playground and delivering a continuing service to the children of the community.

If you would like to borrow one of these films for conferences, training sessions, community education, etc., please write for more details to:

CANADIAN PARKS/RECREATION ASSOCIATION
333 River Road, Vanier City, K1L 8B9

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thing as a mistake.
There is only
what happens.*



From the Senior Citizen's Bureau of the Ministry of Community and Social Services come word that the previously announced FITNESS AND AGING WORKSHOP originally scheduled for May 24-25 in Ottawa, has been unavoidably cancelled. The conference may be re-scheduled for the fall and if so, we'll all be advised. MICHAEL JARVIS, Conference Coordinator, regrets any inconvenience this cancellation may have caused.

Did You Know

Ontario Regulations 129/74 respecting public swimming pools comes into force on MAY 1st, 1974. Copies of the regulation may be obtained from your local health unit or your municipal health department.

HELP!

If you've had any working/liaison relationships with the Ontario Housing Corporation in your area, as a "developer", and have had to establish policies for providing recreation facilities, please contact ROSS VANTRCEK, Director of Stoney Creek Recreation and Parks Department, 777 #8 Hwy., Fruitland, Ontario.

GLEN GRAY of Halton Hills Parks and Recreation Department, would like to hear from communities that use number of years of aquatic experience and current qualifications as a basis for paying summer pool staff. Write to Glen at Box 62, Georgetown.

THE SPORTS AND RECREATION BUREAU

As you know, the Ministry of Community and Social Services has been restructured to improve services to clients and a number of changes have taken place.

One concerns new names for units involved in program development. Bureau refers to a grouping of functions related to both development of program and policy initiatives as well as direct program delivery. Hence - Sports and Recreation Bureau.

A new Regional Office open in Barrie early in January, at 110 Dunlop Street East. The new consultant is Dick O'Connor. A graduate of the Diploma Course in Recreation, he holds a Permanent Recreation Director's Certificate, Type B. For the past seven years, he was with the North York Parks and Recreation Department in various positions from facility operation to area recreation supervisor to coordinator of community services. Dick's territory includes the counties of Simcoe, Dufferin, Victoria, Haliburton, the northern half of Ontario and the regional municipality of York.

Staff Changes:

PHILLIPPE POIRIER has been transferred from the Ottawa East Region to Coordinator of Franco Ontarian Programmes; he is still located in Ottawa. PAUL KEMP, Consultant, Leadership Education, Leadership Unit, Toronto, JOHN PICKETT, Consultant, Phys. Rec. Unit, Toronto, BUD BITTON, Consultant, Hanover area, Western Ont. Region, Hanover office. BILL ADAIR, Consultant, Therapeutic Recreation, Special Services Unit, Toronto, TED THURSTON, Consultant, Sudbury, Northern Ontario Region, Sudbury Office. BOB FARROW, transferred from Sport Consultant, Central Ontario Region to Coordinator of Ontario Games, Phys. Rec. Unit, Toronto. ALAN BAILEY, Executive Assistant to the Director, Toronto.

"Everyone in Ontario, young or old, healthy or handicapped, should have opportunities to take part in satisfying and enjoyable activities of their own choice in their leisure time."

"The purpose of the S & R Bureau of the Ministry of Community and Social Services is to help make these recreational opportunities happen."

The above is just part of the introductory statement made by S & R Director, Robert Secord, in a new brochure which outlines quite clearly the role and function of the Bureau, in areas relating to Staff, its Services to Communities, Sports, Leadership Development, Leadership Camp, Resources and Regional Offices.

Get your copy from your regional office; get several - it could be a useful resource for your council and committee.

An attractive new brochure is also available outlining the Ontario Sports Achievement Awards Program. Awards are presented in four basic areas; participation, provincial recognition, Ontario sports achievement and special achievement.

for more information, write or call:

Coordinator, Special Projects
Sports and Recreation Bureau
400 University Avenue
23rd floor
TORONTO, M7A 1H9

phone: 416/ 965-6546

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dividend paid
to a disaster
before it is due.



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SWIMMING POOL MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION ANNUAL SEMINARS

A session on the new Ontario Regulations for Public Swimming Pools as well as more technical approaches to water chemistry, promises to be the highlights of the annual training seminar for public swimming pool staff at MOHAWK COLLEGE, April 26, 27 & 28.

Lectures on micro-biology, gas chlorine, feeders, filters, pumps, motors, and staffing will be presented by qualified instructors from the pool industry, as well as college faculty members.

The cost of the course this year includes examination fee, certificate and meals. Over 75 persons have registered for the two levels but there is room for more in both the beginner and advanced levels.

Members of the Association of Aquatics Personnel of Ontario will be present to outline their new professional organization as well as representatives from various swimming programming agencies.

In the past few years, the course was so tightly packed that not enough time was available for problem solving. This year sufficient time has been set aside for pool staff to get their concerns to a panel for help.

For application forms and further information; contact FRED MARTIN, Continuing Education Department, Mohawk College, 135 Fennell Ave. West, HAMILTON. 416/ 389-4461.

CENTENNIAL COLLEGE: RECREATION LEADERSHIP

Two courses leading to a diploma in recreation leadership will be offered through the Continuing Education Division during the time period May/June. Both are 3-credit courses and will be held at the Warden Woods Campus, 651 Warden Avenue in Scarborough.

The first course, "Creative Recreation" (RL-305-3) will be a workshop in ceramics, drama, graphics and arts and crafts. Enrolment is limited to 20, with sessions held on two weekends - May 3-5 and May 10-12.

The second course, "Administrative and Supervisory Services" (CS-205-3) is a 7-week course with enrolment restricted to individuals working in the field of recreation. It will be held every Monday and Wednesday evening from May 13 to June 25.

More information: RON FEIN, Centennial College - 416/ 694-3241, ext. 394, or PAT PRENTICE, ext. 207.

SENECA COLLEGE RECREATION FACILITIES MANAGEMENT COURSE

BILL HARE, RDMR is the Course Director and his faculty include ELEANOR BLAKE, RDMR and DAN PLASTINA, a recent Phys. Ed. Grad from University of Toronto. The RFMC is a two year, 4 semester, post secondary course designed to equip a student with sufficient expertise in a variety of areas to enable him to be of competent assistance in a short period following employment. Using the premise that the business of operating recreation facility is indeed a 'business', the thrust of the course is one of a practical nature.

The King Campus of Seneca is on the former Eaton estate on Dufferin Street just North of King City which affords students and faculty an opportunity to enjoy the magnificent natural setting which includes 696 acres of woods, fields, gardens and a picturesque lake.

HIGHLIGHT OF YOUR EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

An amazing amount of work is dealt with at each Executive Meeting: in addition to the great paper shuffle, which incidently is only exceded by each subsequent meeting, appointments have been made to various committees and liaisons. Past-President, Jim Maxwell, submitted a plan for executive duties and functions, and with a few minor revisions, it has been approved and accepted for the 1974 term.

The Consultive Committee on Recreation/Education has discussed the various course curriculums relating to recreation courses in the province, and are presently investigating two programmes: the Management Development Programme and Effective Supervisory Administration. The Training and Education Committee may consider having these two subjects made available at the Annual Training Institute.

As of March 2nd, 1974, we have 187 full members, 32 students and 5 honourary members. By comparison, we had 235 by the end of 1973. (Remember, membership recruitment is a responsibility of all members.)

Recently, many communities have hired management consultants skilled in municipal affairs, to investigate various segments of their operation. Of particular interest to the Society, has been the inquiry into municipal recreation departments, and the resulting recommendations for restructuring after their study. Mr. Al Beech, Stevenson Kellogg Management Consultant Firm representative attended an executive meeting and elaborated on some of his findings that were common to all recreation departments.

In most cases they are asked to investigate management effectiveness of a city or a particular department. With a recreation department, he indicated that in all cases staff were quite proficient in programme areas, but there seemed to be severe limitations in planning, organizing, setting goals, administration, motivation, time management, personal relationships (up to the board level and with subordinates). Also, latteral movement with other departments was questionable. These latter "difficulties" were by no means only applicable to the recreation departments.

As Mr. Beech suggested that further training in administration procedures and methods should be extended to recreation personnel, the Training and Education Committee has been instructed to investigate these possibilities for the Institute.

After much discussion, the Society will approach the Simcoe County Arts and Crafts Association to prepare a wall tapestry 3' x 5' of the SDMRO crest (cost not to exceed \$400.00) which will be used at all functions where the Society is being represented: Annual Meeting, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, OMRA conferences, etc. Hopefully, it will be ready for the 1974 Annual Meeting.

Another way to reach members is to be where they are, and one of the Executive Meetings which was held in Thunder Bay attracted a number of recreationists from the North West. They discussed items of mutual concern but professional development seemed to be of particular interest.

The Executive has also met with the Ontario Hockey Association and with the OMRA.

The Annual OMRA Conference will be held in Brantford this year, May 8th to 11th, and once again, the SDMRO will host its usual (unusual?) members BULL SESSION: Fri. May 10th at 1:00 pm in the President's Suite. Join us.

New Registrar, Wes Ogden, would also welcome the opportunity to meet and discuss with members, their plans for FELLOWSHIP papers. No special meeting time or place; look for him and meet with him at your convenience.

Blayne Rennick, RDMR, has resigned as Registrar and the post has been assigned to WES OGDEN. If you would like to discuss your Fellowship proposal, write to Wes c/o Welland Recreation Dept.,
35 Wavell Court
Welland L3C 2E8

GOVERNMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE

The OLTA has recently activated its "Government Liaison Committee" the general purpose of this Committee being to provide a ready means of communication between the OLTA and government authorities in matters of mutual interest for the benefit of tennis.

We believe that the two important roles this Committee might play would be to:

1. Provide assistance to Community Tennis Clubs and Municipal Authorities, throughout Ontario, in the organizational details of Community Clubs operating on publicly built facilities.
2. Provide assistance to Community Tennis Clubs and Municipal Authorities by keeping them aware of OLTA programs and services, which might increase utilization of existing facilities.

Since this Committee is a new endeavor, we have no fixed ideas on procedures but would be pleased to be given an opportunity to be of assistance to Authorities alike when questions of Public vs. Club Use of Municipal Tennis Facilities arise. With this in mind we would like to expand some thoughts on the above two items:

1. It is fairly well accepted by now, we think, that the universal increase in numbers of people playing (or wanting to play) tennis has outstripped, generally, the abilities of Municipalities to provide new facilities. In many localities this has led to complaints from the Public that Clubs usurp available facilities at the expense of the Public.

We feel that in most cases, it can and has been shown that the problem really is lack of sufficient courts and, far from preventing "public" use of facilities, Community Clubs generally are the most efficient way of gaining maximum use of whatever facilities there are.

Information to assist Clubs in providing this background, in detail, to their Municipalities or direct representation by the OLTA can be arranged as desired by the Clubs or Authorities involved in these discussions.

2. We believe that the programs and services now offered by the OLTA through various offices, such as the Technical Director or Committees such as Club Services and Player Development (which includes Junior Development), might be made available through local Clubs, to assist Municipal Authorities provide summer playground programs related to tennis.

We also hope that, with communication such as this, if there are other ways that the OLTA can more effectively assist local Clubs and Municipal Authorities to provide more and better tennis that we might hear of these and will be able to develop ways of meeting such needs.

Please let us hear from you.

Joe Dyer,
Chairman, Government Liaison
Committee
33 Canlish Road
Scarborough, Ontario M1P 1S5
Tel. (416) 757-0611

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Society of Directors of
Municipal Recreation of Ontario
1701 Woodroffe Avenue
OTTAWA, Ontario
K2G 1W2

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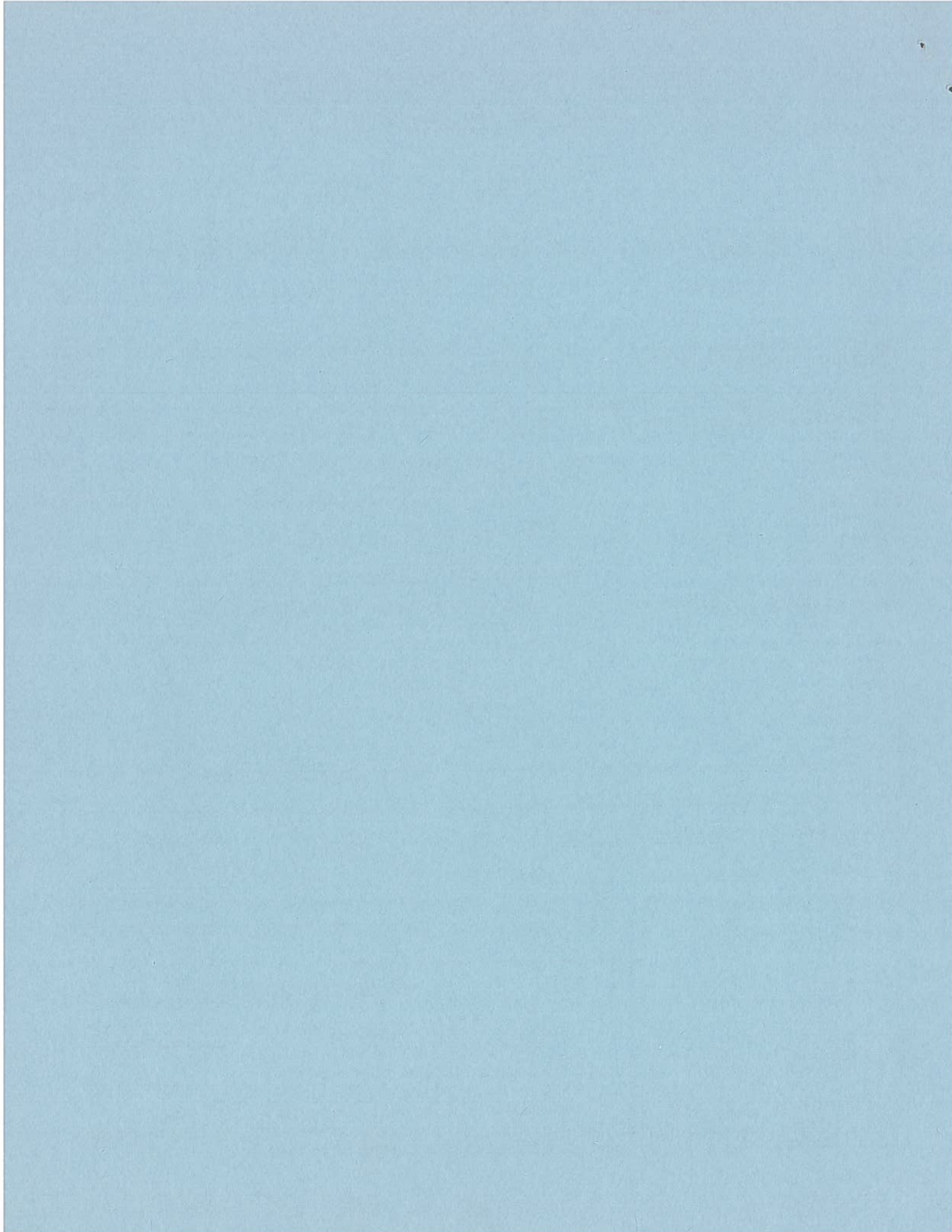
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Those persons changing to the related membership category or cancelling
their membership are no longer qualified to use the insignia.



From the Editor:

The increase in contributions to this edition has been incredible: from 17 contributing editors to 30, from 8 pages to 11, from 39 items to 69! All of which makes me very happy because it's my interpretation that YOU, the members, agree that this Newsletter is another way for you to get involved and be part of the Society. Great!

One concern: with all these new towns, townships and regions, we do need a new map of Ontario. Who's going to do it? and when? I need one now. Don't you?

With all the content in this issue - people, courses, facilities, new regulations, coming attractions, new ideas and developments, and notes from S & R and the SDMRO Executive, don't you think/feel that this sharing should continue and be extended? With this in mind, this last page has been designed so that you may simply tear off the back page, cut out the circulation form and indicate who you would like to have receive it ... other full time staff (and potential SDMRO members?), part time staff, community leaders, volunteers, your committee, club groups, potential recreation students, school boards, agencies you liaison with this is just a beginners' list. You know best who to share it with in your own home community.

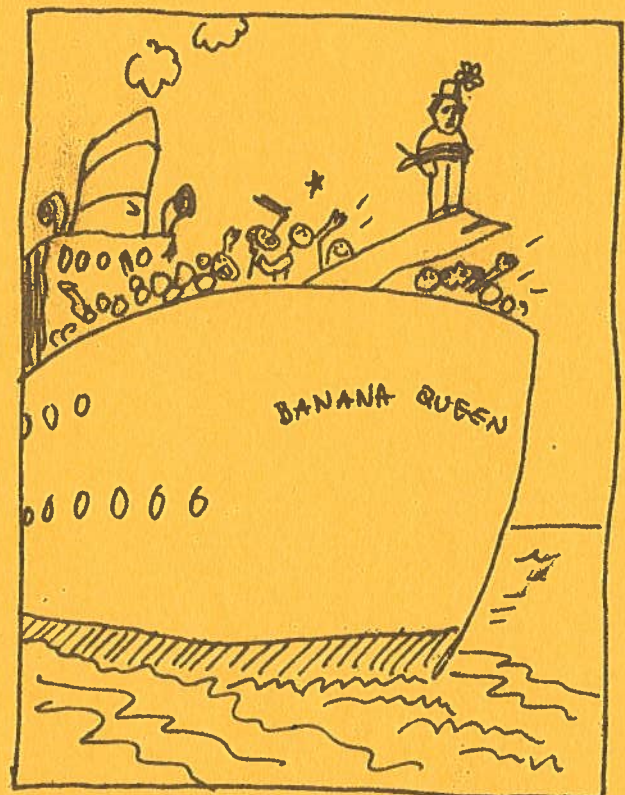
Notes, articles, jokes, tid-bits, etc. can be submitted prior to the next notice; it's often better to re-act and respond when you see something you'd like to send, so please do so:

Gail Brown, Editor
SDMRO Newsletter
3825 Richmond Road
Ottawa K2H 5C2

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"We warned you Mr. Recreation Director, that some people just like to read a book or nap in a deck chair!"

please circulate this

From the Editor

The increase in cost of living in this
country has been phenomenal. The
cost of living index for 1947 is 100.0
and for 1948 it is 112.5. This means
that the cost of living has increased
12.5% in one year. This is a very
serious situation and it is one
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