

## BRIEFS...

### THE WORLD OF ROBERT BATEMAN

The most exciting publishing event of 1985 will be the release in October of The World of Robert Bateman, an entirely new selection of 85 full-colour paintings by the well-known Canadian naturalist and artist Robert Bateman. The artists' commentaries on his paintings show Bateman's skills as a naturalist and give the reader a fascinating insight into how a Bateman painting is created.

The Nature Canada Bookshop is offering a pre-publication discount for copies reserved by September 15th. For orders placed by September 15th the cost will be \$45.00, with no postage and handling charge. After September 15th our price will be \$45.00, plus a postage and handling charge of \$4.00. The suggested retail price is \$50.00.

As a member of a Canadian Nature Federation affiliate you can reserve a copy by sending a cheque or money order for \$45.00 payable to Nature Canada Bookshop; or a Visa/Mastercard number and expiry date. Mail by September 15th to Nature Canada Bookshop, 75 Albert Street, Ottawa, Ontario K1P 6G1. Please indicate that you are a member of a CNF affiliated organization.

### 1985 CHRISTMAS AND ANNUAL CATALOGUES

The Nature Canada Bookshop's 1985 fall selection will be an outstanding collection of books, calendars, Christmas cards, binoculars and many other gifts for naturalists. If you would like to receive a copy of our 1985 colour Christmas catalogue and our 1985/86 40-page book catalogue, please write to Nature Canada Bookshop, 75 Albert Street, Ottawa, Ontario K1P 6G1 by August 15th, indicating that you are a member of a CNF affiliated organization. We will include your name as part of our mailing of the Bookshop's fall selection in September.

### WCA CRESTS AND DECALS

Attractive crests and decals showing the WCA logo in two shades of blue and white are available to members. The crests measure 51 mm x 102 mm and cost \$3.00 each. The decals are 76 mm x 152 mm and sell for \$1.00 each.

Both crests and decals will be on sale at WCA meetings and events. Members wishing to order by mail should send a cheque or money order payable to the Wilderness Canoe Association to: Bill King, 45 Himount Dr., Willowdale, Ontario, M2K 1X3. Please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope, or add 35c for postage.

### WHITEWATER RACE FOR OPEN CANOES

Want to see some really great wild water paddling, or preferably participate? Then visit the annual Open Canoe Whitewater Slalom on the Gull River near Minden, Ontario. This race provides an excellent opportunity to improve your knowledge of how to run rapids, and will be held September 7 and 8, 1985 at the Minden Wild Water preserve. For more information contact: Canoe Ontario, 1220 Sheppard Ave. East, Willowdale, Ontario, M2K 2X1, 416-495-4180.

### WCA PHOTO CONTEST 1986

Remember when you're out there this year paddling, hiking, camping, enjoying yourself, to make photographs for next year's WCA Photo Contest. The four permanent categories are: 1. Wilderness, 2. Wilderness and Man, 3. Flora, 4. Fauna; and the extra category is: Child(ren) and Wilderness Canoeing. Keep your cameras clicking.

### QUETICO PARK VOLUNTEER PROGRAMME

Ontario's Ministry of Natural Resources is now entering the second year of its Quetico Provincial Park volunteer programme. This programme gives volunteers a chance to help preserve the magnificent wilderness of Quetico Park, working on special projects the park needs help with.

The projects vary widely from working in the wilderness, collecting information on canoe routes, portages and campsites, to photography, art and research. Volunteers will receive the required training that will enable them to participate effectively in long or short term work projects.

If you are interested in becoming a Quetico Wilderness Volunteer, write or call for more information: Brian Morris, Volunteer Co-ordinator, Ministry of Natural Resources, 108 Saturn Avenue, Atikokan, Ontario, P0T 1C0. Telephone: 807-597-6971.

### WCA MEMBERSHIP LISTS

Membership lists are available to any members who wish one for personal, non-commercial use. Please send \$1.00 to: Cash Belden, 77 Huntley St. Apt. 1116, Toronto, M4Y 2P3.

### NASTAWGAN: THE BOOK

In November 1985 an interesting non-fiction book will be published by Betelgeuse Books: Nastawgan: the Canadian North by Canoe and Snowshoe. This is a collection of fourteen historical essays focusing on different aspects of wilderness travel in the shifting Canadian North, edited by Bruce Hodgins and Margaret Hobbs. The WCA has consented to the use of the name Nastawgan and is pleased to endorse this important book.

Betelgeuse invites all WCA members having some artistic capability to contribute to the success of the project by submitting artwork in the form of small, simple, black and white, pen and ink line-drawings, to be used as fillers, end-of-chapter markers, etc. You can select any subject related to wilderness travel by land or water, summer or winter. No complicated full-page drawings, please, just simple line-drawings of paddles, canoes, snowshoes, animals, paddling and camping scenes, etc.

For more information contact Betelgeuse Books, PO Box 1334, Station B, Weston, Ontario, M9L 2W9. The rigidly fixed deadline for the material to be received by Betelgeuse is July 30, 1985. Sorry, no payment, but loads of glory!

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### CANOETOONS

Paul Mason's "Canoetoons", the canoeing cartoons that you have seen in Nastawgan, are available as greeting cards from Trail Head, at both their Ottawa and Toronto stores.

### IT'S THE LAW

Did you know the Small Vessel Equipment Regulations apply to all canoes? Every canoe must carry:

- a) two paddles (even if you paddle solo)
- b) one approved lifejacket, PFD or lifesaving cushion for each person
- c) a bailer
- d) a sound signaling device (e.g. a whistle).