

It's just 'Cowboys and Indians' for grown-ups

By Conrad Felber

Tired of the rat race? Do you feel a need for some thrills and excitement and even a little bit of danger? Mac Rogerson of MGR Enterprises in Terrace Bay is the man to see.

Rogerson has brought to the area an adult "war" game which is extremely popular in many larger cities, including Thunder Bay.

The game is actually just a sophisticated version of

"Cowboys and Indians," in which teams of five or ten people dress in camouflage gear and head out to Rogerson's game area near Jackfish Lake east of town.

The participants are then each given a special gun

and a supply of small, spherical plastic pellets, which are filled with a red dye. CO₂ cartridges in the guns fire the pellets, which break on impact, creating a bright splash of red that almost looks like blood.

The game then begins, with each team protecting its base camp and a flag. There are variations to the contest, but the object of it is usually to capture the other team's flag and to bring it back to your base.

The players get 30 of the pellets each, and two matches are played in an hour

of fun and exercise.

Rogerson noted that his game stresses safety, and all players are required to wear goggles, which are supplied in the cost of the game. Long-sleeved shirts and pants as well as boots for ankle support should also be worn, he added.

In addition, players are told not to shoot an "enemy" above the shoulder level. If someone is hit in the head, that shot is not counted. A hit in the arm or leg is considered a wound in most of the game variations, while a direct

shot in the torso will always "kill" that person, and he or she will then be out for the duration of that particular game.

Umpires are also provided by Rogerson to make sure the rules are followed. The playing field varies from 150 feet square up to a quarter mile square on a site 200 acres in size.

Rogerson had to secure a land use allocation from the Ministry of Natural Resources earlier this summer before he was allowed to begin.

As winter sessions are

also held, Rogerson continues to accept bookings for games, usually in groups of ten, although smaller groups can also be formed. Individual names are now being accepted, and these people will be put together in a group of their own eventually, he said.

Since starting the unique program, Rogerson has expanded somewhat and is now organizing games during the day and evening, seven days a week.

To make a booking or for more information, call Rogerson at 825-3824.



A Close Call

Don Young flinches back as a shot whizzes by him during a demonstration of a new game for adventuring adults which has come to Terrace Bay. The game involves the use of CO₂ powered guns which fire pellets of red dye. For more information about the game or to make a booking for your group, call 825-3824.

Ready, Aim . . .

Todd McKie, at left, and Don Young spot a mutual foe and line up almost like a firing squad. Both recently took part in this demonstration of a new outdoor

adventure game started up in Terrace Bay earlier this summer by organizer Mac Rogerson. The guns used in the game fire hollow plastic spheres filled with dye.

NOTICE OF TENDER

SEALED GENERAL CONTRACT TENDERS will be due at the Office of the Architects & Consulting Engineer, at 3:00 p.m. LOCAL TIME, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1986, on behalf of the NORTH OF SUPERIOR DISTRICT R.C.S.S. BOARD, for WINDOW RENOVATIONS, HOLY ANGELS SCHOOL, SCHREIBER, ONTARIO.

A 10% Bid Bond or Certified Cheque for 10% of Tender will be required with each tender.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

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Layoffs may cause changes

Terrace Bay Recreation Co-ordinator Terry Bryson said last week that recreation in the town is going to more important now than ever before, due to the lay-offs announced last week by Kimberly-Clark.

"Recreation keeps the mind and body active," he said in an interview after returning from a recreation case study seminar held in Toronto on August 20 at which he represented all of Northwestern Ontario.

"There are also the psychological benefits," he added. "Recreation helps to reduce stress and depression."

He said that the lay-offs, which involve 355 pulp mill and woodlands operations workers, will be a challenge for everyone, including those in his own department.

"We have to be ready with different approaches to recreation," he said. "There will be an increase in leisure time for some, and they are going to want to stay active." He added that it is still too early to say what actual effects the lay-offs will have.

As for the seminar, he said it was held to discuss the Ministry of Tourism and Recreation's recent case study held in Sudbury,

Lindsay, and Burlington. The study was conducted to bring to the public's attention the social benefits of recreation.

"There is an economic impact as well," Bryson noted. Those impacts were also dealt with at the seminar. However, Bryson is convinced that those financial impacts are not as important in the final analysis as the social benefits of recreation to a community and its residents.

In a report to Terrace Bay Council, Bryson said some of the social benefits include an opportunity to mix with people and to develop new interests and skills. There are also the physical health and fitness benefits, as well as a feeling of achievement, maturity, creativity, adventure, and well-being.

The report, titled *Values of Recreation to Our Society*, did include the obvious economic benefits. Bryson explained that every dollar the Ministry of Tourism and Recreation spends generates \$9.07 in additional expenditures.

A typical family spends approximately \$2,300 a year on recreation, a figure which even surprised Bryson himself. As well, there

are the province-wide income figures: \$418 million spent for hockey ice time, equipment, and travel, plus \$533 million spent annually on organized skating.

The seminar pointed out that a simple two-day, 15 visiting team hockey tournament creates an influx of \$18,300 for the host town due to money spent by the teams on accommodations, meals, gas travel, beer, and other items.

"Recreation is the medium through which an individual may improve the quality of our society," Bryson's report concluded. He said his report was based on the seminar's much larger report.

Bryson added that his office is continued to promote its "Let's Hear From You" program, which he stressed was not created as a reflection of the lay-offs.

"If an individual has a suggestion as to a recreation program, we'll work with them to start it up," he explained. "We'll try anything...it's really up to the people in the community to come to us with their ideas."

Bryson said that 90 per cent of the Recreation Department's special interest courses were suggestions from the public under the

"Let's Hear From You" program. Four years ago, the town didn't even have any special interest classes, and now there are 25 to 30 held every fall and after Christmas.

"Quite a bit of them are new this year," he added. All special programs will be featured at the Recreation Office's booth at the town's annual Fall Fair, to be held September 14 from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

He also stressed that some programs can be offered for free if he can get volunteers to run them. His office also has qualified instructors for squash, racquetball, and weight training.

Suggestions from the general public can be beyond the special interest courses, Bryson said.

"A good example of that was the East Grove Playground, which was suggested by a group of ladies in that area," he said. "Thanks to their efforts, that playground was constructed."

He said he is looking forward to any suggestions anyone might have for recreation programs, services, or even facilities in the township.



LAKE SUPERIOR BOARD OF EDUCATION

PUBLIC NOTICE

Generally, meetings of the Board are as follows:

- Conference Room, Marathon High School
- 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday nights
- 1st Meeting of the month — EDUCATION Items
- 2nd Meeting of the month — OPERATIONS Items
- 3rd Meeting of the month — GENERAL BUSINESS Items
- 4th Meeting of the Month — FINANCE Items

The general public is welcome to attend at any meetings although some portion of each meeting may be closed to the public. For those interested, agendas and minutes are available at each local public library.

Meetings for the 1986-87 school year commence Tuesday, September 9, 1986.

For further information please contact your local trustees, school principal or the Board Office (824-2201).

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