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## Canadian Hydrographic Association

### Central Branch

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*Please note: on 4 October 1993 our area code changed from (416) to (905)*

## Central Branch Committees

### Membership/Nominations/Elections

Terese Herron, Jon Biggar, Jennifer Campbell.

### International Members

Terese Herron, Andrew Leyzack, Larry Robbins,  
Sam Weller.

### Lighthouse

Terese Herron, Chris Gorski, Sam Weller.

### Social Events

BBQ: J. Campbell, Jon Biggar, Chris Gorski.  
AGM: S. Hinds, J. Biggar, J. Campbell, T. Herron.  
H2O: Brad Tinney, Brian Power, Dave Pyatt.

### Seminar

S. Hinds, C. Gorski, A. Leyzack, K. McMillan.

### NewsLetter

Sam Weller, Jim Berry, Chris Gorski,  
Terese Herron, Andrew Leyzack, Larry Robbins.

### Wade Essay Award

Andrew Leyzack, Sean Hinds.

### Heritage Launch

Sean Hinds, Jim Berry, Andrew Leyzack,  
Ken McMillan, Brian Power.

Notes from the Branch Vice-President

Here we go again. Another newsletter and another space to fill. I'm writing this from Cambridge Bay, N.W.T., where I am participating in a hydrographic and gravity survey for 7 weeks. It is definitely winter here with temperatures ranging from -35°C to -42°C. But visibility is good and the sun is shining.

Something new for our members; in addition to Lighthouse and the Central Branch NewsLetter, you will now receive "Contour", a newsletter published by the Canadian Hydrographic Service. Contour features the Electronic Chart and was thought to be of interest to our members. It is published twice a year and by now you should have received two issues. If you did not receive yours please let us know.

The unaudited 1993 year end financial statement circulated in the last newsletter and accepted at the 15 Feb. meeting has passed its audit and will be presented to the AGM in April. Thanks Rick. The treasurer's report in this newsletter shows activity in our account to 10 Feb., though it was not presented to this meeting.

The CHA Directors Meeting and the 1994 Annual General Meeting will be held in Victoria, BC, this April in conjunction with the CIG Conference. All CHA members are welcome at the AGM, so if you are going to be near Victoria on 19 April, come on out to the meeting. Any member having items to include in the Agenda, please forward them to Sean Hinds at our Burlington address.

And for those of you back home in the balmy -5°C Burlington/Toronto area, mark the March 12 H<sub>2</sub>O Bonspiel on your calendar. It'll be a fun day.

Back to the frostbite.

- Terese Herron

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Next Meetings

a) The 1994 Directors Meeting and the 1994 AGM of the CHA will be on April 18 and 19, respectively, in Victoria, BC. Please send us any agenda items or other matters you would like discussed at these meetings. Agenda items must be received by us before 7 April to allow time for them to be circulated to the Directors.

b) If you can't make it to Victoria, CHA members are invited to HMCS York [in Toronto] on 18 April at 17:00 [social time] for an 18:00 meeting of the Company of Master Mariners. Capt. G. Ouderkirk will give an illustrated talk on an aspect of the maritime history of Toronto and region.

c) The next Central Branch meeting is at 19:00 on Wed. 28 April at Sam Weller's home: 4062 Lorraine Crescent, Burlington [just south of New Street and east of Walkers Line]. We hope to have a speaker from the Canadian Coast Guard base at Sarnia to tell us about their Vessel Traffic Services (VTS) operations.

Central Branch of CHA

Treasurer's Report to 10 February 1994

Balance forward 31 December 1993: \$ (363.35)

Receipts

Membership Dues	\$ 1,274.51
CHA Shirts	35.00
CHA Mugs	82.00
Books	25.00
Bank Interest	0.79
	\$ 1,417.30
	\$ 1,053.95

Expenditures

Meetings	42.50
Heritage Launch	56.00
Bank Charges	1.00
	\$ 99.50

Balance 10 February 1994: \$ 954.45

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[Note: To assist the Editorial team, some Lighthouse income and expenditures (reported below) are handled by the Central Branch treasurer. The balance is held available and is passed to Lighthouse on request.]

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Lighthouse "Convenience" Account

Balance forward 31 December 1993: \$ 1,361.17

Receipts

Subscriptions	\$ 614.02
Back issues	10.00
	\$ 624.02
	\$ 1,985.19

Expenditures

nil

Balance 10 February 1994: \$ 1,985.19

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"Those are great prizes! If we curl twice, do we get twice the prizes?"



Minutes of General Meeting of CENTRAL BRANCH held on 15 February 1994

1) The 2nd General Meeting of 1994 was held at Keith Weaver's home in Burlington. Vice-President Terese Herron welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm.

Attendees:

Terese Herron - V.P.  
Andrew Leyzack - Secretary  
Jon Biggar Jennifer Campbell Ken Dixel  
Heimo Duller Ken McMillan John Medendorp  
Dave Pyatt Brian Power Ab Rogers  
Keith Weaver Bill Warrender Sam Weller  
Ian McNeil (RCMP, Lake Ontario Marine Unit)  
Keith Clifford (Port Meteorological Officer)

2) The minutes of the 19 January 1994 meeting were circulated in the last newsletter and were available at the meeting.

- Moved B. Power/D. Pyatt CARRIED

3) Treasurer's Report: Terese stated that the 1993 year-end treasurer's report was still in the process of being audited by Rick Sandilands but motioned for its acceptance subject to a satisfactory audit.

- Moved J. Weller/H. Duller CARRIED

4) Social: Brian reminded everyone that as in the past, this year's H2O Bonspiel is open to any participants and encouraged first time curlers to come out for March 12, afternoon, at the Dundas Granite Curling Club. Applications were mailed out in our last newsletter and Brian will be distributing registration forms at the CCIW curling nights. Brian explained the reason for switching from the Grimsby club was due to a scheduling problem while attempting to avoid conflict with the PSAC Bonspiel date. Brian also thanked the sponsors who have contributed thus far.

5) Correspondence: International member Larry Robbins has agreed to continue writing for the newsletter, sharing his column with guests such as Gary Chisholm of Trimble Navigation New Zealand Ltd.

6) Lighthouse: Terese reported that Edition No. 48 is ready to go to press and is expected back in 1-2 weeks.

7) Membership Committee: Terese reported 27 in-house, 12 out-house, 12 international and 2 sustaining members have paid up for 1994.

8) Heritage Launch: Andrew called for Bingo volunteers to come forward at the meeting in order that a program may be established with Bingo World. Paola Travaglini has hand-completed a solid mahogany photo album for the collection of Heritage Launch photos and memorabilia. Sean met with Mr.

Maurice Smith, curator of the Marine Museum of the Great Lakes at Kingston, and provided an in-house tour including the launch. Mr. Smith is interested in hosting a combined CHS/CHA hydrographic exhibit with the launch at the museum next winter.

9) Wade Essay: Andrew stated that the mailings for the Wade Essay Award will be mailed out by March 7. Thanks to Susan Pugh at CIG for her co-operation with compiling the college/university mailing list.

10) A motion was made to adjourn the business meeting.  
- Moved B. Power/J. Biggar CARRIED  
The business part of the meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

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The attendees were then entertained by speaker Keith Clifford from Environment Canada's Port Meteorological Office, Hamilton.

Keith's slide show was most informative in detailing Environment Canada's Great Lakes ship-board and land-based meteorological monitoring stations.

We then indulged in the usual gastronomic delights, pizza and beer.

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Central Branch gets Internet access

by Keith Weaver

Announcing the construction of a CHA InfoServer on the World-Wide Web (WWW). This information network is made available through the Canada Centre for Inland Waters here in Burlington Ontario. This means that people all over the world can browse through this WWW site if they have Internet access.

General CHA information and the Central Branch NewsLetters will be posted as well as a few documents on the Heritage Launch. The URL (Uniform Resource Locator) to access CCIW is <http://www.cciw.ca/> and the CHA information is presented deep under the Canada Centre for Inland Waters (home-page); Organizational Components at CCIW; Canadian Hydrographic Service; CHA (Professional Affiliates).

Internet E-mail:

I'd be happy to hear from any browsers, so send e-mail with your comments to [WEAVER@burdfo.bur.dfo.ca](mailto:WEAVER@burdfo.bur.dfo.ca) or to [Keith.Weaver@cciw.ca](mailto:Keith.Weaver@cciw.ca).

[Editors Note: All Executive members except Ken McMillan can be reached via Internet by addressing mail to [SURNAME@burdfo.bur.dfo.ca](mailto:SURNAME@burdfo.bur.dfo.ca) (for example [HERRON@burdfo.bur.dfo.ca](mailto:HERRON@burdfo.bur.dfo.ca)). Give it a try!]

Jim Berry's column



After five years of writing for the back page, and no longer representing you on the Executive Committee, I thought it would be an appropriate time to pass the responsibility of bringing class and dignity to the back page, to a fellow outhouser.

Upon receiving the first issue since my retirement, I settled down in front of the fireplace with my ration of rum. I feverishly opened the envelope to reveal the December '93 issue of the newsletter. I turned immediately to the back page, as all faithful Outhousers would, only to find highlights from the AGM. Not too impressive for the all-important back page. I began to wonder, if I had written a column in December, I could have helped the new members of the Exec. with a self-evaluation test to judge if they had what it takes.

Maybe something like this:

- do you know anything about hydrography? If yes, score yourself 10 points;
- if you answered no to the above but have ever been in a boat, score 10 points;
- if you have a passion for wooden boats, score 1,793 points;
- if you have attended a Branch meeting in the past twelve months, score 5 points for each meeting attended;
- if you have driven over 100 km to attend a meeting, you get 5 points additional for each meeting;
- are you married? Subtract 15 points;
- if you answered yes to the above and your spouse is supportive and patient, score 2 points for each year of marriage;
- if you have children, subtract points equivalent to their total ages;
- do you enjoy writing or editing for newsletters or magazines? If yes, give yourself 50 points;
- score 5 points for each year that you have been a member of the CHA plus a bonus of 50 additional points for any previous years served on the Executive;
- if you are presently seeing a psychiatrist or will be at any time during your term of office, you automatically qualify and are not required to total your score.

For the rest of you, if you scored more than 1,793 points, congrats, you have what it takes to be a member of the Central Branch Executive.

If you scored less than 1,793 points, start this test over again and cheat this time.

Good luck to the 1994 Exec. We look forward to the new blood, new ideas, new energy, and don't forget, you're covered by OHIP.

When the January '94 issue arrived, I flipped to the back. Finally class returns to the back page. Gary Chisholm fills the column with news from New Zealand and an update on DGPS systems. I'll be looking forward to his next column or Larry's in the February issue, I thought.

Then, out of the blue, editor Sam called.

"Jim, can I have your outhouse column for the February issue by Monday?"

"Sorry, Sam, but I've retired from the back page," I replied. "Gary did a great job, or how about Larry Robbins?"

"I'll give you until Tuesday then," says Sam.

"OK, I'll do it one more time," I replied.

Now, if only I can think of something appropriate to write about...

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\*\*\* SPECIAL EVENT \*\*\*

The Central Branch H<sub>2</sub>O Bonspiel on Saturday March 12th is quickly approaching. It is looking forward to being a great day as registrations are now arriving with the same interest we have had in the past.

Several companies have already provided generous donations to the prizes for this event. They include: Geodimeter, Questor Tangent, R. C. Marine, Terra Surveys, Aerodat, Aanderaa, and the Canadian Hydrographic Service. Thank you to these companies who have quickly helped sponsor this event. There is still time for other companies and individuals to participate in this 23rd annual H<sub>2</sub>O Bonspiel, either as curlers or as sponsors.

Please call the 1994 H<sub>2</sub>O Bonspiel Co-ordinator (Brad Tinney) at 905-336-4728 (905-336-4819 fax) for more information.

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Aerodat took the Adspot this month. They specialize in helicopter geophysics on an international basis and also provide fixed-wing services. In addition to rented aircraft, their fleet includes a Cessna 404, complete with radiometric and high sensitivity magnetometer, and a Navajo Chieftain which will be working in South America, Africa and Indonesia this year.

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