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STARGAZING MAY

Big Dipper: guide to stars

(NC) — This type of map with Polaris as its centre is called a northern circumpolar map. It differs from many maps because it can be used any hour of the night and any night of the year. Held vertically, the bottom toward the horizon, our map shows the sky for an observer facing north in our mid-northern Canadian latitudes around mid-May about 9 p.m. Standard Time. Turn it counter-clockwise by one of the 24 divisions radiating from the centre for each hour it is later than 9 o'clock; clockwise for each hour it is earlier.

Polaris, the star central to the map and the one star in the sky that stays in the same place while all others circle it continuously, is not brilliant. To find it, face north. Then locate Ursa Major, the Great Bear of Greek mythology, perhaps the best known and most loved of all constellations and often the first learned by beginning stargazers. It is easily recognized because its seven brightest stars (the hindquarters of the Bear) trace the familiar outline of the Big Dipper. Locate the two "bowl" stars opposite the handle of the Dipper. These two stars are called the "Pointers" because they point in the general direction of Polaris.

Polaris is in Ursa Minor, the Lesser Bear, and marks the tip of the handle of the Little Dipper. Unfortunately, only its three brightest stars can be seen from the city, so it is difficult to distinguish the Dipper

shape. But it can be seen from dark locations or with binoculars. Note how the two Dippers are arranged so that one always pours into the other.

May Calendar

17 01 FIRST QUARTER 23 21 FULL MOON

24 05 Saturn 5° N. of Moon

24 08 Antares 1° .2 S. of Moon

27 03 Mars 3° N. of Moon

30 13 LAST QUARTER 31 08 Jupiter 2° N. of Moon

Planets: Look for brilliant Venus low in the west just after sunset. Saturn is above the horizon all night, rising in the east about sunset and setting in the west at sunrise. Mars is still a morning object. Rising about midnight it is in the south at sunrise. Jupiter can be seen above the eastern horizon for about two hours before sunrise. It is the brightest object in the predawn sky.

> Mary Grey, Curator, Astronomy

For more information, write: SKYSHEETS, National Museum of Science & Technology, 1867 St. Laurent Blvd., Ottawa K1A OM8.

Schreiber will defend banner

This year's annual North Shore Fun Run will be held on Monday, May 26, according to a news release from the Schreiber Recreation Department.

Last year Schreiber won the banner for the highest percentage of population participating. This year our goal is to win both banners: highest percentage and greatest number of participants, the release added.

This year's objective is 1,000 participants. Plan to attend, and bring along a friend.

Liquor Policy:

On May 13, Schreiber Town Council accepted a Liquor Management Policy for all facilities owned and/or operated by the municipality.

The objective of the policy is to provide for the management of alcohol in all facilities owned and/or operated by the town in a manner that ensures the health and safety of all participants.

Anyone wishing more information concerning the Liquor Management Policy should contact the Recreation Office at 824-2317. **Ball Hockey:**

Registrations for Adult Ball Hockey will be accepted until Thursday, May 15.

Practice times have been organized for Tuesday and Thursdays from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Anyone wishing to pay their \$15 registration fee can do so at any one of the practice sessions or at the Recreation Office.

Junior Ball Hockey: Registrations are now being accepted at the Rec Office. If you are interested in playing, simply call 824-2317. If enough interest is shown, the Recreation Department will organize a Junior Bill Hockey League.

Minor Ball:

Preparations for this year's Minor Ball Program are presently underway. Coaches and umpires are needed for the following categories:

T-Ball (Ages 5-7), Male or Female; Junior Nationals (Ages 8-12), Male; Senior Nationals (Ages 13-16), Male; Junior Canadians (Ages 8-12), Female; Senior Canadians (Ages 13-16), Female.

All groups will be playing slowpitch. Registration forms will be distributed through the schools in the very near future. For more information, contact the Recreation Office.

Student Employment

Anyone wishing to work for the Recreation Department this summer should pick up their application forms at the Rec Office as

soon as possible. Positions are open for: Summer Fun (Playground and special events), Schreiber Green (Maintenance), and the Swim Program.

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As part of the Ministry of Natural Resources' ongoing program to regenerate and protect our forests, selected areas within the Terrace Bay District will be aerial sprayed with the biological insecticide Bt (Bacillus thuringiensis) to control spruce budworm on or about

June 1, 1986

Further details about the program are available from The Ministry of Natural Resources

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