

RCAF SPORTS CLUB DINNER

No. 1 SFTS Sports Club held their semi-annual dinner and presentation of athletic awards last Thursday evening and again it was a topnotch bit of arrangement. A fine dinner, brief speeches and snappy entertainment marked the occasion, followed by dancing in the Airmen's Mess.

President of the Club, F/L Jack Brown, was chairman and also recipient of the Jim Neill Trophy, awarded for "Sportsmanship, Leadership and Devotion to the Sports Program of No. 1 SFTS." By his efforts in that respect he is a worthy holder of the trophy, just as the first winner, F/L W. J. Loftus, now overseas, as an RCAF Roman Catholic padre.

The new CO, Group Captain Harvey, was present and made a few remarks at his first official gathering on the station. He brought forth rounds of applause by his declaration that any worthwhile sports program would receive his full support and urged the club to carry on its good work. It was invaluable in building morale among all personnel on a station and he cited the instance of an RCAF school in the west which had been bucked up by the development of a good baseball team.

The chief speaker was Don Graham of Toronto, well-known secondary schools teacher and football coach. Mr. Graham gave an interesting talk, bringing out little stories from his years of experience in sports and applying them to the value of playing games. It had seemed to him earlier in the war that such games as football and hockey were very small in importance in relation to getting on with the winning of the conflict. But he had found out by personal experiences and talks with lads in the armed forces just what value could be gained.

Presentations were made to winners of various team and individual sports on the station and camp as follows: Softball (The Band, Station League), by G/C Harvey; WD Softball (Toronto District winners), by Wing Officer W. M. Taylor; Swimming, by Sid McLennan, YMCA; Soccer (winners of Camp Borden Cup), by S/L Hugh Reilly; WD Tennis, by Squadron Officer Helen Sparrow; Golf, by S/L A. A. Buchanan; Horseshoes, by F/O Gerry Reed; Track and Field, by Flight Officer Eileen Ward.

Entertainment was provided by a swing group from the Station dance orchestra, featuring Col. Billy Campbell, drummer, and a clever exhibition of modern dancing by LAW Shirley Williams and LAC Maurice Mayer.

No. 1 SFTS Sports Club is as follows: Honorary President, W/C A. J. Vincent, AFC; president,

F/L J. H. Brown; vice-president, F/O Art Dew; secretary, Gordon Haig, YMCA supervisor; executives, F/O Gerry Reed, Drill and PT Officer; Sgt. J. G. Hopkins, Sgt. B. White, F/S I. H. Richfield and Cpl. C. L. Horodyski, of the WD's.

APPENDIX 'B'

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