



# THE LONE TRAIL

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## SA LONES

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## DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

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Hello everyone,

My name is *Chris Ind* and I would like to introduce myself as the new District Commissioner for the Lone's District and tell you a little bit about myself.

I joined scouting when I was 8 and was a Cub, Scout, Venturer achieving my Queens Scout Award, Rover and a Scout Leader, Group Leader and District Commissioner.

I come from a Scouting family with my father also being a Queen's Scout and my Grandfather being a King Scout.

I am married to my wonderful wife *Kylie* who is currently a District Leader with Limestone Coast District and we have 3 wonderful boys *Sean* (18) who has just finished Venturer's, *Travis* (16) who is also a Venturer's and *Colby* (12) who is a Scout.

We live on the outskirts of Mt Gambier in the sunny south east where we run our own independent electronics business.

As you can see, we are Scouting family and really enjoy the outdoors and friendships that scouting provides.

My other role in scouting is that I am also the District Commissioner for Limestone Coast District.

I look forward to meeting you all at some stage and somewhere throughout the state and feel very privileged to be appointed your District Commissioner.

Remember I am here to serve you and help you with your scouting journey.

I thank everyone for their commitment and support to the Lone Scout Group and look forward to an exciting finish to 2020.

Yours in Scouting,

*Chris Ind*  
*DC Lone Scouts*

# Welcome to Lones Chris

Chris was invested into LONE SCOUTS on 29 August 2020



Bagheera Lee-Anne & Chris

## **GROUP LEADER & Lones Accounts** **Lone Rover Membership Officer & Accounts**



Hi everyone,

Firstly, I want to thank all Leaders for their dedication to Scouts and to the amazing work that they continue to do to implement the new program with our Youth Members. This is not an easy task, so please bear with them as they adapt both records and program for you, our Youth Members.

I have so much to tell you as such a lot has happened since the last Lone Trail. Please read this carefully so that you are aware of the changes.

**Lones** has recently made changes to how we operate, bringing us in line with other Groups so that we can hopefully operate more efficiently in the long term. With a lot of assistance from the ACC Group Support and past District Commissioner of Lone Scouts, **Greg Warnes**, we have made a few changes in the Group's structure, so let me start from the beginning.

Due to **Brian 'Smokey' Holecek's** retirement from Scouting, we needed to find a replacement for this position. After much thought, discussion and meetings, the Group was truly fortunate to have **Chris Ind** from the South East to fill this position. Chris' situation is rather unique as he is also District Commissioner of Limestone Coast. *Welcome Chris!*

The position of Group Leader was created, and I have accepted this role. I will still be handling accounts and membership fees for both the Group and the Lone Rovers but if you have any queries about anything at all, I am here to assist in any way.

**Andre Freund** has taken a well-deserved break for six months. **Jakab Foster** has kindly accepted the position of Assistant Group Leader, along with being the Group's Membership Officer – *thank you Jakab!*

**Sue 'Malu' Light** has become our Assistant Cub Scout Leader but will also be assisting the Joeys in some way – *thank you Sue!*

**Lee** and **Andrew Allen** have also decided to step down as Lone Scout Leaders due to their family growing by another one soon. Lee has been a fantastic Scout Leader for Lones, as has her husband **Andrew** and we wish them all the best for the future!

**Ed Pikusa** is now the Scout Leader, stepping up from Cubs. Ed will be joined by **Skye-Bianca Hughes**, (a former Lone Rover) who has become our new Assistant Scout Leader. *Thank you, Ed and welcome to Skye!*

**Caitlin Polack** has stepped down as Assistant Venturer Leader and we all wish you every success for the future!

After 28 years as a Scout Leader, **Meg** has decided to hang up her uniform, but will continue to support Lones by staying on as the *Lone Trail Editor*, continue collecting & collating SA Lone Scout History and be part of the SA Lone Scout Group Committee as an Adult Helper.

**Graeme Fuss** is also hanging up his uniform after 32 years as a Leader, but will continue to support Lones & Lones Leaders as an Adult Helper on the SA Lone Scout Group Committee. *Thanks Meg & Graeme for your continued support of Lones.*

These Leader changes have been noted and will be circulated to our Members with this edition of the Lone Trail.

We have advertised for the positions of *Assistant Joey Scout Leader*, *Assistant Cub Scout Leader* and *Assistant Venturer Scout Leader* and have had some interest but if there is anyone who is thinking about becoming a Leader in Scouts or would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I need to inform our Members and their Families that there will be no Annual Camp in 2020. This decision was made due to the uncertainty of how COVID-19 is going to affect the running of camps for this year.

Scouting activities are just starting to get back into the swing of things and both our Scout and Venturer Units have been making the most of this opportunity, as you will see in this edition of the Lone Trail.

Yes, COVID-19 has had a major impact on everyone's lives but in Scouts we have found new ways of communicating and new ways to achieve our goals.

I want to thank all Members for both their understanding and support during this time.

Finally, could Members please notify either me, Jakab or your Leader of any changes to your contact details. This is vital in Lone Scouts and need to be kept up to date!

Stay safe and take care,

Yours in Lone Scouting,



*Bagheera*  
*Lee-Anne "Esme" Whitehead*



On receiving the June Lone Trail, *Hazel* sent *Meg* an email [see below]. *Hazel* is our late beloved Raksha Pauline's cousin and a Honorary Lone who lives in London and joined us on a couple of Lone Camps several years ago. Hazel was also a Beaver-Scout Leader in London, her scouting name is 'Tic Tac'.



*Thank you so much for the lone trail, it was good to see some pictures of Pauline, will you send my very best wishes to Smokey (Brian) he made me so welcome with my cups of tea. I still have and cherish the large teabag they gave me at the end of camp.*

*I am coping with lock down as I have my garden and the forest is near for walk. Such a horrible virus and hope we can get a cure soon. I can't wait to see my grandchildren and be able to give them a cuddle; thank goodness for zoom FaceTime etc.*

*I would like to say Hello to all who remember me and wish them all good Scouting in whatever form it takes at present.*

*Lots of Love and stay safe and well,*  
*Hazel*

*G'day Hazel*

*Hello*



*Hi Hazel*

# JOEY'S JOTTINGS



Hello Everyone,



## JOEY News



The Joeys have been busy and **Malu-Sue** has been doing a "good turn" helping **Darzee** with the Joeys by gathering them all together for Zoom Joey Meetings. Well done Everyone.

The Joeys have had two zoom meetings now, a "get to know you session" and, an "idea session" the first week.

Suggestions from Joeys:

To do promise each week

To tell jokes

To have a zoom movie party

To sing songs

To get to know each other by doing a short movie of where you live.

These are a few of the ideas.

First meeting; made paper planes and measured the distance by steps, 18 steps the furthest. Great plane making and flying.

Week two; sang campfire burning, watched the movie made by **Sam** of where he lives, coloured in your the best Dad posters.

Joke of the week by **Sam** was;

*Why did the banana go to the doctor?*

*He did not peel very well!*

Yes we laughed, good one **Sam**.

**Adam** and **Max** told jokes as well.



Sam at a Joey zoom meeting



Max at a Joey zoom meeting

We have had **Judd the dog** attend meetings and also **Adam's** two cousins.

Thanks to all the **Mums** for being there too.

We are being helped by a Clare Scout to run the Zoom meetings. Thankyou **Tyson** for this.

Hopefully **Tyson** will be able to sign Joeys off on their badge work as we progress with these meetings.

Well done Joey Scouts.

Till next time, keep hopping,



**Darzee & Malu**



## CARRY on CUBBING



Hi Everybody,

We welcome **Harrison**, **Thomas** and **Charlie** to our Cub Scout Section.

We farewell **Leo** from our Cub Scout Section and we wish him well as he continues his scouting journey.

The Badges we awarded during Term 2 2020 are:

**Aurelius** Intro to Cubs, Special Interest Area (SIA) Environment and Outdoor Adventure Skills (OAS) Bushcraft

**Jack** OAS Bushcraft 1

**Leah** Intro to Cubs; SIA Growth and Development; SIA Environment; OAS Bushcraft 1; Messenger of Peace; Jamboree of the Trail; *Their Service, Our Heritage* Badge and Clean up Australia Day

**Leo** OAS Bushcraft 1

**Ruby** Intro Scouts; Intro Cubs; SIA Environment; SIA Adventure; SIA Personal Growth; OAS Bushcraft 1 and Messenger of Peace

### Our Review of Term 2 2020

As part of the Plan > Do > Review, the Cubs were asked a few questions after a term of Zoom meetings, what went well, and what could be improved.

Some of the feedback was:

- Meeting for up to 1 hour was about right
- They like to wear Uniforms when on Zoom
- Games of Hangman and a scavenger hunt were favourites
- The talent night at the end of term was a favourite
- Cubs also asked for individual meetings with Cub leaders as well as a group
- Favourite Outdoor Adventure Skills are Vertical, Aquatic and Paddling
- Maybe have challenges over 2 weeks

Ideas for future events:

- Seeing the cuttlefish spawning in northern Eyre Peninsula at Whyalla next May-July(!)
- An outing on a paddle steamer on the River Murray (!)
- online meetings with other Scout Groups
- A camp at Napperby with hiking, swimming, kayaking and fishing
- A climbing camp at Woodhouse



Our plans for Term 3 2020 are:

**Aurelius** SIA - Growth and Development - to read 20 or more books for the MS Read-athon and to raise \$500.

Here is the link if you would like to help Aurelius reach his goal

[https://www.msreadathon.org.au/fundraisers/AureliusPurnell-Webb/2020?fbclid=IwAR0vfjrjXYAEC0EGR66vRLMuyfAQ-zw6Xp\\_aW3PIunoAbdIfM-gPpJHuco](https://www.msreadathon.org.au/fundraisers/AureliusPurnell-Webb/2020?fbclid=IwAR0vfjrjXYAEC0EGR66vRLMuyfAQ-zw6Xp_aW3PIunoAbdIfM-gPpJHuco)

**Charlie** will be attending his local group in Greenwith while their travel plans have changed due to COVID-19.

**Harrison** SIA Adventure & Sport - to go on 10 bike rides to help learn the road rules and to ride on the left-hand side of the road.

**Jack** SIA Art and Literature - to learn to play Forbidden Sky and to write a story about it.

**Leah** SIA Art and Literature - to learn to play 2 songs on her trumpet.

**Ruby** and **Thomas** are still working what SIA that they are going to work on.

Till next time,

Cheers,



**Andu & Ed**



*Leah playing her trumpet on World Scout Day*

## SCOUTING AROUND



There have been some significant changes in the Scout Section over the last few months, but our Scouts have been *Doing Their Best* to continue scouting.

### *Farewell Lee and Andrew*

Firstly, we need to say a proper farewell to **Lee** and **Andrew**, who have led the Scout section for several years. As a parent helper with Scouts, I was always impressed and amazed at their dedication, cheerfulness and ability to produce challenging and interesting activities. **Andrew** was always ready with some amazing new game to play. They will be missed as they move on to their next adventure with their growing family. I wish them all the best.

The Scouts had a few things to say about them as well:

#### **Thomas**

Camps - I have only been on two camps with Lee and Andrew. My first camp as a scout was mini-splash. In the last school holidays I went to Beaumont and Woodhouse.

#### **Angela**

My favourite camp that Lee and Andrew took us on was the first Cohen Cup as the theme was haunted and we made a gateway with cobwebs and fake spiders, and we rigged a skull on the top so if we pulled a string it would fall down right in front of them. Jack fed the possums, so we got deducted points, but the judge said that we could gain them back if we scared 3 people with the skull. We only scared two, with one of them being Andrew.

#### **Leo**

Lee and Andrew are very funny and fun to be around. It's sad to see them go and I wish them the best of luck with their child (they make very fun board games too!) :)

### *Welcome Sky-Bianca*

As we say farewell to Lee and Andrew, we are also very fortunate to be welcoming a new Scout Leader to the Section. **Skye-Bianca** has joined Lones from the Scout Fellowship as the Assistant Scout Leader. I hope you join me in making her feel welcome.

### *Winter Holidays Camp*

During the Winter School Holidays, Six Lone Scouts camped at Beaumont Scout Hall, and then joined some Torrens District Scouts for a bushwalking, bushcraft and survival camp at Woodhouse.

#### **Belinda, Angela and Thomas**

The camp that some of the Scouts went on in the most recent school holidays lasted for 5 days and was based in Beaumont and Woodhouse.

The first two days we played some games, participated in activities for badgework, learned about what you pack in hike packs, made a menu for the next two days and went shopping.

The first day at Woodhouse we got introduced to another Scout Group then drove to Hahndorf to begin a 12.5km hike. During the camp we welcomed three new scouts: **Thomas, Matthew** and **Leo**.

While we were at Woodhouse we also learned some survival skills such as lighting a fire with just an empty soft-drink can and chocolate. At the very end of the camp our new Scouts as well as **Ed**, our new Scout Leader had to walk a tightrope between two trees with the help of the old Scouts, signifying that they were moving from Cubs or another Scout Group to Lone Scouts. Overall, the camp was good and as well as having fun we learned some things.

#### **Leo**

The camp was very fun and it made me make some new friends and meet new people.

(It was a little bit hard to remember everyone's names!) :)

IT WAS COLD!!!!!!!!!!!!!! (like 2 degrees cold!). I enjoyed learning the different ways to make fire.



### Term 3

The Scouts have met once via Zoom this week, which was also a way for our most 'Lone' Scout, *Kiki*, to dial in from Myanmar!

The Scouts started by updating their Unit Code, a process led by *Belinda* and made very beautiful by *Kiki*. The opening line is:

*'We come together to Help and Encourage Each Other, Do Our Best, Learn New Things and Have Fun!'*

We are also looking at a Virtual Camp during one weekend over term, and planning a camp in the spring, possibly at Napperby.

This term, Badges our Scouts are working on include:

**Alex** - Scout Leadership Course at Woodhouse, a Level 4 Bushwalk at Messent Conservation Park, and walking with Belinda for her Blue Cord Hike.

**Belinda** - Plan the Blue Cord Hike through the Mt Remarkable Conservation Park (3 days 2 nights).

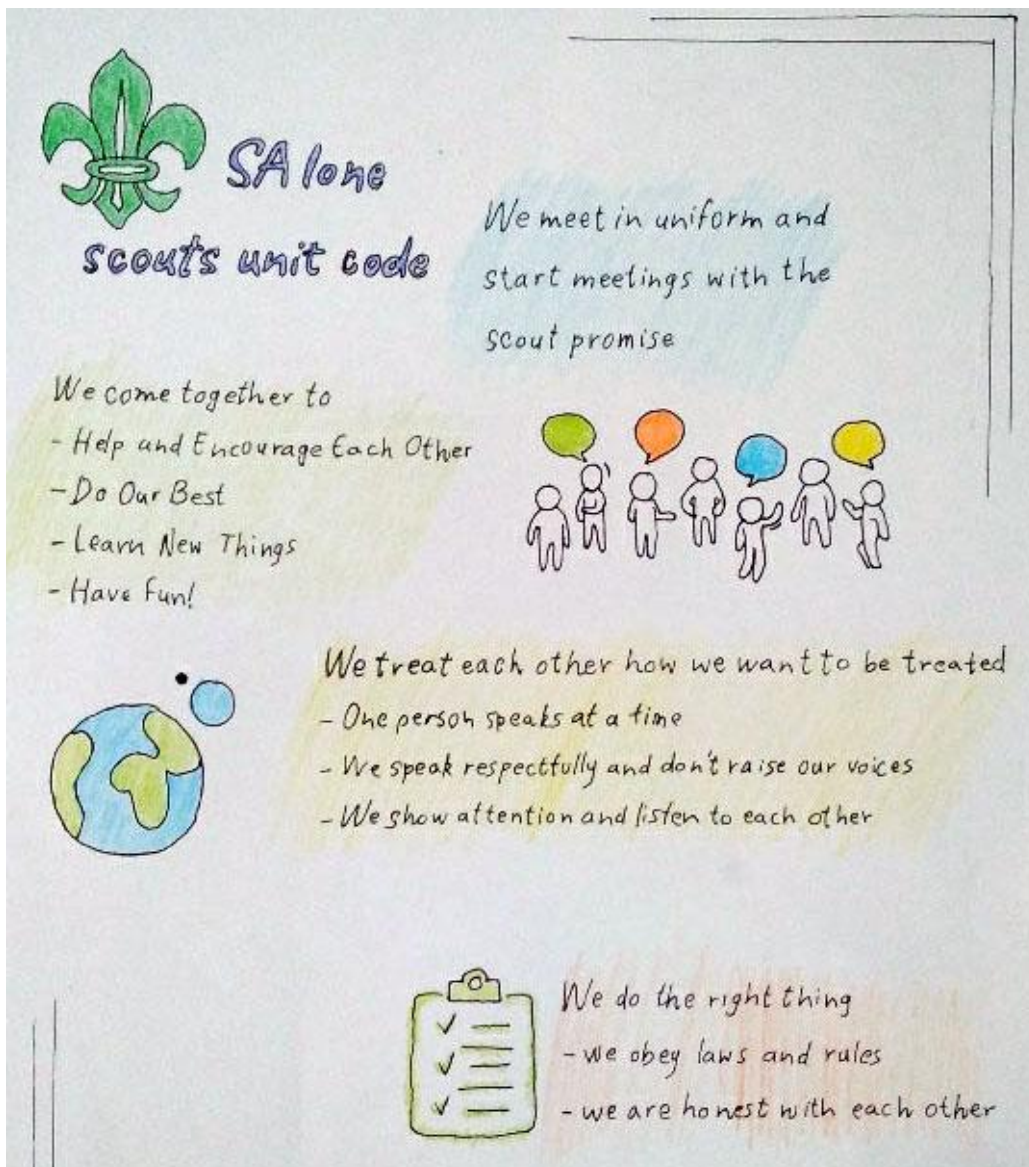
**Kiki** - Work on her Pioneer Red Cord, and Plan for to attend the European Jamboree in 2021.

**Thomas** - 3 x Special Interest Badges, make a 1000 piece puzzle, Learn songs on a saxophone, and Build a lego city.

**Angela** - 2x Special Interest Badges, patchwork cushions and mosaics.

**Leo** - 1 Special Interest Badge, Learn 2 new skateboarding moves.

**Matthew** was still working out his goals for this term, but if his survival skills on the camp are anything to go by, he will be doing a lot of cool stuff this term.



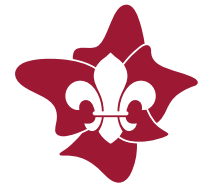
Till next time, Keep on scouting,

**Ed & Skye-Bianca**



Scout Troop out and about





**Venturer  
Scouts**

Hi everyone,

We would like to **Welcome** new Venturer, **Connor** from Paringa.

We farewell, **Maddison** and **Nathan** as they continue their scouting journey with a new Venturer Unit in their area.

We wish them all the best with their future endeavours.

We farewell **AVL Caitlin** as she takes a step back from scouting. **Caitlin** has been an awesome support and Leader, she will still be available to help out with Kayak camps and a contact for the Venturers should they need her.

**July Holiday Antics**

*Over the past school holidays, the Venturers went to Woodhouse for a Venturer-only camp. This is our first major camp since the coronavirus restrictions put in place modified the capabilities of what can and can't happen at camp.*

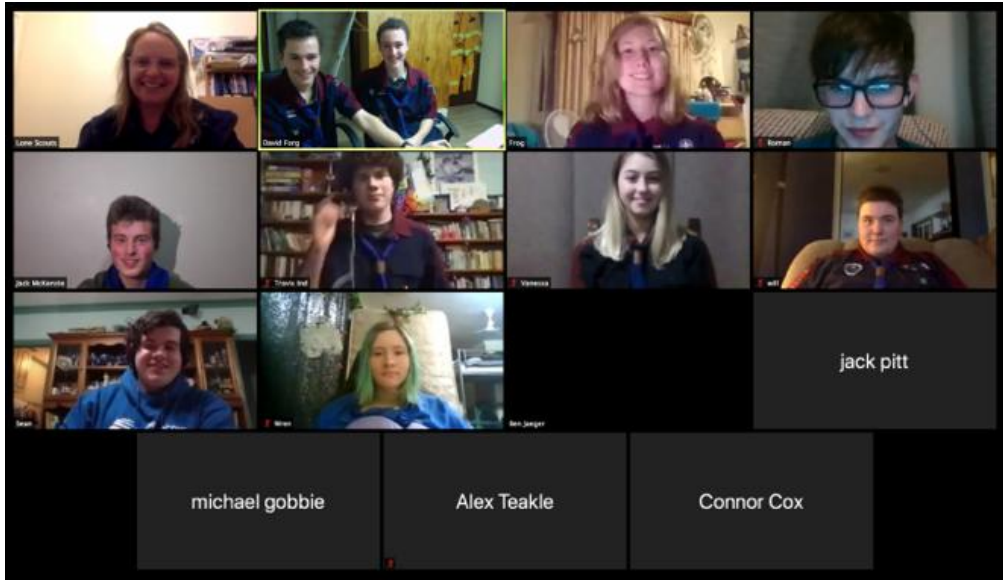
*There were activities involving navigation, construction, and some classic card games!*

*An impressive tower was made, and a hike to Stirling was conducted so that the Venturers could enjoy some Subway.*

*Overall, a great time was had over the couple of days, proving that face to face get togethers are still possible, even in our current climate.*

**Jack McKenzie**





### Online Meetings

The Venturer Unit is currently meeting online every second Thursday.

Unit challenges are conducted in the week there is no meeting and Venturers have access to their own website, and email to communicate and work with each other if they are unable to attend a meeting.

We recently had 15 Venturers online for a meeting, that saw 5 members invested into **Lone Venturers**.

A number of Venturers have completed Special Interest Area (SIA) projects and are moving through progressions in their Outdoor Adventure Skills (OAS). Venturers participating in online activities or keeping up with Unit challenges are successfully achieving Milestones, in all three areas, *Participate, Assist and Lead*.

# Congratulations

**Sean Ind** and **William Goodes**

for achieving their  
Queen's Scout Award.



These awards were officially presented at Caroline Sink hole, Mount Gambier on the last Saturday of August.

*Cheers,*

*Kanga, Marco, Bear & Caitlin*



# Queen's Scouts Queen's Scouts

Caroline Sinkhole, south of Mount Gambier was a glorious setting for two well deserved Queen's Scout presentations.

The weather was perfect for the ceremony and following celebration BBQ lunch and cake, with fellow Scouts, Leaders, Family and Friends.

Sean and Will spoke about their scouting journey, their achievements and the amazing support they have had from Family and Leaders.

We congratulate them and wish them all the best as they continue their scouting journey.

**Congratulations  
Sean Ind and William Goode**





## ROVER RAMBLINGS

...with the Crew!

Hi Everyone,

and welcome to the second half of the year!

This year has been hectic, with many members of our Crew growing as people during this time of COVID-19. Due to there being so much commotion the Crew have been thinking about all the exciting stuff that's going to happen next year while doing our monthly challenges, this month we are reading a new book to us.

A BIG **congratulations** to *Sarah Weatherly* for finishing all the requirements for her **Baden Powell Award**.

We are all so proud of your achievement and can't wait to see you receive your award.

We hope that in this strange time everyone and their families are safe and being kind to themselves.

YIS

*Ashleigh*  
*Crew Leader*



*from the SA Lone Scout Archives*



**1979**

Lones "Get Together"  
place unknown  
the male Leader is  
*Greg Warnes*

Annual Lones Camp **1986**  
Camp Cook, *Darren Lodge*  
'Old House' ?, Woodhouse



## LONE TRAIL DIARY DATES

Some future dates of interest – if you are interested in any of the Scouting events below, please contact your Section Leader for more info.

**Leaders, please note:** closing date for 2020 Lone Trails:

*Feb 16; May 17; Aug 16 & Nov 15*

### 2020

#### September

26 end of Term 3

*Due to COVID 19, unfortunately a lot of activities have been postponed or cancelled. Please check with your Section Leaders for updates.*

#### October

12 start of Term 4

#### November

11 Remembrance Day



They shall grow not old,  
As we that are left grow old;  
Age shall not weary them,  
Nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun  
And in the morning,  
We will remember them  
*Lest We Forget*



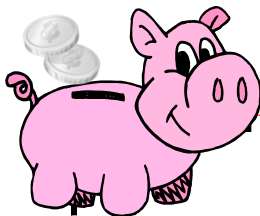
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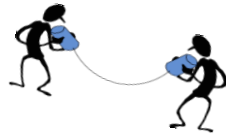


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