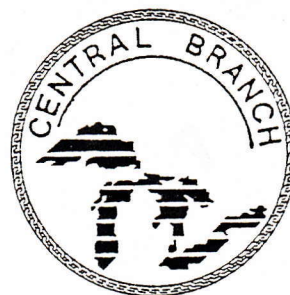
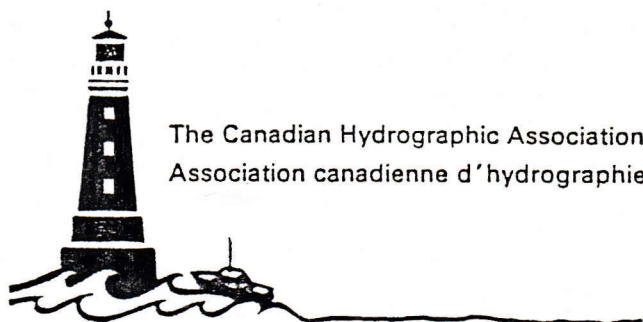


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Canadian Hydrographic Association
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NEWSLETTER

*** January 1988 ***

Canadian Hydrographic Association

Central Branch

1988 Executive

Vice-President:	Sam Weller
Secy.-Treasurer:	Terese Herron
Executive Members:	Raj Beri
	Al Koudys
	Brian Power
	Dave Pugh
	Bruce Richards
	Boyd Thorson
	Keith Weaver

We are your local Executive. We are here to keep our Branch healthy and interesting, so when you have some ideas, comments or suggestions (or complaints, I suppose...) please contact one of us and we will do our best to do something about it!

Notes from the Branch Vice-President

With this first report of 1988 come our best wishes for a happy and successful year for all our members. May this new year be the best yet!

International Dues this year have been set at \$30.00 (Canadian), and local Central Branch Dues are \$25.00. Please check your address on the attached form ("Are we addressing you right?"), and mail it to us with your cheque.

Here begins our Membership Drive, so how about each of us also signs up a new member this year? No prizes, but the first beer is on us when a new member comes to his/her first evening meeting!

And you are most welcome to join in our curling Bonspiel on 14th February. Fill out the form and send it to us with your cheque.

- J.H. (Sam) Weller.

Next Meeting

The next General Meeting of Central Branch will be on Wednesday 24 February 1988 at 12:00 in Room H122 at CCIW, 867 Lakeshore Road, Burlington. This meeting will hear progress reports from our Committees; news on our G.E. Wade Essay Award will be particularly interesting.

February will be a busy month for Central Branch: the Bonspiel on the 14th, the Luncheon Seminar on the 17th, and the noon business meeting on the 24th. Hope to see you at all three functions!

In order to accommodate the noon meeting, George Fenn has agreed to reschedule his seminar to a later date, and Dr. Rukavina's Seminar on Fixed Transducer Systems will be given on the evening of **March 16, 1988**. Beer and pizza will also be featured at this evening meeting. **Note the new date!**

News of our Members:

Richard Hancock graduated from the Hydrographic Survey programme at Humber College in 1983, just as the job market for hydrographers was drying up.

Having always been a keen photographer, he applied his experience on survey construction projects, offshore seismic work and hydrographic surveys to the photographic field and set up shop as a commercial photographer. The pay could be better, he says, but he enjoys the work, and he has found that his varied work experience helps him to relate to the needs of commercial clients.

Central BranchTreasurer's Report to 31 December 1987

Balance forward 16 December 1987: \$ 214.00

Receipts

Membership dues	\$ 25.00	
Conference Proceedings	825.00	
Bank Interest	5.13	
		\$ 855.13
		\$ 1,069.13

Expenditures

National Dues	\$ 30.00	
Calligraphic Work	16.00	
Postage	26.89	
Bank charges	1.00	
		\$ 73.89

Balance 31 December 1987: \$ 995.24

Allocated Funds

1989 Conference	\$ 840.00	
1988 Dues prepaid	95.00	
		\$ 935.00

Working Balance 31 December 1987: \$ 60.24

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

Central BranchLighthouse "Convenience" Account

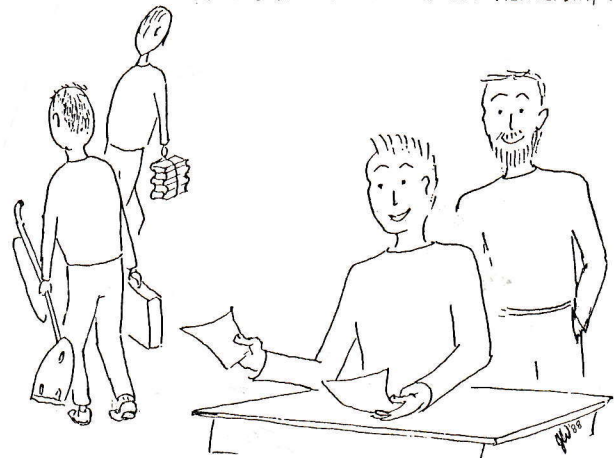
Balance forward 16 December 1987: \$ 773.90

Receipts

Subscriptions	\$ 488.92	\$ 488.92
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Balance 31 December 1987: \$ 1,262.82

"We didn't buy the books or a vacuum cleaner
-but I sold them both a CHA membership!"



Minutes of General Meeting of CENTRAL BRANCH held on 13 January 1988

1) Sam called the meeting to order at 19:20 and welcomed everyone to this first meeting of 1988. He also mentioned that 1988 dues are now payable. Sam encouraged everyone to recruit new members, saying that Quebec Region acquired 22 new members at the Colloquium in November.

Attendees:

Sam Weller	- V-P
Terese Herron	- Sec. Treas.
Raj Beri	Brian Power
Earl Brown	Ralph Moulton
Randall Franchuk	Dave Pyatt
Richard Hancock	Ab Rogers
Al Koudys	Geof Thompson
John Medendorp	Keith Weaver

2) MINUTES: The Minutes of the General meeting held on 16 December 1987 were circulated in the news letter and were available at the meeting.

Moved: T. Herron/B. Power CARRIED

3) Terese presented the Treasurer's Report to 31 December 1987. Since then there has been no Branch income, but Lighthouse has received \$230.56. The CHA balance will increase with 1988 dues coming in.

Moved: T. Herron/Al Koudys CARRIED

4) Sam reviewed the correspondence since the last meeting. We received two letters from the National President, the first with a National budget and about the CHA annual meeting to be held in Winnipeg during the CISM Conference, and the second asking for input into the choosing of the best technical article in editions 35 and 36 of Lighthouse. A third letter was from Quebec Branch to National about the use of the French version of the CHA name.

5) Terese went over the minutes from the Central Branch Executive meeting held on 21 December 1987 and presented the 1988 budget. We anticipate having at least 70 paid-up members in 1988 with a projected income of \$910 from Branch dues. Our projected expenses are:

\$ 200	Gerry Wade Award
150	H2O Bonspiel
25	CHA Shipheads
50	T-Shirts for Shipheads
225	Postage
45	Wine & Cheese Party (Fall 1988)
20	Sympathy Fund
\$ 715	Total 1988 Budget Expenses

The alternating noon and evening meetings and the luncheon seminars will continue, as will the NewsLetter. Bruce Richards has offered to host the 1988 mid-summer barbecue.

The committees:

Bonspiel	- Geof Thompson/John Dixon
Membership	- Keith Weaver/Al Koudys
Personalities and History	- Raj Beri
Newsletter	- S.Weller/K.Weaver/T.Herron
Publicity	- Boyd Thorson
Seminars	- B.Power/R.Beri/T.Herron
Gerry Wade Award	- B. Thorson/S. Weller/ K. Weaver/T. Herron
Lighthouse	- A. Koudys/B. Richards/ K. Weaver/T. Herron will help.

6) BONSPIEL REPORT: Geof said the entrance fee is \$23. Letters have gone to sponsors with good response. First time curlers are very welcome, and entry forms are being sent out with this newsletter.

7) MEMBERSHIP: Keith reported that the letter for 1988 dues is also going out with this newsletter, but inhouse members will be contacted personally. At present 18 members are paid up for 1988.

8) SEMINAR: Brian Power reported changes to the seminar lineup. As arranged, Farrell Boyce will speak at our Luncheon Seminar on 17 February, but George Fenn's seminar has been postponed so that 24 February can be a noon business meeting. Dr. Rukavina's seminar will be on the evening of 16 March, and Richard Hancock will give a talk on photography at an evening meeting on 13 April.

9) ESSAY AWARD: Sam reported on progress. An important point is that prizes are at the sole discretion of judges. [More on the next page...]

10) Other Business: It was suggested that our evening meetings alternate between Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Good point. In answer to a query about the national logo, Sam replied that he has not had a response from the National President.

11) Business adjourned at 19:58 and the projector was set up for our speaker (beer break). The talk by Ralph Moulton on Great Lakes Water Levels was much appreciated, and good discussion followed. Pizza was served at 21:00 and we all enjoyed the social time. Many thanks to Brian and Anna Power for hosting the meeting.

Canada Lands Surveyor series video tapes:

A set of video tapes is now available here for the use of those studying for the Canada Lands Surveyor examinations.

These tapes include 18 hours of study material and cover some of the work for the Survey Law and the Acts and Regulations papers.

G.E. Wade Essay Award

Boyd Thorson, with help from Keith, Terese and Sam, has now crystalized our ideas and has a contact list of some 30 local colleges and universities. We also welcome entries from other parts of Canada, and from other countries.

There are prizes for the two best essays submitted by 29 May each year. These could both be First Prizes of \$100.00 or Second Prizes of \$50.00, at the discretion of our judges. The winning essays are on any aspect of cartography or hydrography. The preferred length is 1,500 to 2,500 words, but shorter or longer essays are also eligible. Winning essays will be submitted for publication in our journal Lighthouse.

We hope to publicize the **G.E. Wade Essay Award** at the various colleges and universities in good time for the September term, but we also expect to get entries during this present school term.

We anticipate that instructors will slant their assignments towards this Award: the prospect of a \$100.00 prize makes work more interesting and also gives students an appetizing taste of the real world.

And for our CLS candidates:

Examinations are formidable even to the best prepared, for the greatest fool may ask more than the wisest man can answer.

- Charles C. Colton (1780-1832).

Luncheon Seminar

Our next luncheon seminar will be held at the Surf Restaurant, 563 Brant Street, Burlington, at 12:00 on 17 February 1988. Our speaker is Mr. Farrell Boyce of the National Water Research Institute, Aquatic Physics and Systems Division. His talk on "Physical Limnology and the Hydrographer" will focus on surface currents in the Great Lakes.

A native of Canada, Farrell Boyce earned his B.A.Sc. degree in Engineering Physics at the University of British Columbia in 1961 and his M.Sc. in Physics at McGill University in Montreal. He was also awarded the Diploma in Oceanography from the University of Paris in 1964.

We best know Farrell as guitarist and singer with the folk group **Raspberry Jam**, but with over 50 reports and papers to his credit he is also one of Canada's experts in physical limnology, so come and hear about our place in his field!

*** SPECIAL EVENT !!! ***

The H₂O Bonspiel will be at the Grimsby Curling Club on Sunday 14th February 1988, starting at 09:00 or 10:45 (you have a choice). This sporting and social occasion is a well-established event in our local calendar, and is the 17th Annual H₂O Bonspiel sponsored by Central Branch. This year it promises to be more popular than ever.

We have many generous sponsors again this time, so come on out - have a good time curling (even you beginners will have fun!), enjoy a good meal, check out the prizes... And all this for only \$23.00 per person. Or dinner is \$11.00 for non-curlers.

This is a fun bonspiel, so new curlers are most welcome, or you can enter a team of players. Spaces are limited to 64, so give Geof Thompson or John Dixon a call at (416) 336-4831 or 336-4842 to reserve a spot, and send in the application form with your cheque.

Conference News

The Colloquium sponsored by the Quebec Branch on 19 and 20 November 1987 was a great success. This French language conference on L'hydrographie: dimension essentielle aux sciences de la mer saw some 200 registrants signing in at the Auberge Universel in Rimouski, with many Quebec, New Brunswick and Ontario provincial surveyors taking part as well as people from the US and representatives from government departments such as Public Works and Transport.

There were about 20 exhibits, and the 17 technical papers were all well received and followed by lively discussion. The Proceedings of the Colloquium are now available for \$35.00. Quebec Branch garnered some 10 new members in the weeks leading up to the conference, and 12 more during the event. Richard Sanfaçon reports that their membership now stands at 96, making them the largest of the seven Branches of the CHA. Way to go!

Poet's Corner

by Michael Lloyd

And now for a ballad
Of cheeseburg and salad
And money exchanged for the meal.
For four dollars fifty
Now ain't that thrifty
I'd call it a hell of a deal.
But wait and see how you feel...