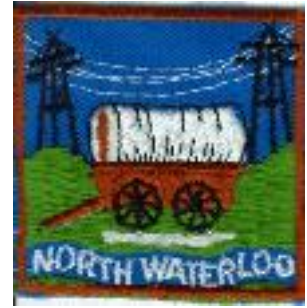


The Wagon

Your Voice in North Waterloo

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September 2006

Scouters

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to each of you, although many of you may know me already through years of Scouting.

My name is Kevin Harrington and I have taken on the position of Area Commissioner for North Waterloo Area. My history within Scouting unfolds over 15 years as a member, and like most long term Scouters I have worn many hats. I have worked in every section save Scouts, served on District Service Team and have been an Assistant District Commissioner, a Deputy District Commissioner, and an Assistant Regional Commissioner. As well, I have been involved in many Committees over the years and was even Camp Director for the District Summer Cub Camp at Everton for 4 years. I am a 4-Bead Gilwellian and have been a trainer for the District, Area, Region and Council for over 12 years training, leading and coordinating many Woodbadge and various other courses over the years.

In these Scouting roles I have had the opportunity to learn and be mentored by some of the best Scouters, people and friends I have ever known. Many of who are still involved and contributing greatly to enhancing the Scouting movement here in North Waterloo.

I also bring with me the experience I've gained as President of the K-W Sports Council and K-W Chapter of KidSport Charities and Past President of Asahi Judo Club. I believe these positions can only strengthen my abilities to lead our Area Team in ensuring you as members have an enjoyable and memorable experience in the greatest of all youth organizations.

Although I have taken a minor role in Scouting the last few years to concentrate on starting my own company, I have kept abreast of the current issues and events within the Area and Council. I believe I will bring an un-biased and fresh perspective to North Waterloo Area. In North Waterloo Area we have some of the most dedicated and talented people in Scouting and together I'm very confident we can overcome any obstacles and create a Scouting experience that we can all be proud of.

I look forward to meeting and working with as many of you in the Area as I can. Those who know me can attest, I love to take an active role in all I do and I always try to bring a little humour along for the ride.

In closing just let me say that I will "Do My Best" as your new Area Commissioner and I am both excited and proud to be of service to the Scouting Community here in North Waterloo and the Central Escarpment Council.

Yours in Scouting,

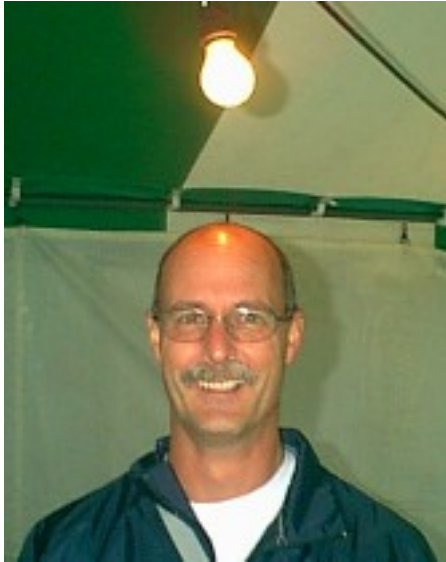
Kevin G. Harrington
Area Commissioner
North Waterloo Area

"Today's youth are the future. Teach them and send them on to lead"

WHO'S WHO IN NORTH WATERLOO

Correction from The April Issue

Jennifer O'Connor has been married to Adam for 11 1/2 years.



Bob with another bright idea.

Bob Thorn is single and has no kids. He is a system designer with Manulife and has been there for 20 yrs. Bob is with 38th Kitchener Beavers and got his start in scouting with his nephews. Bob is also the webmaster of the North Waterloo Areas web site. He has been organizing the Beaveree for the last 3 yrs. as well as helping out at the week long cub camp. Bob received his woodbadge in colony in 1995. He has also done training on woodbadges. He likes scouting because he likes acting like a kid. His hobbies include playing hockey and has season tickets to the Rangers. His favourite song is the Shark song. If you see him around ask him about his recordings.



Harry Neizen has been married to Grace for the last 25yrs this past August. Harry is the council commissioner for Central Escarpment Council. In his younger days he was in cubs, scouts & venturers. He started as a leader in 1976 and has worked with his father and mother as leaders. His son has been in cubs and daughter in guides. Harry likes helping other people to have fun and having fun doing it. His hobbies include computers, reading and hiking. His wife wants to walk the Bruce Trail with him. Harry received the Medal of Merit in 2002 and received the Bar to the Medal of Merit at the Gilwell Reunion on September 9, 2006. His words of wisdom "Don't let the little stuff get in the way of the big picture".

HISTORY OF NORTH WATERLOO

Information Wanted

Does any one know when the North Waterloo Gillwellians were formed and what year was the first that they attended a reunion? If you know please contact wagon@gto.net.

1944 (taken from the annual report)

Commissioner Fehrenbach asked the directors to consider sending a letter of thanks to each of the eight men who had contributed so handsomely toward the purchase of the Everton campsite. Previously, Mr. Smithers the treasurer, had acknowledged the gifts as they were received by him. Mr. Fehrenbach suggested that a resolution to this effect together with the names of the eight donors be entered formally into the minutes. It was moved by Sharpe Riley, seconded by Commissioner Fehrenbach, that a separate page be devoted to the Minute expressing the Association's appreciation to the campsite donors; that the names be listed together with the amounts each donor, making reference also to the official manner in which their gift is being recorded. Carried unanimously.

It was decided to limit to \$4.00 be placed on the costs to the Cubs and Scouts for each week's camping and that if these fees did not entirely cover the cost, the Association would subsidize the camp to the required extent.

It was decided to purchase tents for the camp this year instead of renting.

The Coleman lamps are being serviced by the Weber Hardware and that the pyrex shades are replacing the mica shades.

Discussions centered around the laying of the piping system, and the water tank, also tentative plans for the purchase of a strip of land from the Parker farm.

A plan was submitted for the proposed trading post and administration building which is to be erected at Everton. The building will provide office space for the camp director, also storage space for groceries and equipment.

An ice house was constructed.

It was decide to blast those portions of the overhanging cliff known as the "devil's pulpit", which constitute a hazard to the safety of the boys and leaders during swimming periods in the Eramosa River, directly below the cliff.

The gateway at the Everton Campsite was built and it was stated that the gateway was to rustic in appearance, and to bear the name of the camp.

2450 trees were planted on May 21 and second planting of 100 Butternut trees in November.

September 2006

Average military man's age is 19 years

Whether we agree that our troops should be in Afghanistan or not, please think about their unselfish efforts on our behalf.

Both American, British, and Canadian ALIKE

The average age of the military man is 19 years. He is a short haired, tight-muscled kid who, under normal circumstances is considered by society as half man, half boy. Not yet dry behind the ears, not old enough to buy a beer, but old enough to die for his country. He never really cared much for work and he would rather wax his own car than wash his father's; but he has never collected unemployment either.

He's a recent High School graduate; he was probably an average student, pursued some form of sport activities, drives a ten year old jalopy, and has a steady girlfriend that either broke up with him when he left, or swears to be waiting when he returns from half a world away.

He listens to rock and roll or hip-hop or rap or jazz or swing and 155mm howizzitor.

He is 10 or 15 pounds lighter now than when he was at home because he is working or fighting from before dawn to well after dusk. He has trouble spelling, thus letter writing is a pain for him, but he can field strip a rifle in 30 seconds and reassemble it in less time in the dark.

He can recite to you the nomenclature of a machine gun or grenade launcher and use either one effectively if he must. He digs foxholes and latrines and can apply first aid like a professional. He can march until he is told to stop or stop until he is told to march. He obeys orders instantly and without hesitation, but he is not without spirit or individual dignity. He is self-sufficient. He has two sets of fatigues: he washes one and wears the other. He keeps his canteens full and his feet dry. He sometimes forgets to brush his teeth, but never to clean his rifle. He can cook his own meals, mend his own clothes, and fix his own hurts. If you're thirsty, he'll share his water with you; if you are hungry, his food. He'll even split his ammunition with you in the midst of battle when you run low. He has learned to use his hands like weapons and weapons like they were his hands. He can save your life - or take it, because that is his job. He will often do twice the work of a civilian, draw half the pay and still find ironic humor in it all.

He has seen more suffering and death than he should have in his short lifetime. He has stood atop mountains of dead bodies, and helped to create them. He has wept in public and in private, for friends who have fallen in combat and is unashamed. He feels every note of the National Anthem vibrate through his body while at rigid attention, while tempering the burning desire to 'square-away' those around him who haven't bothered to stand, remove their hat, or even stop talking. In an odd twist, day in and day out, far from home, he defends their right to be disrespectful.

Just as did his Father, Grandfather, and Great-grandfather, he is paying the price for our freedom. Beardless or not, he is not a boy. He is the American, British or Canadian Fighting Man that has kept this country free for over 200 years.

He has asked nothing in return, except our friendship and understanding. Remember him, always, for he has earned our respect and admiration with his blood. And now we even have woman over there in danger, doing their part in this tradition of going to War when our nation calls us to do so.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fall Beaverree

All Beaver Colonies in North Waterloo Area are invited to attend the Fall Beaverree on Sunday October 1st, 2006 (rain date: Sunday October 15th, 2006). Come out for an afternoon of games, a craft, snack and sing-a-long. It is a great way to start the Scouting year - all for \$5.00 per person. We have one more planning meeting on Thursday September 14th at 8:00 PM at Scout House . One Leader from each Colony should attend. See the NW website for registration information and more details or contact Bob Thorn (rjtemailbox-colonyscoutersclub@yahoo.ca or 884-3383) if you have any questions.

Gilwell

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 20, 2006 at 9:00pm at Scout House

Peacehaven Camp

Peacehaven open house Sept 16, 2006 10am-4pm
<http://scouts-sw.ca>

Used & New Canoe and Kayak Sale

Guelph Lake Conservation Area September 22nd - 24th

Friday 2PM to 8PM Saturday 9AM to 5PM Sunday 9AM to 4PM

- a.. 150+ boats... Canoes, kayaks, rowing shells, paddles, spray skirts, life jackets, tie down kits
 - b.. Free test paddling
 - c.. Swift, Scott, Bluewater, Chestnut, Bell, Alden and more
- 1-800-661-1429 or www.swiftcanoe.ca

Camp Everton

We have started an expansion project on Greenwood and need your help. Come out Saturday, September 16 & 23. We will be working from approximately 9-5. If you can only come for a half a day that is fine also. We need your help so come by yourself or get a party together. For more information contact Ken at coyle@golden.net.

September 2006

UPCOMING EVENTS

NORTH WATERLOO AREA

PRESENTS THE

3R's BBQ, Social & Campfire

It was a success last year and it's coming back this year.
An event you do not want to miss.

- Stressed out from starting up the New Scouting Year?
- So much to do and no resources to help you?
- Don't know who to turn to for support?
- Want to meet new people in Scouting?

You need to **RECOUP, REGROUP & RELAX.** (The 3R's)

Come out to Camp Mohawk on **Tuesday, September 26, 2006.**

Meet and Greet - 5:45pm

Let's Eat and Talk - 6:00pm

Campfire – 7:00pm

Let's Head Home (or stay and socialize some more) – 7:30pm

For all Leaders, group commissioners, group administrators, treasurers, secretaries, registrars, sponsor rep. and anyone else on your group committee. Mark your calendar now, let everyone know, pass the word around.

Bring your dishes to eat on, a chair to sit on, your smile to wear, your voice to sing and something to share to eat.

If the weather is more than drizzling, we will have it at Scout House at 844 Frederick Street, Kitchener.

For more info: contact Ken Coyle at 741-5255 or Email at coyle@golden.net

3R's - Bringing Scouting Adults Together For Fun and Fellowship

September 2006

Showdown at Gold Rush Creek

Away back in June a bunch of cowpoke rode into town and took over the Wheeler Bunkhouse.



They spent their time chowing down on Vittles & Grub, panning for gold down at Gold Rush Creek, keeping varmints away with their Archery skill and making Banik with the Dude in the Stetson.

They were caught Lassoing in the herd and tying themselves up in knots, making fancy Lariats for a Saturday night shindig and singing songs around the campfire with a great story about a Stetson and two Dudes named Robert & Sam.

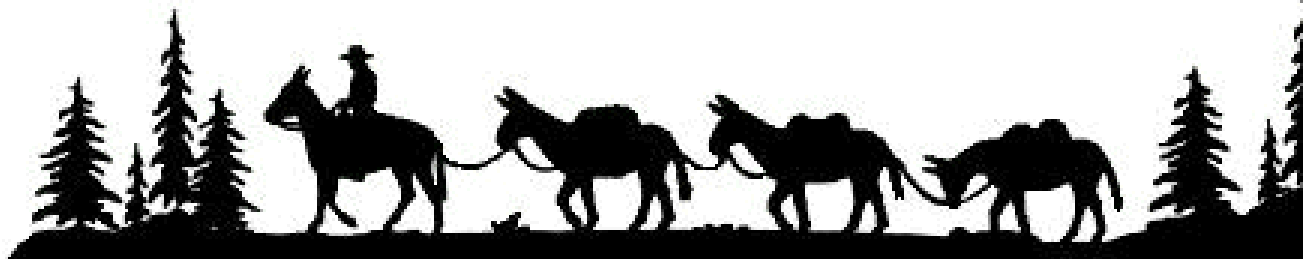
There was nothing more fun then soaking those Sheriffs who thought they were in charge of Gold Rush Creek & playing some gosh darn game named “Squirt”.

And that’s just some of the strange goings on in Town that weekend long, long ago.

Well “Thanks” Partners to you’ all for riding into town and making the “little critters” have a grand, old time!



Till next time...
Annie Oakley



OTHER GOOD STUFF



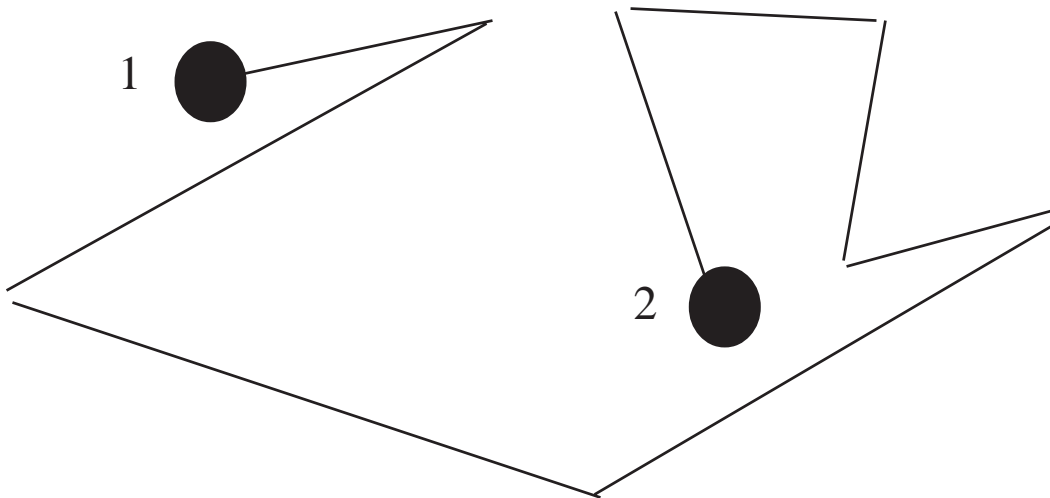
TCMO crest (Ted Claxton Memorial Outhouse)

Thank you to all that purchased a crest. We ended up raising \$272.00 for Camp Everton. The money was used to replace the standard incandescent exit lights with LED's. This change will save a lot in the cost of the bulbs as well the volenteer hours to change them and they use a lot less engery to operate and have a longer life.

YOUTH PAGE

PUZZLE (The Answer from April)

Connect The Dots From The April Issue



**Scouts Canada
Kitchener Scout Shop
Business Hours**

Monday.....closed

Tuesday.....9:00am to 5:00pm

Wednesday.....9:00am to 5:00pm

Thursday..... 9:00pm to 8:00pm

Friday.....9:00am to 5:00pm

Saturday.....9:00am to 1:00pm

Sunday.....closed

For more information about the Scout Shop please contact
Peter Miller the shop manager at
519-742-8325

Reports

White Tail Event

Was a huge success.

24 White Tails and 6 Keeos attended, and everyone had a great time.

The weather was perfect, mostly sunny, with a nice breeze whispering through the trees of Camp Mohawk.

The youth started with a wide game, to expend some of that seeming-infinite supply of energy! At opening, the Keeos shared a bit of what they like about Cubs, then joined the White Tails in lodges.

The lodges then rotated through 5 activities:

Story time - "How the Whale Got His throat" Legend from Rudyard Kipling (the author of the jungle book)

Knots - learned reef knot, and others

Skit Prep - for campfire later on

Craft - two woggles, a wolf head and a kite

Smores - around the campfire

After rotation, the lodges came together for a Scout-style campfire, where skits were presented by the youth.

Several comments were made about how calm and peaceful the event seemed to be. The activity actually felt somehow in perfect unison with nature, Camp Mohawk was a great choice of location.

Special thanks goes out to the leaders who helped make this event a success. Their commitment to the youth and Scouting shone yesterday. Hopefully events such as these will encourage youth to recognize the value of the Scouting and return to the program next year as Cubs.

YIS,

Mark Zettler

Malak, 14th Waterloo Beavers

Colony Scouters' Club Report

The first Colony Scouters' Club was held Thursday March 23rd at Scout House. We had 7 Colony Scouters plus 2 other interested people out - thanks to everyone who attended. It was an informative meeting and we were able to work on plans for a White Tail Event. Watch the North Waterloo website and sign up for the North Waterloo e-mail list for more information about the White Tail Event.

The next meeting for the Colony Scouters' Club is Tuesday May 16th at 7:00 PM at Scout House. One of the topics will be the Fall Beaveree, however we want the club to do more than plan events - we want it to have social and sharing aspects as well. Come on out and help shape the future of our club!

Contact Bob Thorn by phone at 884-3383 or by e-mail at rjtemailbox-colonyscoutersclub@yahoo.ca

September 2006

Reports

Summer Cub Camp Report

We had a very successful two weeks of Summer Cub Camp this year! Everyone had a great time in the Wild West, and were able to make covered wagons, try their hand at archery, compete in the Gold Rush and saddle up for a whole lot of fun! We had a good turn out for numbers, and were able to open up

the camp for a few foundation youth who I am sure will be signing up for Cubs this fall! ACE Camp was also very successful this year, and the soon-to-be Scouts enjoyed their week of camping outdoors and learning many essential Scouting skills to help them on their way! Thanks to all the staff and leaders who helped make this year's summer camp memorable for all!

Sarah Kassa

Thank you to George Wagner at the Bow Shop in Waterloo helped me out with giving me a deal on a repair kit for Cub Camp.

Steve Freure

Rovers-Only Moot 2006

The Rovers-Only Moot 2006, held in Kitchener, Ontario was a great success. Unlike previous years, the thunderstorm downpour held off until the Moot was over and everyone had packed up. We had a couple of new Crews show up, and it was a chance for Rovers and Advisors to get together and relax. Everywhere you looked, people were sitting around, laughing or trying out new things. Where else could you sample so many different Dutch oven recipes, strategize how to defeat the Spider Web or make your own Jiffy-pop. (Remember - popcorn tastes better if you skip setting it ablaze)

Thanks to everyone who came out and we're looking forward to seeing you next year.

Rover Recognition

Congratulations to:

Kael Dixon and Dan Lynch of the University of Waterloo Rover Crew who were invested at the Rovers-Only Moot.

Chrystal Beke, Sarah Kassa, and Menotah Vickers, who were re-coloured into the 10th Waterloo Rover Crew during a ceremony at the Rovers Only Moot..

University of Waterloo Rover Crew members Gillian Gothard, Janet Jenkins, and Ryan Jenkins and Neil Craig, Steve Denham, and Wayne Hessel of the 10th Waterloo Rover Crew, who completed their Crew Woodbage Basic training,.

Closing Thought

The person who refuses to hear criticism has no chance to learn from it.

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