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nastawgan is an Anishinabi word meaning 'the way or route'

## CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

First of all, we wish to apologize to all those members who did not receive summer newsletters. We did a very careful mailing and double-checked our labels, and with a clear conscience think that we can lay the blame directly on the shoulders of the Post Office. Don't hesitate to contact anyone on the Board of Directors if you miss an issue, we will gladly send along another.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank publicly our membership chairman Tanis Mathers for the painstaking and time-consuming job she did handling the great flow of membership applications received this spring. We accept her resignation with regret, and can only marvel at the ship-shape order of all the data she has given us, all processed while she was under the pressure of her own professional career. Thank you Tanis.

As I predicted in the spring, this is the Year of Growing Pains for the WCA, and we have a record number of members. We have also offered a record number of trips, but apologize if we could not please or accommodate everyone.

I would like to take this opportunity to urge you to be patient, and to contact us with your ideas and concerns. We are trying to improve our trip format all the time and are encouraging better liason with new members. The more club events you attend - workshops, slide nights, trips, and especially annual meetings - and

the more you contact directors or committee members, the better we can get to know you and try to serve your needs.

Richard Smerdon would like to hear from you if you have first hand knowledge of specific environmental issues.

Norm Coombe would be delighted to hear of some new spot ideal for hiking, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing or paddling. If you live in a suitable country setting, and would care to show us your "neck of the woods" for a day hike or ski, we'd be very grateful for the invitation.

As always, we welcome articles, trip reports and photos for the newsletter. Let us hear from you about your adventures.

It has been an incredible summer, and I feel that the spirit and adventures of the past months augur well for the coming events and pursuits of autumn and winter.

Hoping to see you both indoors and out in the coming season.

Claire Brigden

## news briefs

### WINE, CHEESE AND SLIDES

The WCA will be holding a social evening on Friday November 25 between 7:00 pm and midnight. It will be held at North Toronto Memorial Gardens, 174 Orchard View Blvd. in Toronto (1 block north of Eglinton and 2 blocks west of Yonge). There is free parking.

Coffee will be served between 7:00 and 8:00, with a slide show starting at 8:00. Following the slide show, wine and cheese will be served.

The Intrepid Seven will entertain you with slides of their canoe trip through the Okechoke Swamp in Georgia. We would like to include a couple more slide shows or movies of other trips of note taken by WCA members and friends. Each presentation should be about 30 minutes in length, unique in some way and of high quality. Please contact Claire Brigden (See WCA Contacts on the back page.) if you have a show to offer.

The cost of the evening will be \$5.00 per person. Please register on the form enclosed with this newsletter. (A few seats may be sold at the door, if there are any left.)

### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Tanis Mathers has resigned as Membership Chairman. Until a new chairman is found, please address all membership inquiries to the WCA postal box. (See WCA Contacts on the back page.)

### DROGGED ASHORE AND TURNED OVER

After nearly a decade of publishing CHE-MUN, a quarterly newsletter on canoeing Nick Nickels, (author of Canoe Canada) has decided to call it quits. In the June 1933 issue, Nick announced sadly that, while the newsletter had "brought (him) one of the happiest experiences of (his) life...CHE-MUN can now be considered 'draggod ashore and turned over'."

The continuing recession, the increasing postal rates, and the declining business of his canoe trip planning service which generated the funds to keep CHE-MUN afloat, combined to force Nick to stop publication.

CHE-MUN (Ojibwa for canoe) provided articles of historic interest to canoeists, book reviews, information on equipment and canoe routes, but most of all it provided a forum where canoe trippers from Europe, the U.S. and Canada kept in touch and shared information on their trips and wilderness experiences. It will be sadly missed by members of the canoe tripping community.

### NASTAWGAN INDEX

A continuously updated cumulative index to NASTAWGAN is now computer stored. The size of the index prohibits publication in the newsletter, but anyone interested in obtaining a print-out of the index can purchase one. See Products and Services.