

THE EXPEDITIONER



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From Trash to Trinkets

The Barbados Branch of the Royal Commonwealth Society brought Christmas to the city in December 2015 by filling all of Independence Square and Heroes Square with decorated Christmas trees. Each tree told a story as all were decorated to represent commonwealth countries and youth organisations. Using old egg cartons, plastic bottles, discarded puzzle pieces and other unwanted materials, Award participants made a variety of decorations. These were intended to showcase aspects of the Programme to the general public who took to the time to visit the trees.



Close to the Caribbean trees in Heroes Square, the Award tree attracted lots of attention for its tree topper styled after a top hat. It featured the award logo and the colors of the three awards. In addition to the exciting top hat, other decorations were sail boats made out of plastic bottles, hiking boots and camping tents. It really showcased the imagination that is widespread in the Award community.

Congratulations and thanks to all the participants and group leaders who extended the effort to bring the tree to life. See more of pictures of the handmade decorations on **Page 6** and on the our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/deabarbadosaward.

CAPTIONS: (Top) One of the decorations showing the Service symbol and the Top hat which was the show piece of the Award tree.



*Please see Page 3 for the CASC
2016 schedule*

March

Duke Week 14–19—All groups have different activities

Mon 14—Joint Multi-Faith Service with Royal Commonwealth Society Barbados Branch

Sun 20— Trustees Fundraising Golf Tournament.

Sat 26—Flea market sale at Plantation Garden Theatre

April

Sat 2—Sun 3—AJ Supervisor/ Assessor training

Sat 9—The Multinational Fair at Four Square Rum Distillery and Heritage Village.

May

Sun 8–Fri 13—Self-assessment

Sun 29— Deadline for National Qualifying documents.

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FORUM 2015—A lesson in Growth personally satisfying....Liaising with other Award leaders from across the globe and learning how the Award is run in the various Sub-Regional Council (CASC), territories was enlightening and Stephen Smith attended Forum 2015 several points of view and ideas give in Toronto, Canada. The three day event was filled with many different approaches to common opportunities for learning and problems, and this will inform our sharing. Thinking of the whole ideas and solutions. There is quite a bit of information to digest and the networking that was facilitated disseminate to the C.A.S.C. group, by the event. He said, "The chance and the material has to be made to one-on-one with forward thinkers available in a concise and relevant and leaders was enlightening and manner."



One of the main themes of the Forum was to share ideas on how the Award can continue its growth.

Barbados' Operations Manager, Carla Alleyne also attended and was part of the review team for the self-assessment tool. There were a number of review workshops to discuss tools which the Award introduced in the last three years.

Additionally, attendees were engaged in a plenary discussion that was led by the husband and wife consultant team John and Hazel of Group Partners. This was an interactive and introspective discussion on just what the Award needs to be and what direction will help the programme to continue to make an impact on the world's youth.



CAPTIONS—(Top) Operations Manager Carla Alleyne, (left top) Chairman Stephen Smith at the Hockey Hall of Fame for the Opening Ceremony (left) Americas representatives with HRH The Earl of Wessex as they received their licence certificates.

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Getting Ready to taste Callaloo

Already excitement is building for the gold and silver participants who are hoping to attend CASC 2016 in Trinidad and Tobago. Following on from an informational meeting in October a national training programme commenced.

In addition to those who have attended previous CASC events, there are a number of newcomers to the ranks of the contingent. Leading up to the end of 2015, the group had completed revisions of camp craft such as outdoor cooking and orienteering and hiking.

For those who will be completing the leaders and assessors training course, there has been some additional training. In December, some of those in this category completed some basic leadership

training and planned an event for the whole contingent. So, with many months left Barbados' Dukers already have their sights set on our neighbours to the south.



Event	Date
Submission of Letter of Intent	28th September 2015/ 19th October 2015
CASC Information Meeting	10 th October 2015
Bring a Fren and Come Hike	25 th October 2015
Camp Cooking & team building	14 November 2015
First (1 st) Training Hike	29 th November 2015
Leaders in Training -	12 th December 2015
Orienteering Training	13 th December 2015
Submission of CASC Registration & Sponsored hike forms returned	18th December 2015
Sponsored hike & Trainee leaders planned event	Sunday 3 rd January 2016
First Aid training	Saturday 23 rd January 2016
Valentine's Flea Market Sale	14 th February 2016
Beach training	Saturday 27 th February 2016
Annual Church Service	13 th March 2016
Easter Flea Market Sale/ Fundraiser – Treasure hunt	Saturday 26 March 2016
Submission of CASC Medical Form & Sponsored hike forms returned	28th March 2016
Beach training/ team building	2 nd April 2016
Second (2 nd) Sponsored/ Training Hike {Lascelles Gully/ Coles Cave}	24 th April 2016
Sagcor Hill Challenge	1 st May 2016
Map Training & Route Planning & talent night plan	14 th May 2016
Mass Casualty Emergency procedures/ Rappelling	28 th /29 th May 2016
Submission of National Qualifying Documents	29th May 2016
Car wash Sheraton Mall	Saturday 25 June
Final Training Hike {National Qualifying}	1 st – 6 th July 2016
First-Aid Training	16 th July 2016

CAPTIONS— (left) Participants on an orienteering exercise, (Above) Carla Alleyne sharing details of CASC in October, and two participants on a training hike.

A Year of Accolades and Excitement



Grenada First Aid training was thanks to St. Johns Ambulance. Leaders were able to exchange ideas at the Experienced Award Leader workshop.

Once again in 2015 Award participants engaged shoppers at the Carlton and A1 Supermarket in Black Rock collecting funds as part of the Pink Ribbon Campaign in aid of

Looking back at the year 2015 the Award in Barbados was busy both internally and making an impact on the community. In September after many years a residential project was organised in Barbados. In partnership with the Barbados National Trust the gold participants set to work at Tyrol Cot Heritage Village.

Working on the different sections of their Awards participants were busy playing basketball, cricket, dancing, sailing and so much more. Just as the participants were busy leaders were kept on their toes. They were around when groups were trekking across cane fields in St. Phillip and they were right there when the rain poured down on the way to St. John's Parish church. They were Dukers and non-dukers out at Mount Tabor Moravian Church when the annual Bring ah Fren and Come hike was staged in the parish of St. John. Training is always important, for participants and leaders. Those who travelled to



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Breast Cancer Screening. In December Dukers became Santa's elves as they took children around Sheraton Mall for shopping and fun.

There were two National award presentations in 2015 with more than 20 awardees. In July Kerron Hamblin threw out the challenge to

Bronze and Silver award recipients to keep going to the Gold Award. HRH The Princess Royal Princess Anne visited the island in September and dedicated a bit of time in her very busy schedule for the award. Seven young people gathered at Government House in sight of family and supporters to receive their gold awards.

CAPTIONS- (Page 4) Dr. Lennox Honychurch with dukers at Tyrol Cot Heritage Village in September,

Participants in the annual fundraising golf tournament; The signing of the sublicense agreement with the cadets in March; Gold Award recipients at Government House in September;

Page 5—Kerron Hamblin presenting a Bronze award in July; Award runners at the RCS Commonwealth Relay 2015 in September; Group leaders in training in May; The Barbados contingent in Grenada in August; Attendees at the annual church service in March.



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Sitting atop the tree, the top hat which was formed out of recycled plastic and paints wished all 'Happy holidays'. Persons who might have wondered just how to get in contact with the Award would have found contact information included on many of the decorations which adorned the tree. Whether it was in the light of day or with the lights of the trees shining through, all of trees brought life to the squares. They certainly attracted much attention from locals and visitors.



CAPTIONS—(Above) Some shots of the tree and just a few of the participants who helped to make the decorations. (below) Just a little of what it took to get the decorations made.

Yet again, many thanks to the leaders and participants who put their creative juices to work to make the Award tree a reality.



Getting Registered in 2016

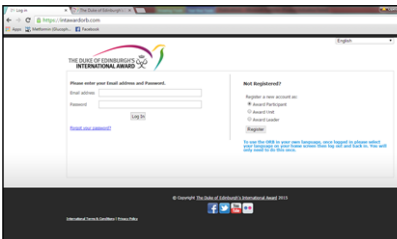
Effective January 2016, all new participants will be using the Online Record Book. For those who might be having some difficulty getting started, here below is a step by step diagram of just how to register. With the steps outlined here you will be able to get yourself registered and once your group leader approves you will be granted full access. Leaders are also encouraged to log on with their participants to assist them as they get started using the new system. The Online Record Book is a repository for all your award activities. You can upload details of all your sections and keep records of your progress.

However please note that persons who already have record books need not worry as they will continue to use their physical book. All participants are encouraged to keep notes of their progress in each section as this will help to keep track, especially as you get closer to receiving your award.

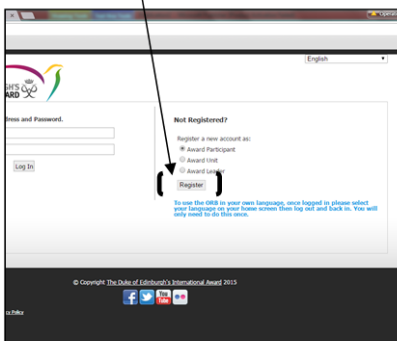
The next edition of the newsletter will offer guidance on updating your information and logging progress in your sections.

How to Register on ORB

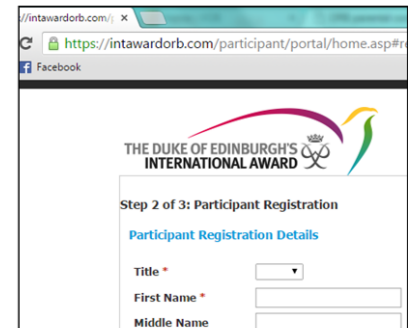
1. Go to <https://intawardorb.com/>



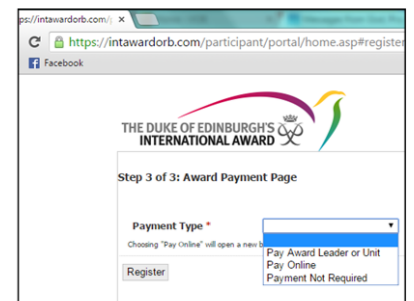
2. On the right side of the page select Award Participant and click Register



3. For International Region Choose 'Americas'
4. For Country choose 'CASC'
5. For Operating Authority choose 'Barbados'
6. For Award Unit choose your group eg Open Group Barbados, then click Continue.
7. Complete the form at the page 'Step 2 of 3: Participant Registration' and click 'Continue'. Please note that the paper registration form MUST still be completed, signed and returned to your group leader with payment.



8. Complete Step 3 of 3: Award Payment Page by choosing 'Pay Award Leader or Unit' and click Register.



You will receive email notification of the status of your registration. Please contact your group leader with any questions.



JUMBLE SALE

LOOK FOR US AT

The Grand Flea Market

The Multinational Fair

At Plantation Garden Theatre

At Foursquare Rum Distillery & Heritage Park

On Sat 26 March

On Sat 9 April



Pricelist

Tops - \$2.00 • Pants/Skirts \$3.00

• Dresses/ Suits \$5.00 • Children's clothing \$2.00

All books 3 for \$2.00 and magazines 50¢

Much more on sale • All monies in aid of sending participants to camp in Trinidad and Tobago

Flashback to Bring ah Fren hike 2015

See you in Oct.!!!!

