



Words to live by from the Chief Scout of the WORLD

by Kelly Banks

Who is the Chief Scout of the World? Any guesses? Here's a hint!

*Man, Nation, Maiden
Please call it Baden.
Further, for Powell
Rhyme it with Noël.*

– ROBERT BADEN-POWELL

(A verse he wrote on how to pronounce his name.)

That's right – it's Sir Robert Baden-Powell – founder of the World Scout Movement! And, as you are all aware, his birthday is just around the corner, coming up on February 22nd. Canadian Scouts mark the occasion with a fun-filled week of festivities. This year Scout-Guide Week is February 19-26. It is a week to celebrate not only the Scouting Movement, but also the incredible person that Sir Robert Baden-Powell was.

Learning FROM Sir Robert Baden-Powell – for the Leaders:

For Baden-Powell, who felt that “*The most worth-while thing is to try and put happiness into the lives of others*”, Scouting and working with youth came naturally to him. His knowledge and beliefs transcended generations. The following are a few invaluable tidbits of wisdom from him to Scouters like you:

- ☞ Correcting bad habits cannot be done by forbidding or punishment.
- ☞ If you make listening and observation your occupation, you will gain much more than you can by talk.
- ☞ We never fail when we try to do our duty; we always fail when we neglect to do it.
- ☞ When you want something done, ‘Don’t do it yourself’ is a good motto for Scout leaders.

Learning ABOUT Sir Robert Baden-Powell — for the Youth:

Here are some great ideas for ways to teach your youth about Sir Robert Baden-Powell and his importance in the World Scout Movement.

B.-P. Trivia Quiz:

“The most important object in Boy Scout training is to educate, not instruct.” – Robert Baden-Powell

The following is a trivia quiz for your Scouts to complete. It highlights the important achievements of Baden-Powell, as well as some little known, interesting facts about his life. While searching for these answers, Scouts will end up finding a wealth of information on Scouting's founder.

Start off with an easy one! What day is his birthday?
February 22nd

Full name?
Robert Stephenson Smyth Baden-Powell

Where was he born and what year?
Paddington London, 1857

How many siblings did he have?
Ten
Bonus question — How many brothers (7) and how many sisters (2)

Name 2 instruments he played?
Piano and violin

What was his disguise in the Secret Service?
A Butterfly Collector

First book about Scouting he wrote?
Aids to Scouting

Name three countries he was posted in during his military career.
Africa, India, Britain

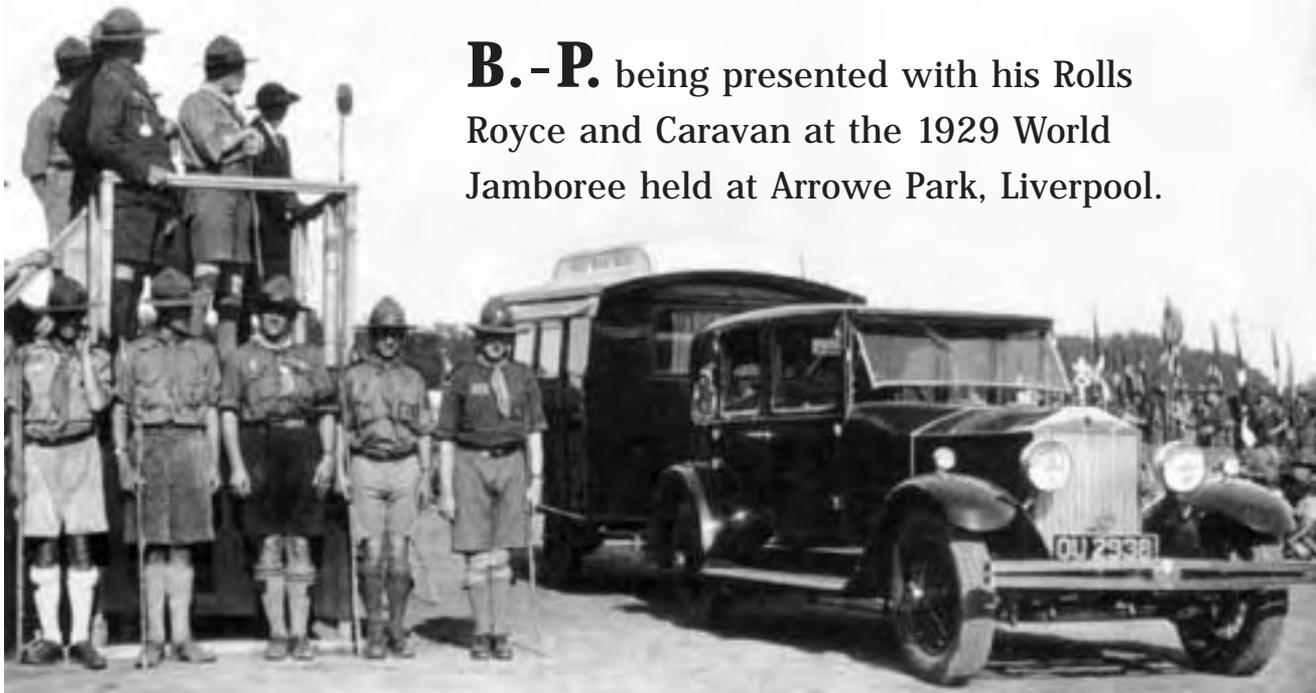
What African warrior tribe was he most impressed by?
The Zulus

What does the special name “Impeesa”, given to B.-P. by the Zulu tribe, mean?
“The Wolf that never sleeps.”

What was his wife's – Lady Baden-Powell – maiden name?
Olave Soames

What did the Scouts of the World give B.-P. and Olave for a wedding gift?
A Rolls Royce

In what year did the first camp of the Scouting Movement take place, and where?
1907 at Brownsea Island



B.-P. being presented with his Rolls Royce and Caravan at the 1929 World Jamboree held at Arrowe Park, Liverpool.

What were his children's names?
Peter, Heather, Betty

Why wasn't Baden-Powell awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1939 as originally planned?
World War II started

When was the first Jamboree held?
1920

In what year and where was he made Baronet?
1922, Gilwell

BADEN-POWELL SKIT

"Singing and acting are excellent for training in self-expression. Also they mean good team work, everybody learning his part and doing it well, not for applause for himself but for the success of the whole show."

— Baden-Powell

The following is a skit about how B.-P. met his wife — who later became the Chief Guide of Girl Guides! It's an excellent skit to perform at any Scout-Guide Week celebration. All of the capitalized words are either actions or props (see the list at the end of the story).

HOW LORD B.-P. MET MISS OLAVE SOAMES

Narrator:

All of you know that Lord B.-P. and Lady B.-P.'s birthdays are on the same date, February 22nd. You all know, also, that they were married. But it wasn't always like that. Today we would

like to show you how Lord Baden-Powell and Olave Soames met.

Olave was a young lady of 23 when she went on a boat trip with her father to Jamaica. She wrote to her mother that there was only one interesting person on the ship, and that was General Baden-Powell, the Scout man. Lord B.-P. was then 55 years old.

One day on the **BOAT** (1) Olave was walking **HER LITTLE DOG** (2) down the deck. Robert Baden-Powell was sitting on a **DECK CHAIR** (16) smoking his **PIPE** (16) and reading his **PAPER** (16). As Olave passed, Robert looked at her and gave a **WHISTLE** (16). He was still spry for his age. Olave turned around and **GAVE HIM THE EYE** (3).

Suddenly, **HER LITTLE DOG RAN FROM HER AND JUMPED IN ROBERT'S LAP**. Olave was embarrassed and she turned a **LITTLE PALE** (4). Olave went to get her dog and they began to talk to each other.

AS TIME PASSED (5) they came to know each other better. Finally, to express their strong feelings towards each other they **EXCHANGED HEARTS** (6).

One romantic evening a **STRONG WIND** (7) was blowing over the deck, causing the **BOAT TO ROCK** (8).

Robert gazed into Olave's eyes, **FIRST THE RIGHT, THEN THE LEFT**, and **POPPED** (9) the **QUESTION** (10) — Will you marry me?

"**YES, YES, A THOUSAND TIMES, YES,**" (11) replied Olave, as tears of happiness **SOAKED THE DECK** (12). Robert **SLIPPED A RING** (13 & 14) on her finger.

Olave said she would **HOLD IT DEER** (15) **TO HER HEART** (6), forever. In October they were married and Olave became a busy homemaker. They had three children, Peter, Heather, and Betty.

So now folks, you have heard the story of how our Chief Scout and Chief Guide met. Romantic, wasn't it!

LIST OF PROPS

- 1) Sign "BOAT"
- 2) Toy Dog (on wheels)
- 3) Big Eye
- 4) Little Pail
- 5) Carry a clock
- 6) 2 large, cardboard hearts
- 7) Sign "STRONG WIND"
- 8) Carry and rock a sign "BOAT"
- 9) Pop a paper bag of air
- 10) Large question mark
- 11) Sign "YES YES"
- 12) Squeeze wet sponge
- 13) Use ladies' slip
- 14) Use bell
- 15) Cardboard cutout of Deer, hold to Heart
- 16) Chair, pipe, newspaper, whistle

Lord Baden-Powell Closing:

"In all of this, it is the spirit that matters. Our Scout Law and Promise, when we really put them into practice, take away all occasion for wars and strife among nations."

— Robert Baden-Powell m

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