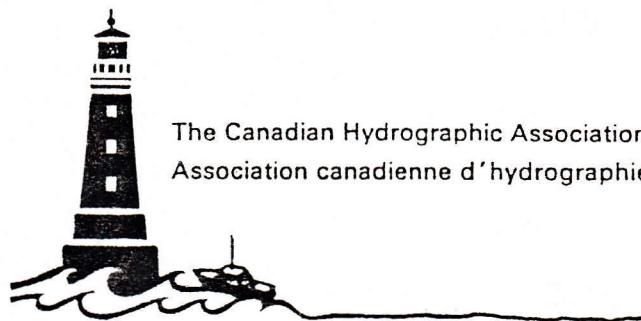


Central Branch  
Canadian Hydrographic Association  
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The Canadian Hydrographic Association  
Association canadienne d'hydrographie



## NEWSLETTER

\*\*\* May 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

We had good productive meetings in Winnipeg, with six of the seven Branches of CHA represented at the National Executive meetings and at the Annual General Meeting.

The National Executive met three times for a total of over 12 hours, and we managed to sort out the final few adjustments to the proposed by-laws for incorporation as well as having good discussions with Tom McCulloch about the CIDA projects and getting through the other 25 items on the agenda.

- J.H. (Sam) Weller.

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Next Meeting

Our next event will be our summer barbecue on Saturday 9th July 1988. Bruce Richards will be hosting us at his home at 1918 Highway 97, Flamborough, Ontario.

The map on the back page will help you find it - even we surveyor types can't get lost! Wine, beer, buns and coffee are provided, but bring your own hamburgers, steaks, hot dogs etc.

All members, prospective members, friends and spouses are warmly welcome, and Bruce says he has lots of space in his house just in case it rains (but it won't!). Maybe you'd like to bring along a dessert or salad, in which case give Jo Anne Richards a call at (519) 621-9291, or Beth Weller at (416) 634-4089.

Mark it on your calendar! Saturday July 9, 1988. "Drinks will be cold at 16:00, fire hot at 17:00". See you there! (Bring your lawn chairs.)

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"Imagine! We were in Winnipeg  
most of the week and  
nobody missed us!"

Central Branch of CHA - Financial Statement  
12 months ended 31 December 1987  
(unaudited)

Balance forward 31 December 1986: \$ 197.07

## Receipts

Membership dues	\$ 1,555.00
Conference proceedings	840.00
Lapel pin	4.00
Meetings (net)	27.43
Bonspiel cash donations	290.00
* Lighthouse subscriptions	1,339.51
Bank Interest	23.66
	\$ 4,079.60
	\$ 4,276.67

## Expenditures

National dues	\$ 735.00
Calligraphy	156.00
H2O Bonspiel	150.00
Bonspiel cash donations	290.00
CHA Shipheads	24.00
Meetings, Seminars (net)	75.46
Retirement gift	50.00
"Crest" refund	10.00
Postage	127.37
* Lighthouse expenditures	374.48
Bank charges	26.30
	\$ 2,018.61
Balance 31 December 1987:	\$ 2,258.06

## Allocated Funds

* Lighthouse (Note 1)	\$ 1,262.82
Conference '89 (Note 2)	840.00
1988 Dues prepaid	95.00
	\$ 2,197.82

Working Balance 31 December 1987: \$ 60.24  
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**The accompanying Notes are an integral part  
of this Financial Statement.**

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Note 1: To assist the editorial team, some Lighthouse income and expenses (marked \* above) were handled by the Central Branch treasurer. The sum of \$297.79 was also carried forward from 1986 and is included in the above Financial Statement. The balance is held available and will be passed on to Lighthouse on request.

Note 2: Extra copies of the Proceedings of the 1987 Hydrographic Conference are available at \$15.00 from Central Branch. This money is being held available for use as Seed Money for the Hydrographic Conference to be held at Vancouver in March 1989.

Report on 1988 Annual General Meeting of CHA held on 27 May 1988

The main purpose of the CHA annual meeting is for the membership to hear about the activities of each of the Branches and to receive the National President's report on his activities and his plans for the future.

Prairie Schooner Branch were not able to have a representative at the National Executive meeting or at the AGM this year, but all of the other Branches presented reports and financial statements.

The National President outlined the progress to date on incorporation ("we have dealt with the last few difficulties in the proposed by-laws and expect to be incorporated in the next few weeks"), the CIDA projects ("all set to go ahead") and our journal Lighthouse ("on track and going strong").

The Minutes will be distributed later, but this newsletter brings you the Central Branch report and Financial Statement that were given by Sam Weller.

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Central Branch Report for 1987

This was a very good year in Central Branch, with an active program and several interesting events for our members.

One of our activities was to produce a series of newsletters to keep our members informed. We published five of these during the year, with such items as minutes of meetings, reports on Branch events, news of International members, news of our Branch members, news of other Branches, and discussion on items of interest to our members. (We also included the odd cute quotation or joke as a prize for reading through the rest of the stuff.)

Our seminar series with invited speakers continued in 1987 with luncheon seminars in a local restaurant, evening seminars combined with regular business meetings, and one working hours seminar.

- Dr. Mark Donelan spoke about Wave Studies in Lake Ontario,
- Gary Boyd spoke on bringing sight to remote villagers in the Andes,
- Brent Beale gave an overview of the CARIS II system as used by the CHS,
- Tom McCulloch told us about the Roots of the CHA in the 1960's,
- Dr. John Coakley spoke on Sediment Transport and the Hydrographer.

As well as three local executive meetings, our branch held six general meetings during the year. Three of these were at noon at CCIW where most of us work and three were in the evening at members' homes with an invited speaker as part of the seminar series. These evening events also feature beer and pizza and give us a good opportunity to get better acquainted.

In 1987 we again presented the H2O Bonspiel. This was the 17th Annual Bonspiel sponsored by Central Branch and it was a great success and a fun day. This year 47 curlers participated and thanks to our generous sponsors there were prizes for everyone.

Other functions we sponsored this year included a team of CHA Shipheads in the annual Burlington Road Race, a Wine & Cheese & Beer & Beef & Buns social evening, and a mid-summer Bring-Your-Own-Steak barbecue.

Our most demanding project, of course, was to host the Hydrographic Conference. This conference is a biennial event and in 1987 was in Burlington, sponsored jointly by the Central Branch of CHA and the Central and Arctic Region of CHS. Thanks to the work of Dennis St.Jacques and his committee the conference was an outstanding success.

All in all 1987 was a very good year. Central Branch membership increased from 47 to 73 paid-up members, and we managed to end the year in a healthy financial condition. And by continuing with an interesting program we hope to gain even more new members in 1988.

A program such as ours, however, is the work of a team, and on behalf of Central Branch members I would like to thank each of the people on our local Branch executive. Without you none of this would have happened. Thank you.

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From a Help Wanted ad in St. Lucia  
(Don't bother. We've applied already...)

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES post of CLERICAL ASSISTANT</b></p> <p>Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons for the post of CLERICAL ASSISTANT, The University Centre, The Morne, Castries.</p> <p>Salary is in the scale: \$6220.80 X 240 - \$9720 Plus 21.75% increase</p> <p>Applicants are required to contact the Resident Tutor, The University Centre,</p>
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Report on Memberships

The Membership Committee says that Central Branch paid-up membership now stands at 70, with a few still not heard from with their 1988 dues. [If that includes **you** maybe you could send off the cheque soon? Like, perhaps, today!]

We have four new International Members:

- George Goldsteen, instructor at the Australian Maritime College, Tasmania,
- Dip. Ing. Soegeng Soebagio, an engineer with Geobecon Surveys, Indonesia,
- Luis Alfonso de la Rocha, dredge surveyor with Antigua Masonry Products in Antigua,
- K.T. Cheang, Senior Hydrographic Surveyor with Shell Petroleum in Brunei.

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Conference News

Captain Vancouver Branch of the CHA has produced a pamphlet with information about the Hydrographic Conference, March 6 to 10, 1989.

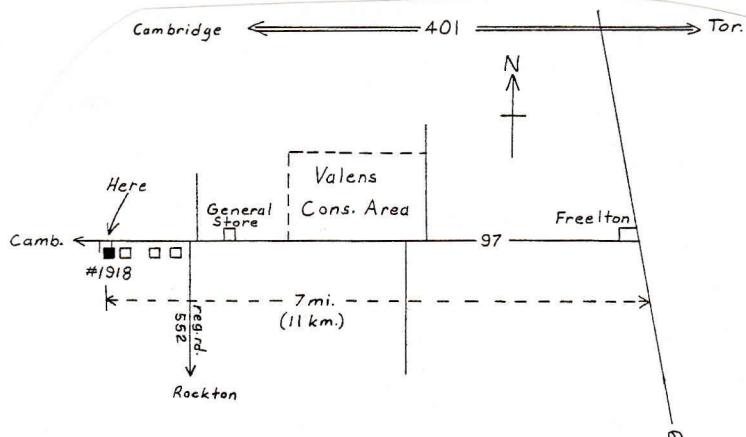
With the technical program, tours and social events outlined for us by Rob Lyall (V-P of the Branch), the conference promises to be one of the best yet. The conference will be located at the Pan Pacific Hotel, and the exhibits at the new Vancouver Trade and Convention Centre next to the conference area.

Plans are well advanced and a final call for papers has just gone out, so if you have a paper in mind let them know real soon! Much of the exhibit space is already spoken for, but some is still available.

For more information please contact:

Canadian Hydrographic Conference  
8911-152nd Street  
Surrey, BC  
Canada V3R 4E5.

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Ph. (519) 621-9291

(Map: Summer barbecue - 9 July 1988) Ham./Burl.

Lighthouse

The Spring 1988 issue of Lighthouse was mailed out on 12 May. Many overseas subscribers and International members waited several months for the last issue, so this time Lighthouse went by airmail. If yours has not arrived yet please let us know.

George Macdonald - our editor - reminds us to get material to him for the next edition. Closing date is 1 October, so get out paper and pen and finish that article you were working on! And we are always interested in newsy items from our members and from Industry. Drop us a line - we'll maybe give you a few lines of free advertising!

Advertisers pay a large proportion of the printing costs of our journal, and the quality of the ads has always been exceptional in Lighthouse. A bigger benefit, of course, is that reading these ads is a very good way of keeping ourselves informed on technical developments in our field.

If you or your company would like to advertise in Lighthouse please contact Dennis St.Jacques.

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Julia Browning's Travels

Letters from Julie report that she has seen every road across northern Australia and it is HOT and HUMID. One night they camped by a billabong and went crocodile spotting. Quite put them off the idea of a swim in the river, she says.

For a few days they worked on a million-acre farm packing mangos. It was unbearably hot just standing in the shade, and cold showers ran hot water. They were in an area with temperatures around 40°C and "even driving with car windows open gives no relief. It's like having a hair dryer in your face all day." And road trains (trucks with 2 or 3 extra sections) go bombing by and push unwary drivers off the road. "No worries," she says, but avoid the road from Cairns to Charter Towers: not only is it always hot and humid but there are lots of dead boars, 'roos and other unrecognizable piles of rotting flesh on the roadside. You think skunks smell bad!

They were glad to reach Alice Springs and Ayers Rock where it was a bit cooler, and exploring the gorges at Katherine in rented canoes was a delight. Christmas was with friends in Melbourne, then on to Victoria and New South Wales. It was April when Julie finally managed to get to New Zealand with only a few weeks left before heading back to Canada. "We kept the best till last," she says.

The bottom line? "It has been a great year in the South Pacific, but now I need a job to pay bills!"