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### Canadian Hydrographic Association

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### 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

Spring is here and I have returned from the Arctic. I will be away again for another month but there was a CHA Central Branch meeting during my two weeks at home. This second meeting of the year was held on May 3 at the Weller residence. Following the business meeting, John Halsall shared with us some of his experiences and activities overseas in China.

As summer approaches, Central Branch is gearing up for some summertime activities, and there are several of these for members to participate in. The first is the annual CHA summer BBQ being held at the Gorski residence in Kilbride on Saturday 24 June. See the note below and the insert in this newsletter for details.

The launch 'Surveyor' will be participating in approximately four events this year, the first is Aquafest in Hamilton on July 22 & 23, then The Louisbourg Voyage, Louisbourg (Nova Scotia) on July 28 – 30, followed by A Row up the Nottawasaga River on August 11 to 13, and Canal Days in Port Colborne on August 18 & 19. We always need more volunteers to help, so give us a call.

We also have coming up the CHA Director's meeting on May 27; I will have more on that in the next newsletter. The summer newsletter will come out in July... if you would like to contribute please contact Sam; we are always glad of interesting items.

Our fall schedule of meetings will be September 20, October 24, and December 7. In the meantime I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer.

- Terese

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Next Meeting

Our next "meeting" is our 9th Annual Summer Barbecue, on Saturday 24 June. Chris and Lucy Gorski have kindly offered to be our hosts this year.

The address: 1193 Derry Road, Campbellville, which is about 18 km NW of CCIW, right up Brant Street and Cedar Springs Road, or about 32 km west of Highway 10, or 7 km SE of exit 312 on Highway 401. Easy to get to from every direction.

Hotdogs, hamburgers & fixin's, beer, wine and pop are provided, but please bring a salad or dessert if you can, and a lawnchair would be a good idea.

"A warm welcome and cold beer await," as Chris puts it. Thanks, Chris, and hope to see you all there! See if we can beat last year's record turn-out.

(And mark Thursday 7 December on your calendar: "CHA AGM & Dinner." Do it now, lest you forget.)

Central Branch of CHA

Treasurer's Report to 3 May 1995

Balance forward 31 December 1994: \$ 670.48

Receipts

Membership Dues	\$ 1,873.39	
Donation	3.00	
H2O Bonspiel receipts	1,338.50	
Bank Interest	1.99	
		\$ 3,216.88
		\$ 3,887.36

Expenditures

H2O Bonspiel expenses	\$ 1,538.50	
Postage	58.72	
Bank Charges	4.00	
		\$ 1,601.22

Balance 3 May 1995: \$ 2,286.14

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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 1994: \$ 2,985.68

Receipts

Subscriptions	\$ 1,157.49	\$ 1,157.49
		\$ 4,143.17

Expenditures

Postage	\$ 522.45	
Transfer to Lighthouse	3,000.00	
		\$ 3,522.45

Balance 3 May 1995: \$ 620.72

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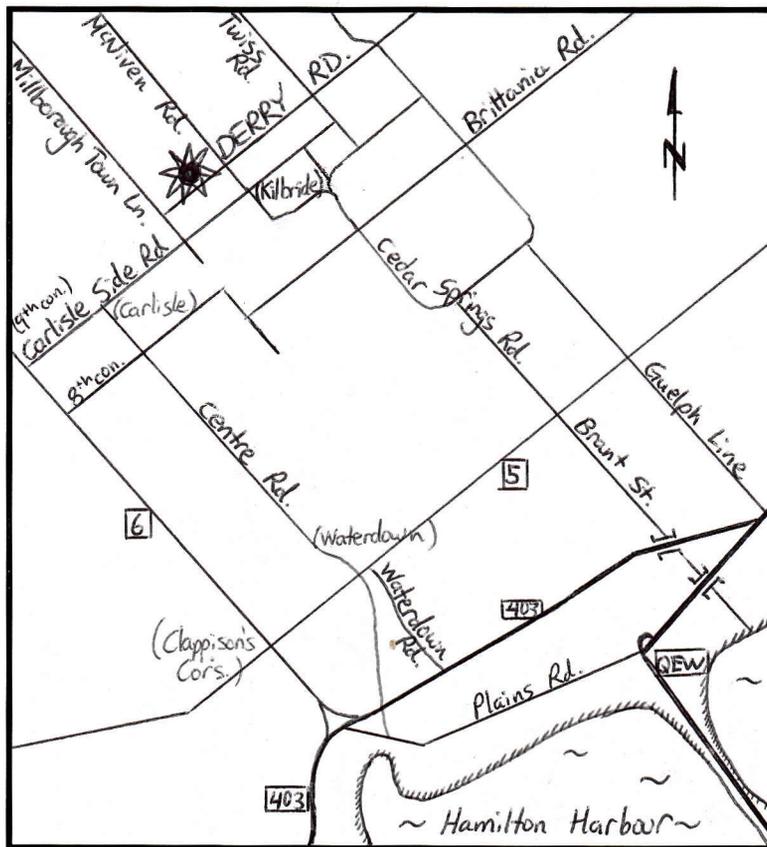
Bonspiel Co-coordinators Brian Power and Jacqueline Miles congratulate Second Place Skip Don Kennedy

All CHA members, friends and families are invited to the  
Canadian Hydrographic Association  
Central Branch

# ANNUAL BARBECUE

*Saturday, June 24, 1995  
3:00 pm*

*at 1193 Derry Rd. , R.R. 3 Campbellville  
home of Chris and Lucy Gorski*



\* 1193 Derry Rd.  
on N. side, between  
McNiven Rd. and  
Millborough Town Line

Hotdogs and hamburgers with all the fixings,  
beer, wine and pop provided.  
Please bring a salad or dessert and a lawnchair.

See you at the BBQ!

Minutes of General Meeting of CENTRAL BRANCH held on 3 May 1995

1) This General Meeting was at Sam Weller's home in Burlington. Terese called the meeting to order at 19:15 and welcomed everyone, with a word of thanks to Beth and Sam. Regrets from A. Leyzack, now en route to Greenland and unable to attend.

Attendees:

Terese Herron	- V-P	
Sam Weller	- A/Secretary	
Jim Berry	Gil Bibby	Jennifer Campbell
Joe DelleFave	John Dixon	Heimo Duller
John Halsall	Sean Hinds	Peter Knight
John Medendorp	Brian Power	Ab Rogers
Paola Travaglini	Bill Warrender	

2) The minutes of the 18 January 1995 meeting were circulated in the last newsletter and available.

- Moved J. Weller/S. Hinds. CARRIED

3) In Andrew's absence, John Dixon has been acting Treasurer. Terese presented the Treasurer's Report.

- Moved J. Halsall/S. Hinds CARRIED.

4) Terese reported that the Central Branch Executive met in January to establish the 1995 Committees. [The Central Branch committees for 1995 are as noted on the front page of this NewsLetter.]

5) Committee Reports.

Membership: (J. Campbell) 31 paid up In-house Branch Members [out of 43]; Jennifer said e-mail reminders went out today and should get a good response. Of last year's 21 Out-house members, 13 are paid for 1995, and 17 International. Reminders will be mailed with the NewsLetter. One Sustaining Member has already paid and we have high hopes that the others will subscribe again this year. We feel that the Sustaining Members get good value for their \$150 fee (of which \$50 stays with the Branch to cover mailing costs etc).

Seminar: (Sean Hinds) No firm plans for fall seminars at the moment. Thanks to Leica, Canada, we recently presented the video "Mount Everest 8,846.10 m". This was to be a CHA event, but by request was presented as part of a recent CHS Staff meeting. Our next CHA meeting will be our annual Summer BBQ.

Heritage Launch: (Sean) Brian and Sean picked up the launch at the Kingston Museum this past week-end. It is in good condition but needs some light maintenance.

Gil Bibby invited us all to come to Aquafest, Hamilton, July 22-23; volunteer help is needed. He has received several requests for "the Heritage Boats" to take part in Heritage events this coming summer. Anyone able to help will be very welcome. He would really appreciate it if our launch could also take part in Aquafest.

Sean said we'd received a warm invitation to take part in the Louisburg (Nova Scotia) events, along with some money for expenses, though not enough to get our launch there. An event to commemorate the Royal

Newfoundland Regiment involves a 20 mile row down the Wasaga River and overnight encampment on Nancy Island. But we don't need to do the 300 mile sail that follows! Sean will convene a Launch Committee meeting in the next few days.

Lighthouse: Terese said that Bruce Richards has now officially retired as Editor. Dave Pugh, our National President, plans to be Editor after his Presidency concludes at the end of 1995. Terese has agreed to act as Editor until then; this involves getting out the two 1995 Editions. The coming Edition (# 51) will be a HydroComm issue, with four papers from the CHS teleconference held in March. We plan to be at press in mid June in order to get publication back on schedule. Paola will do layout; Peter Knight offered to help. Dave Pugh is now seeking new advertisers and will take over full time as Editor in January 1996. Dave will need continuing support from us in Central Branch.

6) Other business:

Bonspiel: Brian said the Bonspiel was a great success.

[See report on page 3, and photo on page 1]

Summer barbecue: Chris and Lucy Gorski have kindly offered to host this special event. Date 24 June.

[See enclosed flyer and page 1 for more details]

Schedule of meetings:

20 Sept. (evening): call for nominations to 1996 Exec;

24 Oct (evening): nominations close, ballots go out;

7 Dec: AGM/Dinner/Election, '96 Executive named.

National Presidency: The call for nominations went out with the last edition of Lighthouse. Nominations will be printed in the coming Lighthouse.

In reply to a question, Terese said our Central Branch "Member's Professional Development" item is still in our budget. All members are welcome to apply for some financial assistance to attend workshops or seminars.

The business part of the meeting adjourned at 19:55.

- Moved J. Berry / H. Duller CARRIED.

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We then sat back with our beer and pizza and enjoyed a slide show and talk by John Halsall.

*J. Halsell Hydrographic Surveys* has operated since 1987. John is a surveyor but also supervises aspects of marine project construction. From June '94 to March '95 he worked on the dredging and backfilling of two gas pipelines in the south China Sea, first a gas trunkline from southern China to Hong Kong (a mega project of 700 km of pipeline), then a smaller pipeline from an offshore gasfield to the south China city of Sanya.

We enjoyed hearing the "inside story" and tasting the flavour of far-distant survey work. Thanks, John!

From our International Correspondent

It seems that the INTERNET and the so-called 'Information Highway' are the things of the moment. There are (by my recent count in a magazine store) at least 6 glossy journals given to the NET available in New Zealand alone, and magazine and newspaper articles abound on the subject. Ever one to keep up with technology (my wife, of course, does not understand me and considers this to be "playing") I've signed up with a local service provider and am now "on-line". I've followed a few leads along oceanographic lines but haven't turned up anything terribly startling. Indeed, some of the information is rather out of date – a long defunct NZ research ship is still listed in one database – but we keep browsing in hope! Hydrography, though, doesn't seem to rate much of a mention.

The Hydrographic Society (UK) is considering starting an on-line service and is circulating a questionnaire seeking members' views on the proposal. Perhaps the CHS, already on-line, might care to sponsor a CHA home-page on the WWW, or perhaps the two societies could co-operate on a project?

Apparently the greatest use to which the Internet is generally put is for E-mail. One of the problems with E-mail is in finding out, for the first time, the address of someone with whom you wish to correspond or, for those of us stretching our web wings, finding something to say to someone whom you know is on the net! Keith Weaver wrote to me a couple of years back about the Launch project & suggested I could E-mail any response. (Keith is obviously ahead of the play whilst the rest of us strive to keep up!) Surprisingly, I managed to track down his letter in the detritus of my study and he became a prime subject (object?) for my E-mail experiments. As do most CHS/CHA members, he proved to be a fount of knowledge and was most helpful.

Now this is not a suggestion that Keith be inundated with E-mail messages from everyone who wants to try out the system. However, E-mail could be a great way for far-flung CHA members to keep in touch. My pleas for personal news have so far fallen upon deaf ears (HEY GUYS, we ARE interested in what you are doing!!) but perhaps Internet E-mail, where one can dash off a quick note without special formatting or the purchase of a stamp, may be a more successful conduit? My address is larry@nznet.gen.nz and I'd welcome any correspondence on any hydrographic matter, especially personal news for the CHA Central Branch newsletter.

A colleague recently went on a USCG icebreaker to the Antarctic and reports that they had Internet via Inmarsat. Having seen the Inmarsat phone bill for MONOWAI following our SAR activities last year, the thought of the cost of on-line satcomm charges for surfing the net rather makes the mind boggle.

In closing, I have to confess that, with some regret, we have now completed the survey of the final area on any New Zealand chart which is still attributed to Cook, and also an area attributed to Vancouver. These are in the Dusky Sound area of Fiordland. Sadly, time and technology have caught up with these two fine surveyors. This has completed our deployment in Fiordland and I was fortunate in being able to take a very short trip on the 'Pacific Princess' before we left. She is the 'Love Boat' of TV fame and was cruising through the area we were surveying. It was interesting to see the area from the chart user's point of view but, of course, I didn't enjoy myself at all!

Oh, yes. Did you see that New Zealand won the America's Cup?!?!?!?!?!?

- Larry Robbins [Commander, RNZN].

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Central Branch Annual Bonspiel

by Jacqueline Miles

Dundas Granite Curling Club hosted Central Branch's 24th Annual H2O Bonspiel on Saturday, February 11, 1995. The club's atmosphere was warm, friendly and full of excitement, however, outside it was a chilly day. Forty-eight enthusiastic curlers swept their way to compete for the trophy and the honour.

Congratulations go to the first place team which was skipped by Dave Pyatt, viced by Neils Madsen, second was Joe Gabriele and lead, Paola Travagalini. Paola is rapidly rising to the top in the curling world. If you recall, it was only in 1993 that she won the "Most Hogs Award" (ie. short of the hog line).

It was a close call for second, but Don Kennedy's team managed to capture second place which was viced by Dan Dolan, Mark Lovall was second, and Joel Dobbelsteyn the lead.

Everyone enjoyed a great meal and went home with a prize.

Co-ordinators Brian Power and Jacqueline Miles would like to thank Brad Tinney and Dave Pyatt for their contributions. Also, the co-ordinators would like to thank the following sponsors for their generosity:

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Thank you all!