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EDITOR: CATHERINE ROSS

IF YOU CAN KEEP YOUR HEAD WHEN ALL ABOUT YOU ARE LOSING THEIRS,
IT MAY BE THAT YOU JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND THE SITUATION!!!

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Would all Camp Directors of O.C.A. do me a large favour? Would you find your copy of the OCA Code of Professional and Business Ethics and read it again? If you have misplaced your copy, would you contact the Office and request that one be sent?

The strength of this Association has been its people. The fine folks who have built this Association over the past fifty-five years have done so in the spirit of fellowship, sharing and support. It is my sincere hope that the O.C.A. will continue to flourish on this all-important strength.

Do you have a sense that the spirit of fellowship is turning to a sense of competition amongst some of our members? I do. And it saddens me.

Please realize that membership in O.C.A. carries with it the responsibility to uphold our Code of Professional and Business Ethics. Even if the rest of the world turns to lesser standards to reach desired goals, it does not mean that we in O.C.A. must follow.

As we shape the lives of children in our camps, remember that we cannot lead anyone any farther than we have gone ourselves.

JANE MCCUTCHEON
President

EDITORIAL

Recently during a staff dinner after our camp reunion, we got into an interesting discussion centering on the observation that, not infrequently, campers and staff exhibit dual personalities -- their camp personality and their city personality. We agreed that the camp personality was more real and more desirable and pondered why this was so. Several explanations were offered:

a) At camp you are free to be yourself released from the pressures of school, exams, schedules, commitments and parental expectations.

b) It is impossible to sustain a charade at camp when you are living and working with people twenty-four hours a day.

I liked the last explanation best:

c) "At camp, I can be myself because I know somebody will still love me!"

CATHERINE ROSS
Editor

FROM THE EDITOR

Let me introduce our current Board. Seventeen of the nineteen members are employed full-time in camping with their total years of experience in the field numbering 439. Our average age is 36 and we admit to parenting at present 19 1/2 children. The majority of us represent private, residential camps, but agency and day camp representatives are included.



Left to right

Front: Liz Greenway, V.P., Ted Cole, V.P., Jane McCutcheon, President, Fred Okada, Past President, Diane Blair, V.P.

Middle: Joanne Dwhyte, Aquatics, Patti Thom, Secretary, Marjorie Booth, Directors' Conference, Catherine Ross, Editor, Michael Greenbloom, Day Camping, John Jorgenson, Archives.

Rear: Jim Hopkins, Environmental Concerns, Bruce Wilson, Membership, Bob Smith, Treasurer, Rob Heming, Government Rep., Michael Southam, Public Relations, Michael Pearse, Counsellor Conference.

Missing: Pauline Marston, Education, Barbara Gilbert, Standards.

Photographer: Bruno Morawetz.

Despite our inability at times to restrict our discussions from wandering verbosely or to phrase our motions succinctly, we are, nonetheless, a well-educated group. We have travelled throughout Ontario and as far as St. Andrews and Edinburgh in Scotland and Lyon in France to obtain degrees in Biology, Business Administration, Commerce and Computer Science, Economics, Education, English, Environmental Studies, Geography, Physical Education, Psychology, Recreation and Science. In addition, we have a Master of Arts, Business Administration and Education. No Doctorates as yet!

We can draw on the experience of many who arrived at camping through teaching, business and recreation, and some who have held interesting and diversified positions in earlier years. In our midst we have a research biologist, a 3M marketing analyst, an administrator of Maple Leaf Gardens, a logger, a taxi driver, and a young man who

enjoyed a brief career (three days to be exact!) as a paper boy for the Kitchener-Waterloo Record.

Fitness Canada would be proud of us as role models for our campers. We play squash, baseball, basketball, volleyball, tennis, hockey, and ski, paddle, hike, swim, water-ski, row, sail, kayak, jog and cycle -- exhausting! Only one member admits to sporting a spare tire from years of sitting on boards and committees.

Most board members were modest in their response to item 10 of the survey i.e. Awards and Achievements. However, one admitted to winning the Tidy Cabin Award as a nine-year-old -- an auspicious beginning to a career in camping!

Finally, the board was invited to share their dreams for O.C.A. Their aspirations included: 500 member camps, province-wide recognition, unlimited finances and resources, more public awareness of the benefits of camping and last but not least, our own office building in a beautiful park setting! Dream on and success to our new O.C.A. Board.

CATHERINE ROSS
Editor

OCA BOARD UPDATE

1. Discussion and initial work on the priorities identified through the results of the Operational Review:

- a) clarification of the mandate to the Membership
- b) reorganization of the structure of the Board and Executive Committee
- c) recruitment, training and recognition of volunteers
- d) fund raising.

2. Development of an Ethics Complaint Procedure.

3. Development of Presidential Appointments for short term projects and tasks.

4. Investigation of new categories for O.C.A. membership.

5. In May, your Executive Committee will be involved in a comprehensive breakfast meeting to discuss long term planning strategy for the Association.

THIS & THAT

The profit from the O.C.A. Lottery was \$5176.51. In addition, two winners donated portions of their prize. Ted Cole returned \$2500 and Addy Fine \$200. Other donations were made to the lottery in the amount of \$400.

Those persons who are engaged in municipal research related to parks, arenas, aquatics, recreation, leisure, tourism, special populations, etc., are invited to submit proposals for papers to be included in this special municipal issue.

Papers must deal with topics of interest to municipal parks and recreations departments.

Submit proposals for papers to the undersigned.

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Guest Editor - Recreation Research Review
Town of Elliott Lake
Parks and Recreation Department
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Elliott Lake, Ontario
P5A 1X5
1-(705)-461-7221, Ext. 237

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After five years in our office, we regretfully say goodbye to June Bonvivere, but wish her well in her new position at M.T.R. We welcome Mrs. Fiorenza Hawryluk, her replacement.

CATHERINE ROSS
Editor



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BLUE LAKE AND ROCKY SHORE

The question has been asked, over and over again: "How did we come by our title?"

It seemed to be the most natural decision in the world. One afternoon following a long session, the entire Editorial Committee relaxed around Adele Ebbs' lovely refectory table in her dining room, studying in complete silence a list of twenty-seven suggested titles. The minutes ticked by. Not a sound came from anyone, until one member began to hum, very gently, the first three bars of our favourite "Blue Lake and Rocky Shore".

"There it is", one voice said excitedly; "it's our title." "Of course", said another. "It's a natural." "Why didn't we think of it before?"

There was no going back. It was a unanimous decision, with not one word of dissent.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

AQUATIC NEWS

Congratulations to Doe Lake Girl Guide Camp for being the 1987 winners of the RLSSC Chapman Cup. Congratulations also to Camp Glen Bernard who finished second.

WORKSHOP FOR CAMP HEALTH STAFF

A very keen committee of camp nurses is planning the 8th Workshop for camp health staff. Once again, it will be held at Bolton Conference Centre. The dates are May 14 at noon until May 15 at noon - a new format. Everyone involved in the health program is invited to join us and, in particular, nurses who are new to camp. Come and find out the role of the camp nurse, get a first aid up-date, talk to a health inspector and more.

Directors! If money seems a problem, we are sure the nurse would pay half the registration or even all of it.

Registration forms are available at the O.C.A. office.

MARY CASEY

"CALLING ALL CAMPERS"

Onondaga, one of the oldest summer camps in the Canadian camping community, invites all old campers, staff and friends to return to the camp in Minden, Ontario and celebrate our 70th Anniversary or attend our commemorative dinner scheduled this Fall on October 8 in Toronto. The reunion will bring together several generations of alumni from all over North America and beyond. Old campers and staff members share in a diverse history of achievements at Onondaga, from the arts to wilderness camping.

For more information on Reunion '88:

All old Onondagans are urged to contact the Camp Administrative Director, Doug McMilland, at our Toronto offices:
950 Yonge Street, Suite 200
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Tel: (416)323-9090
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CELEBRATE CANADA'S FITWEEK, MAY 20-29, 1988

The YWCA of Canada will be hosting mass walking events at local YWCA and YM-YWCA facilities. You will be walking 5 km routes through scenic areas of your community with all kinds of people. There will be prizes, refreshments, balloons, t-shirts, giveaways, fun, laughter and more. Get a group together and come out to meet the crowd!

To find out when and where a walk will be taking place, contact the YWCA or YM-YWCA facilities nearest you.

TRAINING '88:

Do you need to re-certify your swimming awards? Register for Training '88 and re-cert your NLS, CPR, Bronze Cross and Instructors.

DATE: May 14 and May 15

LOCATION: Wallace Emerson Pool, City of Toronto Parks and Recreation

DEADLINE: April 29, 1988.

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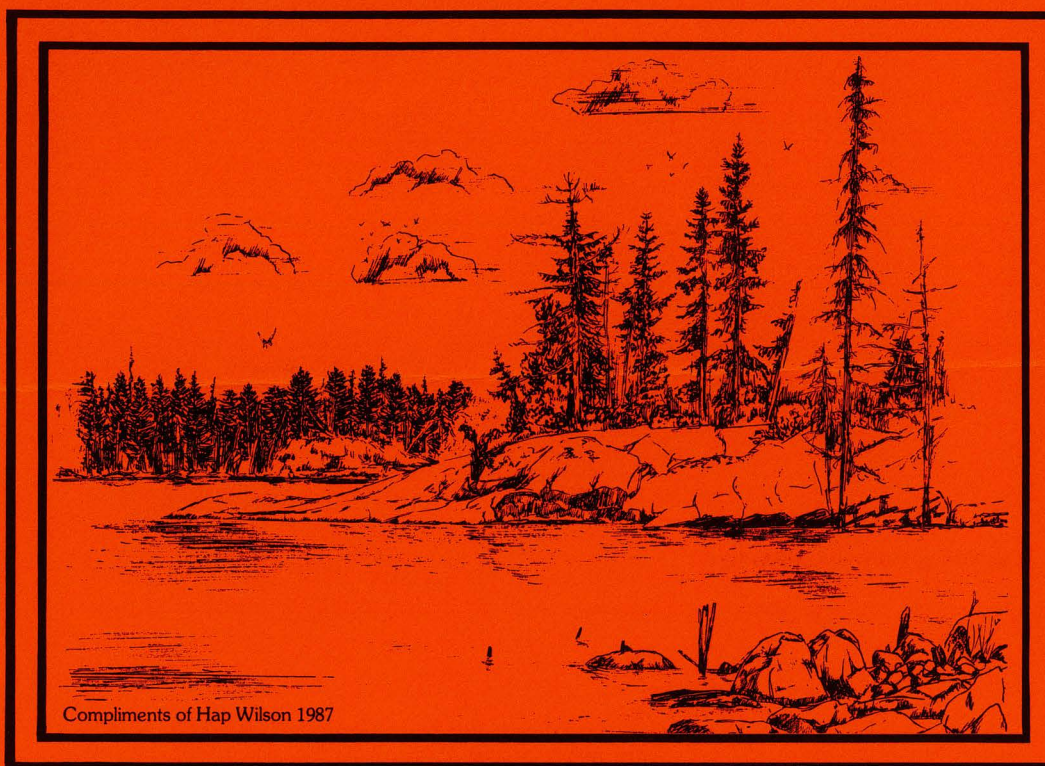
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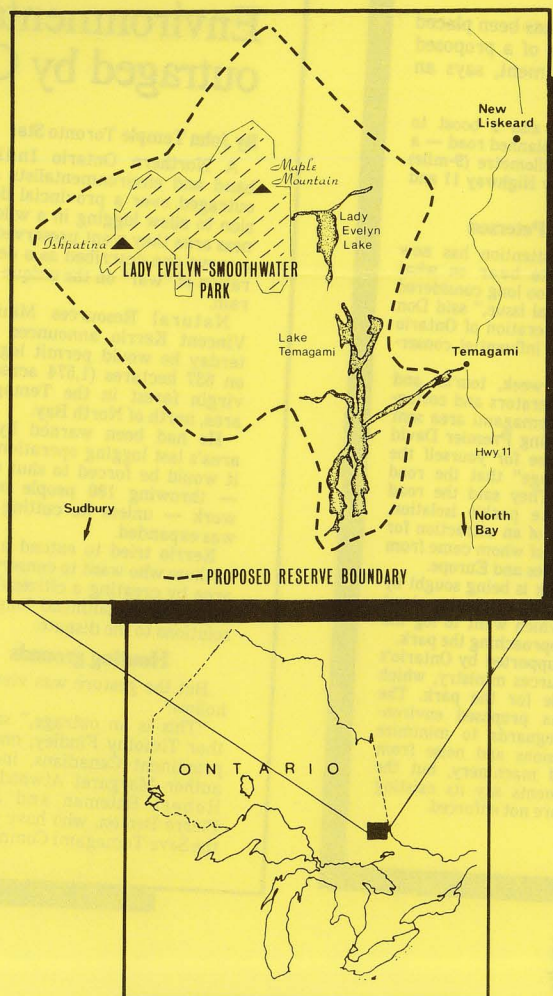
The Last Stand Temagami Wilderness

WORLD-RANKED ENDANGERED AREA

In November 1986, the heart of this wilderness was added to the world-wide Threatened Areas Register because of logging plans (see reverse side). On the list are 76 other areas around the world, including a park near Chernobyl and an African area where rhinos are threatened.

WHAT MAKES TEMAGAMI UNIQUE?

- Centuries-old red and white pine, some of the oldest living;
- The last major accessible wilderness in eastern Canada;
- The world's source of the nearly extinct aurora trout;
- One of the largest concentrations of prehistoric and historic archeological sites on the Canadian Shield;
- The only known complete network of "nastawgan" — traditional aboriginal trails — largely intact and some as old as 3,000 years;
- Canada's largest interconnected canoe-route system;
- The highest point in Ontario, Ishpatina;
- Some of the largest nesting concentrations of great blue herons, ospreys, pine warblers and merlins in Ontario;
- Some of the most majestic scenery in Canada;
- Homeland of the Teme-Augama Nation — the Deep Water People — for 6,000 years.



The Society has stopped roads and low-level bomber training, documented unique natural and scientific features, and brought the plight of the area to the attention of the world.

WILL WE LOSE IT?

The Minister of Natural Resources has made positive moves toward preservation in the face of the timber-industry lobby. He cannot continue without a show of strong public support to preserve Temagami.

YOU CAN HELP!

One membership pays for half a display map or three long distance phone calls. It is also a powerful statement to a decision-maker that you care.

Show the Ontario government that you care about Temagami.

WRITE OR TELEPHONE:

The Honourable David Peterson
Premier of Ontario
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Toronto, Ontario
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Tell Premier David Peterson:

Stop the logging of Temagami NOW. Preserve this world treasure for ourselves and future generations.

Send a copy as a letter-to-the-editor to your local newspaper and more than double its impact.

WHY LOG IT?

Temagami is less than 3/10 of 1 percent of the area of Ontario. The loss of logging jobs can be prevented by processing timber in the North.

WHAT IS THE SOCIETY?

The Temagami Wilderness Society is a non-profit, citizens' coalition dedicated to the research, public understanding and conservation of this wild place.



TEMAGAMI WILDERNESS SOCIETY

Council of Patrons: Margaret Atwood • Robert Bateman • Pierre Berton • Timothy Findley • David Suzuki

Wilderness area put on world list as threatened site

By David Israelson Toronto Star

A unique Northern Ontario wilderness park has been placed on a worldwide list of threatened areas because of a proposed logging road backed by the provincial government, says an international conservation group.

The Lady Evelyn-Smoothwater Provincial Park near Temagami, north of North Bay, is one of 23 threatened areas on the list and its name can be taken off only "if corrective measures are taken," says the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources.

The list includes one other site in Canada (in Quebec), a nature area in the Soviet Union threatened by the Chernobyl nuclear disaster and a park in the Central African Republic, where rhinos and elephants are being exterminated and cattle are carrying a form of plague.

3,000 scientists

The nature union, based in Switzerland, is the world's largest alliance of conservation organizations. Its 520 members include governments, government agencies and private conservation groups, and the organization has access to more than 3,000 scientists.

The union says it placed the Lady Evelyn park — known for its good fishing and canoeing — on the list because of the "development of a new access road to allow forestry operations" in the area.

"A listing is a red flag, saying there is danger and something should be done," said Jim Thorsell of the international group in a statement.

The listing is also a boost to opponents of the planned road — a \$1.5 million, 15-kilometre (9-mile) link between busy Highway 11 and the park.

Invites Peterson

"Worldwide attention has now been brought to bear on what many have for too long considered to be only a local issue," said Don Huff of the Federation of Ontario Naturalists, an influential conservation group.

Earlier this week, tourist and youth camp operators and cottagers from the Temagami area sent a telegram asking Premier David Peterson to "see for yourself the potential damage" that the road would cause. They said the road would end the park's isolation, making it less of an attraction for visitors, many of whom come from the United States and Europe.

The road link is being sought by two lumber mills, employing about 250 people, which want to log the pine forest approaching the park.

It is also supported by Ontario's natural resources ministry, which is responsible for the park. The ministry has proposed environmental safeguards to minimize visual intrusions and noise from vehicles and machinery, but the road's opponents say its existing safeguards are not enforced.

Logging approved in virgin forest

Environmentalists, Indians outraged by Ontario decision

By John Temple Toronto Star

A Northern Ontario Indian band and environmentalists are outraged over a provincial decision to allow logging in a wilderness area they want preserved — a move one described as a declaration of "war" on the unique terrain.

Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio announced yesterday he would permit logging on 637 hectares (1,574 acres) of virgin forest in the Temagami area, north of North Bay.

He had been warned by the area's last logging operation that it would be forced to shut down — throwing 180 people out of work — unless its cutting area was expanded.

Kerrio tried to extend a hand to those who want to conserve the area by creating a citizens' committee to recommend long-term solutions to the dispute.

Hunting grounds

But the gesture was viewed as hollow.

"This is an outrage," said author Timothy Findley, one of 10 prominent Canadians, including author Margaret Atwood, artist Robert Bateman and author Pierre Berton, who have formed the Save Temagami Committee.

"Now we are really in a stage where there is a war," Findley said. "The war I'm talking about is not a war between us and them. It's a war between his department of the government and the environment."

Gary Potts, chief of the Temagami Anishnabai (Deepwater people) band, called the decision "extremely contemptible." The lands to be logged are hunting grounds for the band.

The band is challenging Ontario's jurisdiction over 10,360 square kilometres (4,000 square miles) in the area in the Ontario Supreme Court.

Brian Back, spokesman for the Temagami Wilderness Society, said he, too, is prepared to fight the decision.

The forest near the Lady Evelyn-Smoothwater Provincial Park includes white and red pines nearly 400 years old and 3,000-year-old Indian trails, Back said. It is the last large wilderness area accessible to residents of Eastern Canada.

Kerrio was surprised by the depth of anger over his decision. "They're carrying that way beyond any reason," he said.



TEMAGAMI WILDERNESS SOCIETY

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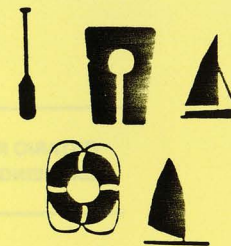
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AQUATIC'S UPDATE



THE OCA AQUATICS COMMITTEE IS TRYING TO KEEP YOU INFORMED AS TO WHEN AND WHERE YOU CAN FIND INFORMATION ON TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES AND NEW PROGRAM IDEAS. THE FOLLOWING REPRESENTS ONLY A FEW OF THE EVENTS HAPPENING IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

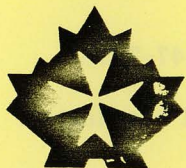


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