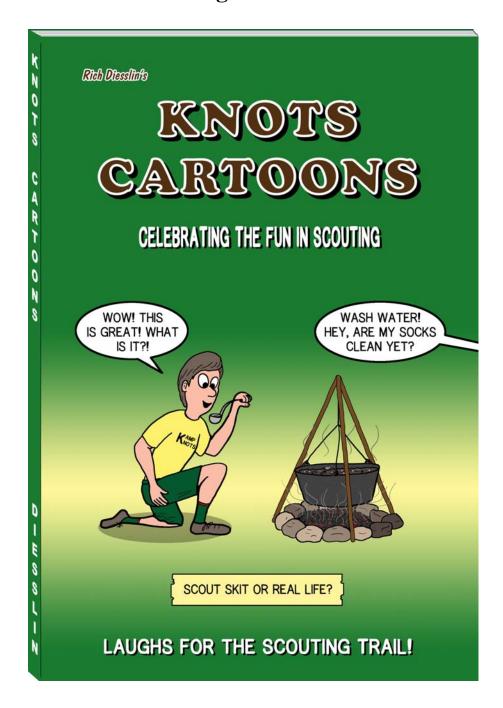
# **KNOTS Scouting Cartoons - The Book!**



KNOTS cartoons have appeared monthly on the website of the U.S. Scouting Service Project, in the daily newspaper of the Boy Scouts of America National Jamboree, and elsewhere. Now they are all in one place! A full-color, glossy paperback book with over 150 cartoons.

The original KNOTS or Not concept was to have fun with silly situations that you would NOT do or find in scouting (sort of humorous opposites). Very quickly it evolved into a more general cartoon format ... sometimes "nots" and sometimes just silliness. Even so the name remains and is sometimes shortened to KNOTS.

#### **FOREWORD**

Scouting is a game with a purpose. These words of Lord Robert Baden-Powell, the founder of Scouting, ring just as true today as they did decades ago. Scouting has always been an interesting experiment where learning, character development, fitness, citizenship and personal core values are the by-product of a fun game full of activities that is most often played in an outdoors setting - camping, hiking, canoeing, climbing, and much more.

Communicating the idea of Scouting as a game is sometimes hard to do with words alone. Baden-Powell realized that frequently the best way to get a point across was with a humorous sketch and was well know for his pen and ink cartoon-like drawings. Following in that same vein, Rich Diesslin has been creating Scouting cartoons for more than a decade. His cartoons help us understand that there will be humorous moments anytime you have world-wise adults leading, coaching and counseling enthusiastic and sometimes precocious youth in a game with a purpose. Rich's cartoons are sometimes instructional, often thought-provoking and mostly just good fun with the added benefit of helping us all along in this game with a purpose.

Rich's cartoons have appeared monthly on the website of the U.S. Scouting Service Project, in the daily newspaper of the Boy Scouts of America National Jamboree, and elsewhere. Now I am delighted to see his best Scouting cartoons all in one place - in a book that begs to be opened by a campfire after a long day's hike for a bit of humor and good fun.

More than 40 years ago both Rich and I worked together on the staff of Cary Camp in Lafayette, Indiana, and though we have never met again since that wonderful summer, we've been in touch regularly - most often sharing an enduring love of the adventure of Scouting. That love of Scouting shines through in Rich's wonderful cartoons as well as his lifelong commitment to active leadership in the Scouting Movement where most recently he has served as a Camp Director.

It is with great pleasure that I recommend this wonderful collection of Scouting cartoons to the Scouting community.

Mike

Michael F. Bowman Vice President, Web Services U.S. Scouting Service Project Eagle Scout 1967

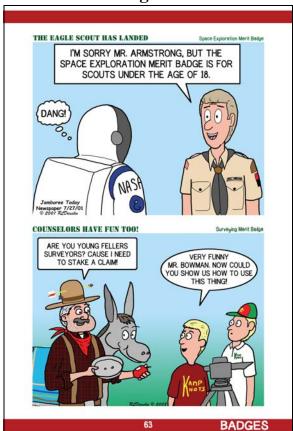
## Some Pages from the Book ...

### **Cub Scout Cartoons**

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Plus Advancement, Scout Law, and National Scout Jamboree Cartoons!

## These Cartoons Appeal to Scouts, Parents and Outdoor Enthusiasts!

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