



The Canadian Hydrographic Association  
Association canadienne d'hydrographie



## NEWSLETTER

\*\*\* December 1989 \*\*\*

\*\*\* Our Best Wishes to all our members for a happy and prosperous New Year \*\*\*

### Canadian Hydrographic Association

#### Central Branch

#### 1989 Executive

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### Central Branch Committees

#### Lighthouse

Sam Weller, Keith Weaver, Terese Herron,  
Boyd Thorson, Brian Power, Sean Hinds.

#### Newsletter

Sam Weller, Jim Berry, Terese Herron, Brian  
Power, Keith Weaver.

#### Bonspiel

Boyd Thorson, Brian Power.

#### Membership

Keith Weaver, Sean Hinds, Jim Berry.

#### Publicity

Boyd Thorson, Jim Berry.

#### Seminar

Brian Power, Sean Hinds, John Dixon.

#### Wade Essay Award

Boyd Thorson, Keith Weaver, Sam Weller.

Notes from the Branch Vice-President

We had a good turn out for our Central Branch AGM and the 1990 Branch Executive is now in place. Already the Seminar Committee has outlined a good program so 1990 is shaping up to be another good year.

Larry Robbins has kindly agreed to be our Correspondent to keep us mindful of the needs and concerns of our International Members. Larry is now on assignment in the UK with the RNZN and will make an excellent correspondent. Watch for his column!

Well, Folks. This is my last Note from the Branch V-P. This has been a busy three years and a lot of fun. With Sean Hinds at the helm and such a fine Branch Executive 1990 promises to be our best year yet and Central Branch will move from strength to strength. I wish Sean and his Executive All the Best, and I'll help in every way I can.

- J.H. (Sam) Weller.

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Next Meeting

Our next Central Branch meeting will be at 19:00 on Tuesday 23 January 1990 hosted by Brian Power at his home: 2431 Cavendish Drive, Burlington. [No space for a map but it is the same as in Sept/Oct NewsLetter!]

This meeting will receive committee reports and proposed 1990 budget. The focus of the evening will be a talk on the Electronic Chart by Brent Beale, with a short video. After the business part of the meeting there will be our traditional social time with Beer and Pizza.

This is the first meeting of 1990. Follow through on your New Year Resolutions, and then come on the evening of 23 January and have fun with the CHA gang!

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News of our Members

Larry Robbins, from Dartford, Kent, UK, went to sea with the British Merchant Navy in 1968 after graduating from Dartford Grammer School. Obtaining his Second Mate's ticket at the University of Southampton School of Navigation, he moved to New Zealand in 1973 and signed up with the Royal New Zealand Navy.

He has served since 1974 with the RNZN Hydrographic Surveying Service and has been in charge of surveys in Foveaux Strait, Bluff Harbour and Doubtful Sound. In 1989 he was promoted to Commander and is now on assignment in Hove near Brighton, UK, as on-site rep. with Racal Marine Systems who are putting together a HADLAPS system for RNZN.

Larry's hobbies include church activities, stamps and coins. He is also active with the Hydrographic Society, and we look forward to his increasing input to the CHA!

Central BranchTreasurer's Report to 13 December 1989

Balance forward 30 October 1989:	\$ 2,522.24
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Receipts

Membership dues	\$ 55.00
Return: Conf. seed	1,000.00
Bank Interest	37.43
	\$ 1,092.43
	\$ 3,614.67

Expenditures

Meetings	\$ 68.10
Postage	41.52
Bank charges	1.00
	\$ 110.62

Balance 30 October 1989:	\$ 3,504.05
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Allocated Funds

nil

Working Balance 13 December 1989:	\$ 3,504.05
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[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 is passed on to Lighthouse on request.]

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Lighthouse "Convenience" Account

Balance forward 30 October 1989:	\$ 3,217.28
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Receipts

Subscriptions	\$ 360.00	360.00
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Expenditures

To Lighthouse	\$ 3,000.00
Stationery	69.86
	\$ 3,069.86

Working balance 13 December 1989:	\$ 507.42
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"This year Santa has hinds instead of reindeer... in honour of our new V-P!"



Minutes of General Meeting of CENTRAL BRANCH held on 13 December 1989

- 1) Sam called the meeting to order at 12:07 and welcomed those present.

Attendees:

S. Weller	- V-P	
T. Herron	- Sec-Treas.	
Brent Beale	Earl Brown	Dave Caswell
Bob Covey	George Fenn	Sean Hinds
Darren Keyes	G. Macdonald	Brian Power
J. Medendorp	Ken McMillan	Dave Pugh
Brad Tinney	Boyd Thorson	

- 2) MINUTES: Minutes of November 1 meeting were circulated in the newsletter and available at the meeting.

Moved: T. Herron/B. Power CARRIED

- 3) Terese presented the treasurer's report for the period 30 October to 13 December 1989.

Moved: T. Herron/J. Medendorp CARRIED

- 4) CORRESPONDENCE: As well as membership mail, letters were received from National President: about Branch elections; bringing the new National Logo into use; suggesting that the CHA hold its 1990 AGM and Directors meeting in conjunction with the CISM conference in Ottawa [22 to 25 May]; October monthly report from Mr. McCulloch on progress of CHA/CIDA Project; confirmation of a grant for \$7,000 from CHS to help with CHA operating expenses; and about the election of the CHA National President for 1990 to 1992. This is a job that takes a tremendous amount of time and the National Nominations Committee reported that of the people nominated Dave Pugh, from our Central Branch, was the only one who felt he could accept. Congratulations, Dave! You have taken on a big job.

We also received: copy of a letter from Editor of Lighthouse to National President expressing appreciation for the help of several people in publishing recent edition of Lighthouse; letter of thanks from Gillian de Gannes, winner of 1988/89 Wade Essay Award; from John Shaw withdrawing his name from our Branch elections; request from CCIW Children's Christmas Party for financial support (after discussion with our local executive, this was not felt to be an appropriate use of our members' dues); from George Goldsteen in Tasmania; from Gordon Murray, Chairman of the 1989 Hydrographic Conference Committee, thanking our members for their support and enclosing a cheque for \$1,000 (return of our "seed money" and a share of the surplus); from Larry Robbins of RNZN, on assignment in UK, agreeing to be an International Liason if not elected to the Executive. Newsletters from Atlantic Branch and Pacific Branch.

Correspondence files are always available to members.

5) COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Bonspiel: We are still looking for a convenor for the 19th Annual H2O Bonspiel. If you are interested please let Boyd know. The date is 18 February at the Grimsby Curling Club and arrangements are well in hand.

Membership: Sean said we have Dave Caswell as a new Out-House Member, for a total of 80 Central Branch 1990 members. We also have John Pointon as a new International Member. For 1990 there are two additional International and two new Central Branch members.

Lighthouse: George Macdonald reported that November issue of Lighthouse went out at the end of November. Letters to the Editor are always welcome. Advertising is up and Lighthouse is financially in the black.

Seminar: Brian said our next meeting is the evening of January 23 at Brian Power's place with Brent Beale speaking on the electronic chart. There will also be a luncheon seminar with Henk Don and then an evening seminar on 13 February with Vic Cairns speaking on Fish Habitat Studies. If you are interested in a Skydome tour please let the executive know.

Elections: Sean reported the results of our elections:

Vice-President.....	Sean Hinds
Sec-Treasurer.....	Brent Beale
Exec. Members.....	
Jim Berry	Terese Herron
Ken McMillan	Brian Power
Boyd Thorson	Keith Weaver
Past President.....	Sam Weller

**Congratulations!**

Sam welcomed the new executive and thanked all those who stood for election.

- 6) Branch Dues: Sam reported that the National part of membership dues for 1990 has been set at \$15.00 for regular members, \$7.50 for students. Sean moved that we set Branch dues at \$30.00 and \$15.00 for students for 1990. Branch dues for the last two years have been \$25.00 of which \$12.00 was the National portion.

Moved: S. Hinds/B. Power CARRIED

- 7) Budget: The new Branch Executive will be meeting in the next week to finalize the 1990 budget. Suggested budget ideas for next year include the bonspiel, Wade Essay Award, Shipheads, Newsletter, Postage, Stationery.

- 8) The meeting was adjourned at 12:45

Moved: B. Tinney/G. Fenn CARRIED

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**"** THERE IS no way to ensure continued political stability and unity without the people's democratic dictatorship. — *Deng Xiaoping's advice to Communist Party leaders in 1986, chronicled in his collected works.* **"**

From the Vice-President elect

With the New Year fast approaching everyone takes a moment to reflect on the events of the past year and to project hopes of similar good luck into the future.

The same reflections can be taken for our small family - Central Branch, CHA. I think we would all agree that the most noticeable change to address our Branch in 1990 is the stepping-down of our VP Sam Weller. I know that all of us are aware and appreciative of the sincere contribution that Sam has given our Central Branch over his three terms in office.

This Newsletter that so aptly sums up our Branch activities was Sams' innovation and has become something of a flagship for our members. The past three years has seen a tremendous revival of the CHA and Sam has stood steadfast in his support for Incorporation and diligently pored over the mountains of correspondence associated with the task.

One great coup for our branch, and one in which Sam takes great pleasure in administering, is our group of International members. I suppose it was the years of sailing the worlds oceans that accounts for Sams' special efforts in making these distant colleagues a part of the whole. On behalf of all the members I extend a hearty thank-you to Sam and as the New Year unfolds we hope you will continue in your efforts.

With the New Year will come a new executive and, I believe, one with the energy and the insight to build on our foundation of members and keep us on course into the future. See you in 1990!

- Sean Hinds

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Proposed 1990 BudgetAnticipated Revenue:

Membership dues	
- 70 Branch	\$ 2,100.
- 30 International	900.
Bank interest	350.
<u>Total income</u>	<u>\$ 3,350.</u>

Anticipated Expenditures

National Dues	\$ 1,500.
Wade Esay Award	200.
H2O Bonspiel	200.
Speakers' luncheons	30.
Calligraphy	40.
Summer Barbecue	150.
Evening meetings	210.
Postage	500.
NewsLetter	200.
Stationery	150.
Bank charges	12.
Miscellaneous	158.
<u>Total expenses</u>	<u>\$ 3,350.</u>

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

Central Branch presents the 19th Annual H2O Bonspiel on Sunday 18 February at Grimsby Curling Club.

This is always a fun occasion. It is a fun bonspiel and even first-time curlers will have a ball! Your \$25.00 entry fee includes the curling, a fine home-cooked meal and (thanks to our generous sponsors) there will be prizes for everyone. Last year's 'spiel was lots of fun and this year promises to be even better.

If you or your firm would like to be a sponsor please give Boyd Thorson a call at (416) 336-4729. Sponsors are also welcome to field their own teams, so line them up and get your entries in!

As an additional incentive CHA members have a special early-bird reduced rate of \$20.00 if their entries are received by 31 January. There are spaces for only 64 curlers so get your name in soon.

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Ice fishing on Lake Simcoe

An ice fishing trip to Lake Simcoe is in the works! This has been suggested as an interesting CHA group event and a great Father and Son outing. Possible options and costs are listed below. Give Darren Keyes or Ken McMillan a call at (416) 639-0931 and voice your opinion.

The ice fishing could be mid January/early February - but only if you are interested. Money and numbers must be in at least two weeks in advance. Non CHA members are welcome at a \$5.00 surcharge.

The plans would be...

- Depart Sat. at 6.00 am for Beaverton
- Ice fish all day (Pack your own lunch!)

Option 1:

- Return to Burlington Sat. 9.00 pm
- Total cost about \$50.00 per person.

Option 2

- Overnight in motel at Beaverton
- Return to Burlington Sun. at noon
- Total cost about \$65 to \$85 per person plus meals.

Option 3

- Overnight in motel at Beaverton
- Ice fish all day Sunday (pack your lunch)
- Return to Burlington Sunday 8.00 pm
- Cost \$90 to \$110.00 per person (plus meals).

Hut rental and bait are all included. Transportation to the ice huts is in an enclosed Bombardier. Each person has a choice of huts 2 miles offshore in shallow water (pickerel, perch, smelt, maybe pike) or 5 to 6 miles offshore in deeper water (lake trout, whitefish, herring).