



Seen here at the unveiling of the Commemorative Plaque, Saugeen Bluffs Conservation Area, are left to right Mr. William R. McDonald (Chairman, SVCA), Mr. Irwin Lobsinger

(Founding Chairman of the Saugeen Vally Conservation Foundation and the SVCA) and Mr. Joseph Reichenbach (Chairman of the SVCF) who is offering congratulations to Mrs. Robert Sutherland Sr.

Official Saugeen Opening

by Fran Rowland

On the afternoon of June 21, the official opening of the Saugeen Bluffs Conservation Area was held. Although the area was first inspected in 1972 by members of the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority, it wasn't until a year later that the establishment of the Saugeen Bluffs Conservation Area was approved. 160 adjacent acres were added in 1975, bringing the present size of the area to 507 acres. "The Bluffs" are capable of containing 112 tents or small trailers, with 28 hydro serviced sites having been installed earlier this year. It is an ideal stop-off point for canoeists paddling along the Saugeen River, as well as an ideal location for seasonal nature studies. The Saugeen Bluffs supports many more activities, including the Maple Syrup Demonstration and several winter sports.

The official opening of this area is therefore of great significance, not only as a realization of a plan and later financed faithfully by the late Robert Sutherland Sr., but as a valuable asset to Paisley and environs. The proposal for the development of the Saugeen Bluffs came initially from within the SVCA; once it was accepted, Mr. Sutherland repeatedly donated funds to the Charitable Foundation, who turned them over to the SVCA. It was desired by Mr. Sutherland that the area would not at any time be overdeveloped into a bumper-to-bumper trailer park. Strong support throughout development was also received from

the Province of Ontario and the SVCA's 41 member municipalities.

As at the Lockerby Cairn Unveiling Mr. William R. McDonald, Chairman of the SVCA, served as Program Chairman, and Rev. C.R. McClenaghan gave the Invocation. The welcoming addresses began with Andy Cormack Reeve of Paisley and progressed through Alex Lamont, Reeve of Saugeen Township and Arthur Speer, Warden of Bruce County.

While the Honourable J.A. Auld, Ontario Minister of Natural Resources, was unable to attend, he was successfully replaced by Bill Foster, Assistant Deputy Minister of Natural Resources for Southern Ontario, who gave the address. Thanks to the Guest Speaker were given by Mr. Karl Wilken, second Vice-Chairman of the SVCA, and Mr. George Grant of the SVCA introduced Jim Sutherland. Mr. Sutherland spoke of the late Robert Sutherland Sr.'s dream to make the Bluffs a lasting legacy, calling it "a vision conceived and brought to fulfillment." Mrs. Robert Sutherland Sr. was on hand for the unveiling of the Commemorative Plaque which was followed by the Official Opening of Saugeen Bluffs Conservation Area.

Upon conclusion of the ceremony at the entrance to the Bluffs, refreshments were served and a tour of the Conservation Area was made by the Official Party.

Ball team hosts bonspiel



Winning the first draw in the Port Elgin Ralph's Bonspiel, held Saturday at the Port Elgin Curling Club, was the Garry Scott rink. Rink members include, left to right; second Gord Lamont, lead Sheree Toffan and skip Garry Scott. Not available for photo was the rink's vice, Sharon Little.