EDITOR’S NOTE

A Note from Don Morrow, SHR Editor

In the mid-1990s, Alan Metcalfe and his staff decided to step down from managing and publishing the Canadian Journal of History of Sport (CJHS). To me, at the time, this was a major decision that would impact our field. The CJHS had served a very significant and important role in the field of sport history—the vetting and dissemination of research on the very broad topic of sport history, not just in Canada but internationally as well. Established at the University of Windsor, the first issue of the then-named Canadian Journal of the History of Sport and Physical Education appeared in May, 1970, and included articles by some of sport history’s luminaries at the time—Peter McIntosh, Uriel Simri, Earle F. Zeigler, Maxwell L. Howell, Peter Lindsay, Alan Metcalfe, and Gordon Olafson. Throughout its 25-year run, the Journal, always bound in blue soft cover, two staples in the fold, was compiled and printed, literally, I believe, as a kitchen-table enterprise. Copies were mailed all over the world by Alan and Heather Metcalfe and together they brought copies to distribute at the North American Society for Sport History (NASSH) annual conventions. It was always intriguing to me to receive the issues in May and December and to see who had published articles and occasionally, to see my own articles published in its compact pages. And for many years, I served on the editorial review board for the CJHS and was proud to do so.

Alan’s pioneering and visionary effort to launch and maintain the CJHS must be acknowledged as one of the most important contributions to our field and I commend him, his staff, and all of the editorial review board members for their work attached to the CJHS. I applied to take over the editorship by contacting Alan in 1994, if memory serves, and Alan considered a number of alternatives with a view to continuing to publish the Journal. When he accepted my offer, I was thrilled. My firm belief then as it remains now was that the Journal needed a commercial publisher and I contacted many publishers before coming to terms with Human Kinetics. While I personally would love to have preserved the original name of the Journal, I respected the publisher’s view that having Canadian in the title created and maintained an overt impression that the content and focus was Canadian. Sport History Review (SHR) was the new title we agreed upon eventually. My editorship of SHR began with its first issue under the new title in May, 1996. My purpose in writing this Editor’s Note is to say that I will be stepping down as SHR editor-in-chief following the publication of the Volume 46, Issue 2, in November of 2015, coincident with serving as editor for 20 years. After negotiations with Human Kinetics and after considering a variety of successors, I am proud to announce that Carly Adams, University of Lethbridge, has agreed to become SHR’s editor-in-chief for a five-year term, renewable by mutual consent, beginning with Volume 47, Issue 1, May 2016. Carly has served SHR admirably as both book review editor and more recently as a standing member of SHR’s editorial review board. For the next year, for the two issues of Volume 46, Carly will serve as associate editor of SHR in order to make the editorial transition process as smooth as possible. As an aside, it seems somehow historically apropos that SHR will be managed by Carly, who is one of the University of Windsor’s former students. Human Kinetics is planning to have a meeting of SHR’s board, possibly at the next NASSH Convention in 2015. I will have more to say about my term as SHR editor in my comments that will be contained in the November 2016 issue.