



Lifetime Contribution to Paddling Recognition ... Rod Lake!!!!

Lifetime Contribution to Paddling Award - Rod Lake!!!

CKNS recognized and honoured Rod Lake's longstanding service to the recreational paddling community in Nova Scotia at CKNS' January AGM.

As a long standing Paddle Canada Instructor, Rod inspired a huge number of paddlers across the province. Rod "...had his "own way" of teaching, usually with quirky stories along the way", says Robin Mullin, Director of Canoe Development. According to Paul Batson, "Over the years that I have known him and long before that, he developed a passion for paddling and has demonstrated an innate ability to impart his passion for safe paddling to numerous Scouting and non-Scouting youth as well as adults. His ability to anticipate potential hazardous situations or observe paddler's, i.e. detect and correct their strokes is uncanny. To quote him, he would say, "its all physics".

Rod was also the driving force behind running a Try Paddling event at the annual Provincial Parks Day at Dollar Lake. He sat on the Board of Directors of CKNS for a number of years, offering his expertise and guidance.

And of course, there are many gorgeous handmade paddles that have been dipped in NS waters, made under the instruction of Rod. For years, he offered paddle making courses through CKNS at a nominal fee.

As noted in accolades that were received, "Lake" what a great name for a canoe instructor!!!

Gratitude to Rod for his lifetime contribution to paddling in Nova Scotia!

(Photo submitted by Paul Batson. Taken early on the morning of August 27th, 2017 while Rod was leading the "Keji Sunrise Paddle" during Keji-Fest near Merrymakedge Beach).