

# Helping at Olympiad broadens experience

While the rest of the world was just getting over the Montreal Olympics, two Acton youths were just starting 11 days of an unforgettable adventure at the Toronto Olympiad for the Disabled held in Etobicoke.

Venturer Jim Saxon and Scout Brian Hogan left August 1 to spend the next week and a half serving food, chasing ping pong balls, (as well as Rangers), helping people in and out of wheelchairs and being security guards.

Their first day was spent serving meals in York University to the athletes. Groups from all over the world were housed here, while Scouts and Venturers from all across Ontario stayed in tents on Centennial grounds, Etobicoke.

August 2 the two Actonians spent the morning serving more meals.

Action begins August 3 they left for Wood-

bine Race Track, where the opening ceremonies took place. Both got their identification pictures taken for special cards that day.

Brian served meals at York while Jim was on wheelchair duty, helping the athletes on and off the bus.

Chasing ping pongs during actual competitions kept Brian busy on August 4. Jim had free time in the morning and spent the day escorting people to their seats in the arena in the afternoon. He described his job as more or less a security guard.

Thursday, August 5 saw Brian setting up the lawn bowling equipment in the afternoon. He had the morning free. Jim was on wheelchair duty that day, helping athletes in and out of the pool and escorting them to the change rooms.

August 6 saw Brian at the archery event all morning, and both he and Jim spent the afternoon at the stadium.

Here they kept people off the track and railings.

Brian's Saturday morning was filled with pushing wheelchairs and assisting in archery in the p.m. Jim had the day off as his appointed events were cancelled.

Sunday, August 8 Brian spent checking people's tickets as they arrived at events, to make sure they had the right date. Jim meanwhile spent his afternoon lowering and raising the flag for the countries who won gold medals. His job would take place during the playing of the countries' national anthems.

11 Straight hours Fencing and archery were watched by Brian on his free day on August 9. Jim's day was not so easy however, as he spent 11 hours at the Metro Police Station rifle range. He was only supposed to spend three hours there, but someone forgot to come and get

him to take him back to camp. He spent his time changing targets.

Fortunately Jim did not have to work until the next evening, when he headed for the stadium, at which time he checked ticket dates.

Wednesday, August 10 Brian assisted in the darts, where athletes shoot arrows at a dart board. Jim was scheduled to help out here but was not needed.

This was the last day of the Olympiad. At the closing ceremonies, all the Scouts, rangers and Venturers totaling 400, formed a circle around the track, which they maintained for two hours, while the games were closed.

A splash party was held later in the evening for the members of the Scouting movement. Then, as Brian says, the sad goodbyes were said, especially to the Rangers.

Souvenirs In their 11 days there, Brian and Jim made a lot of friends, both among fellow assistants, and the athletes themselves. Brian, who traded Canadian

coins with those of several foreign countries, was constantly teased by the athletes. Pins and badges were also traded among all the foreigners by the boys. Jim came home with a wooden sign, poster, and badges.

Brian brought pamphlets, coins, pins and badges. They also got to keep their uniforms consisting of navy pants, blue jacket, blue t-shirt and colorful neckerchief.

The days were not all work for the boys however. An Olympics was also held for the Scouts which they could take part in during their free time. Games such as swimming, soccer, monster ball etc. were set up with gold, silver and bronze medals being awarded. Brian and Jim's team got four golds, plus bronze and silver medals. Each team member was presented with a medal, which they got to keep. Jim brought one gold home for being on the winning team in monster ball and Brian one for soccer.

The two got to take in a movie in Toronto in their mutual time off, and enjoyed

the sights of the surrounding area from the top of the CN tower.


They had to take their turn as security guard in their own Scout camp also because of people stealing articles.

Highlights Both Jim and Brian had a lot of exciting things to say about their 11 days in Etobicoke. They were hard pressed when trying to decide what the highlight of the stay was. Jim decided he most enjoyed the soccer game between the Scouts and the Mexican coaches, and Brian enjoyed

talking to the various people in the various languages. Both agreed the Mexicans were the friendliest during their first hand observations.

They learned a lot of things it would take the average person years to experience. Jim noted that 99 per cent of the athletes were in wheelchairs, and a lot of the blind were from Canada. They learned that men and women, no matter what nationality or handicap, are all the same. It takes some people years, if ever, to learn one of life's most important messages.

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JIM SAXON AND Brian Hogan sit with souvenirs they collected while at the Olympiad for the Disabled in Etobicoke last week. Jim salvaged the sign and poster while Brian collected money from various countries. Brian also has the gold medal his team won for soccer against other Scouts. Their attractive jackets, T shirts and neckerchiefs were presented to them as their uniforms while assisting at the Olympics.

## Scout and Guide news

By Mark Rowe  
Slowly the summer season is drawing to a close. The Acton Scout Hall will soon be resounding in the noises of children as a new season opens again for the Scouting and Guiding communities.

Tomorrow evening (Thursday) at seven o'clock the first Acton Scout Troop will begin their 61st year of operation. A new year of hiking, camping, swimming, snowshoeing and much more will commence. A new activity for the troop this year will be a canoeing trip later in the month.

August 19 also marks the opening of the first Acton Venturer Company. Venturers is for young men between 14 and 17 years of age. They meet in the recently completed "Hodensowance Two" at the rear of the old Scout Hall.

The starting dates of the other sections in Scouting and

Guiding will be determined at a very important Acton Scout Group Committee meeting. This meeting of section leaders and all interested parents will take place on Tuesday, August 31 at the

**AHS opens with yellow booklets**  
With the high school re-opening in 22 days, the staff prepared a booklet to help students adjust to autumn classes from summer holidays.

Stacks of eight-page student handbooks sit in the office waiting to be distributed to both new students and to those returning to AHS for more lessons.

Exams  
The yellow-covered booklet outlines the structure of the school day by listing schedules, and the school year by setting dates for exams and report cards.

For students with an eye to high grades there is a page-and-a-half of scholarships and awards.

The booklet also includes a list of people in the school who will help students with subjects, health, guidance and personal problems.

Seven holidays will punctuate the school year.

Scout Hall. It will commence at eight in the evening. Please make sure you are there.

So starts the 1976-77 Scouting and Guiding year here in our town of Acton. If your son, daughter or yourself would like to become involved, please come to the group committee meeting or telephone Donald McDonald at 853-0653 for information. Watch for a weekly feature of this paper entitled "The Scout and Guide News". It will fill you in on what's happening and believe me, the leaders have a great year lined up.

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