

## Equipment Report - October 6, 2003 - Sue B

This year we determined that of the 11 canoes we've been using for some time now, the majority were owned by the hostel, so we took advantage of an opportunity to purchase 3 canoes from them at a reasonable price. This brings our tally of OHOC-owned canoes to 5. There are 4 other hostel-owned canoes in the racks and we anticipate purchasing two more from them in coming year and have an option on another two in the year after that. It may come as a suprise to many of you to know that the majority of paddles and life jackets we used so regularly belong to the hostel, and the purchase of these too has been anticipated the upcoming years budget.

Funds for equipment purchases are from the membership fees, and in the case of canoe-related purchases, also from the canoe user fees. Although it has been only irregularly applied by leaders who aren't familiar with the new system, we did establish a canoe user fee of \$3pp/day - (exc for evening paddles) - which will continue to apply in the upcoming year.

We've also started asking leaders to sign out equipment they're taking for overnight trips using "OHOC Equipment Loan" sheets in each equipment room. This gives us a sense of where the equipment is when it's not in the equipment room, and how much various equipment is used - useful information to guide future purchases.

[Both irregularly applied this year, though we hope that this will improve next year.]

Also this year we clarified a No Loan policy, meaning the equipment is for use for OHOC-led activities only (ski-loan excepted), and established a Share the Shoes guideline limiting the number of snowshoes that could be taken for a weekend trip, in order to ensure that at least half remained for use on the Sunday day outings.