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The Phoenix - Reborn From The Ashes, EH!

Thanks to Mike Croucher, Sarah Feeney and all the other members of the Black Panther Rover Crew for graciously allowing the presentation of the R.S.Dell Award to take place at the closing ceremonies of this year's Looney Tunes Moot.

In previous years, while under the administration of the ORC, the Award was presented at the dinner held in conjunction with the ORC Annual Meeting in May. Since the ORC no longer exists, that venue was no longer available. The administration of the Award has since been given to a new committee, chaired by Albert Fuchigami, which is comprised of all the former Award winners.

This year's selection was made by mail (both Canada Post and email) and by phone. The nominees were rated by number (or no rating, if the voters felt that nominee didn't deserve a vote). The outcome was tabulated and the winner was presented in the somewhat damp atmosphere (I was there, and it really got wet) of the Sunday closing at Looney Tunes.

The following pages give you the story of the Award, the winning nomination and some pictures of the event.

Stan Kowalski Jr. — Ye Olde Editor

R.S.Dell Award

A Brief History

Roland S. "Roly" Dell was a long-time Scouter with the 1st Niagara Scout Group, usually remembered as the Advisor or "Skipper" of their Rover Crew. He was also the man others turned to for advice, for his was a voice of reason.

Back in 1977, Ed Boulay, a Rover Advisor from St. Catharines, and Dave Lee, an area Rover, proposed running a World Rover Moot at one of the local camps. Roly's first response was, "you're crazy". Fortunately, he was a man who looked for solutions, and he let himself be persuaded that it could be done.

Once he got behind the project, the trio promoted the idea and got support all the way up to the National level. Unfortunately, the World Scout Association disagreed and wouldn't give their sanction (at this point there hadn't been a World Moot in 20 years).

Alternate Plan "B" turned into the 9th Canadian National/World Invitational Rover Moot at Camp Wetaskiwin, St. Catharines, Ontario, in 1982. The Moot was a huge success, but Roly never saw this dream become a reality. He passed away suddenly in the fall of 1981.

The Dell family wanted to preserve his memory by honoring Rovers, and presented an idea to the committee of this National Moot to create an award in his name, going to a Rover or Rover Crew displaying the characteristics that Roly used to guide his life – devotion to duty, family, community, Scouting, and Rovering.

The idea was accepted, and the award, presented after the Moot, went to the 37th Hamilton Sea Rovers, for their long history of active involvement – topped off by their outstanding work with the Moot itself, in planning and carrying out most of the camp-wide activities.

Although this award was originally planned as a one time event, Roly's family consented to allow the Rovering community to continue the award indefinitely. Since then, the award has been presented annually to individuals and groups who have striven to provide such a level of service that, even within a community of service-committed people, their peers cannot help but be inspired. The fact that the award has continued is surely a tribute to Roly and a celebration of the continuation of his legacy.

"Roly Dell, of 1st Niagara, devoted himself to Scouting, Rovering, and his community for over thirty years. Roly's sense of commitment, honor, dignity and service has been regarded as a model for innumerable men and women".

For the past few years, the award's three most recent recipients have comprised the selection committee, but beginning with last year, it was decided that the spirit of the award might better be served if every recipient were allowed to contribute a vote every year.

2003 AWARD WINNER
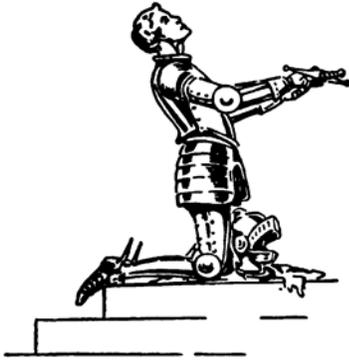
R.S.Dell Award

The winner of the award for 2003 is
Ryan "JYNX" Jenkins
University of Waterloo
Rover Crew

Roll Call of R.S.Dell Award Winners

1982 **37th Hamilton Rover Crew**

1983 **Ben Warren**
1st Niagara Rover Crew

1984 **Susan Emond**
1st Dixie Rover Crew

1985 **Tim Halford**
75th Windsor Rover Crew

1986 **Jim Simmons**
B-P Rover Crew

1987 **Bohdan Mylolyn**
Hamilton

1988 **Donald Sittler**
9th Kitchener Rover Crew

1989 **John "Skip" Reynolds**
Kincardine

1990 **Bob & Jane Graham**
75th Windsor Rover Crew

1991 **Verna Dell**
37th Hamilton Rover Crew

1992 **Stuart Murchie**
1st Burford Rover Crew

1993 **Heather Archer**
1st Wilmot Rover Crew

1994 **1st Burford Rover Crew**

1995 **Alan Major**
11th Cambridge Rover Crew

1996 **9th Kitchener Rover Crew**

1997 **Russ Kelk**
King's Own Knights Rover Crew

1998 **Ian Reilly**
13th Brampton Griffins Rover Crew

1999 **81st Hamilton "Thunderbird" Rover Crew**

2000 **John Parks**
5th Peterborough
All Saints Rover Crew

2001 **Albert Fuchgami**
University of Waterloo Rover Crew

2002 **Stan Kowalski Jr.**
Queen City Rover Crew

2003 **Ryan "JYNX" Jenkins**
University Of Waterloo Rover Crew

The following is the nomination for this year's winner
– Ryan "JYNX" Jenkins –

Ryan Jenkins (or JYNX as he is better known) has been involved with Rovering and Scouting for many years. Moving through all five sections, he has made an impact not only at the local level, but across Ontario as well. Many Rovers and Advisors know him as a solid, reliable individual that they can always count on.

Growing up in Toronto, Ryan has been participating in Scouting since he was 5 years old. As a Beaver, Cub, Scout, Venturer and then a Rover, he gained a deep understanding of Scouting and it's principles. Ryan was a 5-star Cub and Chief Scout. Early on, he sought to give something back to the Movement by volunteering with the Cubs. First as an activity leader, then as a leader, Ryan became one of the first 18-year olds who earned his Woodbadge Part I and II as soon as he met the age requirements.

When Ryan left Toronto to attend university, he became more active in Rovering at the Provincial level. Volunteering as the Email Administrator for the Ontario Rover Council (ORC), Ryan was a part of linking Rovers using the Internet. He later took on the role of the ORC's Vice-Chair (Program), and helped individual Crews across Ontario develop their program and do exciting things. In the last couple of years, Ryan has been active on the Moot Moot Organizing Committee, which runs one of the largest Moots in Ontario. Moot Moot is unique because it is the only Moot that runs in the Toronto area (on the Toronto Islands).

Recognizing that many university students often can't make the weekly time commitment to regular crews, and that most Rovers drop out of the program when attending post-secondary schools away from home, Ryan helped organize the University of Waterloo Rover Crew (UWRC). Formed in October 1996, this Crew plans its activities around its members' schedule, and works around exams, assignments and night-classes. Although its membership fluctuates because most of the members also participate in UW's Co-op program (and are off-campus every four months), the Crew has participated in several service projects and activities. Ryan received the Gold Questor Award for his part in starting up the Crew. This year, the UWRC has taken on the challenge of running the Rovers-Only Moot in July 2004, which provides an opportunity for Rovers to have fun with their fellow members in an environment oriented to the Rover program.

Ryan's doesn't spend his time just volunteering with Scouting. He has devoted many hours to the University of Waterloo Math Society (MathSoc), and volunteered as a Frosh leader, Office Manager and Pink Tie Guard. The Pink Tie is the unofficial symbol of the Math Faculty, and there is 40-foot tie displayed during Orientation Week each year. The Tie Guard is responsible for ensuring the Pink Tie is protected from practical jokes, and act as a central information point for incoming math students.

 This year, Ryan has taken on a new role in his Scouting career. He is an assistant Rover Advisor to the Crew he helped found. In real life, Ryan is a software developer with Rogers Canada, and is also an avid camper. He's gone on some exhilarating canoe trips in Northern Ontario, both by himself and in small groups.

Ryan is a well-known, well-respected individual in the Rovering Community. He always sets the example, and is always encouraging Rovers to do interesting things. He is deeply committed to philosophy of Service and helping others. It is our pleasure to present to you Ryan Jenkins for consideration to receive the RS Dell Award.

Yours in Rovering,

Janet Kubisewsky,
Mate, University of Waterloo Rovers
North Waterloo Area, Central Escarpment Council.

Albert Fuchigami
Advisor, University of Waterloo Rovers
North Waterloo Area, Central Escarpment Council.

A face in the crowd—before the presentation
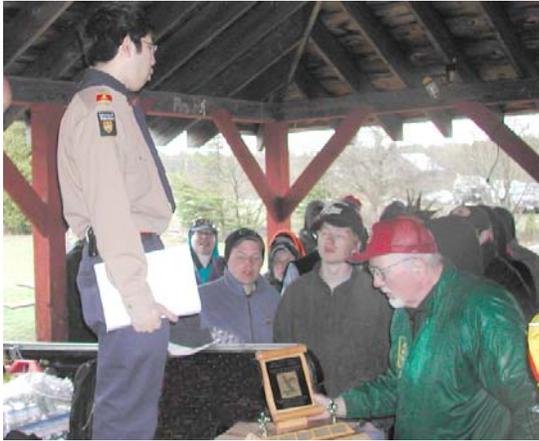
Albert Fuchigami making the presentation on behalf of the Dell family
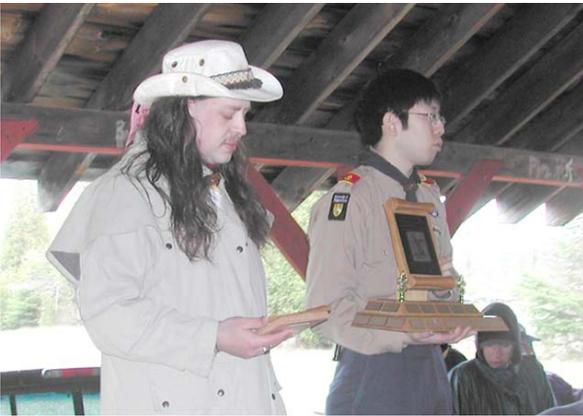
Members of the UWRC offer congratulations

Janet offers personal congratulations