Russell To Hire Recreational Director

During the first year of operation, the Russell Arena was capably managed by Mr. Jack Garden who has now tendered his resignation. Efforts are underway to find a new employee to fill an expanded role, that of Recreation Director. In addition to managing the Arena, it is expected the Director will provide guidance, supervision and leadership in all present facets of recreation in the Village of Russell and the first four concessions and will assist in the introduction of new programs for the benefit of all

residents.

A committee representing the Arena Board and the Russell Recreation Association has been formed, namely Barry McVey, Jack McLaren and Don Coates, for the purpose of receiving applications and eventually hiring the most suitable candidate. Preference will be given to holders of a degree of diploma in Recreation Administration, this will entitle the employer to a Provincial rebate for a portion of salary. The director, through training and pre-employment qualifications, will provide a

measure of professionalism to those programs he or she will be directly responsible for and will be able to assist the executive committees of present activities. More efficient operations with less duplication and less demands on those volunteers who have given so freely will result.

Ads are being run in local newspapers, but if readers of this paper are aware of a interested and qualified prospect, they should ask the prospect to contact one of the three men on the hiring committee.

SCOUTING NEWS

There will be a registration meeting held on Wednesday Sept. 8 at 7:30 p.m.

All former scouts and any boys between the ages of 11 and 14 who are interested in scouting or of learning more about scouting are cordially invited to attend. Parents who would like to know what scouting offers to their sons are also welcome to attend at St. Mary's Church Hall on Castor St.

Any boys between 14 and 17 who are interested in continuing the Venture program should also inquire at this time.

Dick Sherwood at 445-2949 or George Carley at 445-5711 will be happy to answer any questions between now and Sept. 8th.

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SPORTS COMMENT

If you watched the 21st Olympiad as I did, you could say it was the true Olympic spirit. A lot of controversy surrounded because Canada would not let them use the name Taiwan. Thirty African nations withdrew from the games since a New Zealand All-Black rugby team was touring Africa. It's really bad the way one little thing can cause a big comotion. Carlos, an international terrorist was feared to have been in Montreal but all rumours were set aside.

Some of the very exciting moments belonged to other countries. Nadia Comanici, a 14 year old gymnast from Romania, who had seven perfect scores John Naber a 6' 6" American who smashed records of the 72 games by Mark Spitz, Canada winning 9 of 11 medals in the pool except I was still a bit disappointed that we didn't win a gold in the pool. Shirley Babashoff of the U.S. and Kornelia Ender of East Germany were the best women. swimmers I felt.

Vasili Alexeev caught the eye of many weightlifting fans by lifting 255 kilos or 561 pounds.

What did you think of the refereeing in the boxing competitions? I didn't, it was just plain out of this world.

Chris Clarke had been head butted by Josef Magy the games. Taiwan pulled out Hungary. The ruling is the one who did the damage is disqualified automatically. Not so this time. The referee (who was from Taiwan) said he didn't see it. The crazy thing is that two of the refs came from countries who didn't participate and they would favour the E. Countries. If a country pulls out it should be bye-bye and a one way ticket home. Carmen Rinke also lost a fight he shouldn't have. I saw the match, he definately won and I am fed up to my eyes with the lousy officiating in all sports.

On the brighter side Greg Joy won us a silver in the high jump, clearing 1.73 metres. There are many sports coming up in Canada like volley ball, wrestling, especially Ray Tackahashi of Bell High, rowing, equestrian, water polo, handball and track and field.

So thats the story from the 21st Olympiad. I hope you enjoyed the games very much and would like to thank C.B.C. for their live coverage of the Games. Au Revoir.

"Toot"

Russell Children's Playground Opens

The Centennial Park Playground is now open for use. Parents are advised that it is not a supervised playground. Therefore, very young children could not be left there on their own.

At present, the playground is fenced and contains a large sandbox, tunnel, balance beam, teeter totter, and a picnic table for parents. We are in the process of installing a tyre swing, tyre tree, and a play structure which will house a variety of climbing and sliding activities.

We wish to thank all those who have assisted in building the playground to date: H. Boersma, who did a super job on the tunnel, J. Hayward, D. Carscadden, G. O'Reilly, A. Cram, G. Carley, G. Ris, P. Martell, G. Bogden, J. Lapierre, B. Lauzon, B. Rouwsell, S. Schroeter, and A. Kiskis.

We thank the following people for their contributions of material and or loaning of equipment: Don Campbell, J. Eadie, L. Wouters, H. Latimer, Marilyn Sullivan, Doris Ruest, Loretta Rombough, Delores and Arthur Cram, Nicole Danis, Alex Little, P. Martell, H. Boersma, the Arena Board, the Verimac Golf Club, Curran, Chantal Development Corp., and Vibrapipe Concrete Products Ltd.

We especially thank the Russell Recreation Association as they are the people who are financing this project and have made the playground possible.

Mrs. R. Carley

Russell Beavers Swim Team

A "just-for-fun" swim meet was held at Russell on Sunday, guest. After a see-saw battle for a couple of hours, Russell emerged on top with a margin of less than 10 points. Of real interest was the introduction of the "open relay". An event open to boys and girls together in the same race, lots of fun.

Special thanks to volunteer timers, scorers and to Chris Coates for photography. Also thanks to all those Russell people who stopped by the pool to cheer our kids on.

On Saturday, Aug. 14, 11 members of the Beavers were guests

at Winchester Invitational Meet along with Chesterville, Brockville, Prescott, Ganonoque and Cardinal. Even with such a small team we still came 4th out of 7 and many of our swimmers did very well personally with 9 first place ribbons coming home to Russell.

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