

Superior skiing for MDA

By Dave Chmara

The Terrace Bay Fire Department, with the help of Roy Teniuk, has come up with a unique method to raise money for the Canadian Muscular Dystrophy Association.

So unique in fact that over a dozen other fire departments from Dryden to Wawa are depending on the idea to help them raise money for the MDA this year as well.

Teniuk will be water skiing across Lake Superior. Not a short trip like from the Slate Islands to Terrace Bay, but from Copper

Harbor, Michigan to Terrace Bay, a total of 140 km.

Pledge forms have been drawn up and members of the Terrace Bay Fire Department will be canvassing door-to-door for support. The fundraising drive is called, "Ski for Those Who Can't" and sponsors can pledge an amount for every kilometre Teniuk manages to ski.

But be forewarned, he is absolutely convinced he will ski the entire distance. According to his calculations, the trip should take about four or five hours to complete.

At this point, Teniuk is planning to make the ski trip sometime during the first two weeks of June.

Mike Gould, a member of the Terrace Bay Fire Department, said the idea was a selling job every step of the way - from the town, to customs and coast guard officials to other fire departments.

But the selling paid off and all groups involved are now behind the skiing attempt.

Teniuk said the trip will be very physically demanding, but that he has been "skiing forever"

as he puts it, and is confident he will be able to ski the entire 140 km.

Two boats will accompany Teniuk on his journey, a 26 and a 20 foot boat, and Gould said organizers would prefer not to have a whole flotilla of boats along for the trip.

Teniuk said radio contact with the boats will probably be possible when they are about 100 km from Terrace Bay.

He said chances are that the decision to go will probably be made on the spur of the moment

as any long range forecast for Lake Superior is not really possible.

Teniuk said they'll probably choose an overcast day with low air pressure and that the trip could even be made in the fog as the water would be calm.

As for where the idea originated, Teniuk said he had planned to make the trip anyway, and this was a good method of trying to raise funds for MD.

Teniuk commented, "it's going to be hard to top this one next year though."

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Ernie Kettle accepts the Ontario Municipal Recreation Association Volunteer Service Award from Reeve Jim Ziegler. Kettle was nominated by Terrace Bay Recreation Centre Co-ordinator Dean Main for Kettle's outstanding volunteer service. Kettle served 11 years as a recreation committee member and five years as committee chairman. He coached minor ball for six years and was minor hockey executive for five years, two of which he served as president. Kettle is also responsible for initiating the seniors programming at the rec centre and is currently serving on the Recreation Masterplan and Tourism Development Committees. He has also been an executive member of the Arthritis Society for fifteen years.

Photo by Dave Chmara

Mid-September date set for Chamber's first Trade Show

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The Aguasabon Chamber of Commerce held its first "After Business" last week.

Bisco - Division of Thunder Bay Northland Machinery Ltd. hosted the social.

The Chamber of Commerce says After Business is one of many programs offered by the Chamber to help businesses operate more successfully in the area.

The Chamber works to improve the economic climate of the region and as part of the overall business expansion effort, After Business provides a regular opportunity to make new business contacts, meet old friends and identify potential customers.

Bisco is an industrial and wholesale supplier which can also serve the individual consumer.

Winner of the door prize was Kim Murray.

The Chamber is currently organizing a Trade Show which will be held September 15 and 16 at the Terrace Bay Recreation Complex.

Ken Randle, president of the Aguasabon Chamber of Commerce, said various committees have been formed (financial, advertising, registration, set-up and take-down) and the Chamber is in the process of determining the amount of space available and the number of booths which it

will be able to accommodate.

Randle said right now the Chamber is looking at a total of about 50 to 60 booths and Randle said registration will be restricted to Chamber members for the first week.

After that, any business will be able to register for the Trade Show, which the Chamber will be promoting as the First Annual Aguasabon Chamber of Commerce Trade Show.

"The number of booths available for any one business will be limited to a maximum of three," said Randle.

This is so a few businesses won't be overshadowing all the others.

Randle mentioned that the show won't only be an opportunity to display products and services. He said it's a chance for businesses to do some selling as well.

The Trade Show is pushed back, in terms of the dates, as far as it can go because as Randle said, "the recreation centre is putting the ice on to the rink immediately after the show is over."

Randle is optimistic the show will do well. "Bryon Cassie is the chairman of the Trade Show Committee and it looks like we've got a good committee working on it."

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