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MT. CARLETON CLEANUP DAY

After a year of planning, the first annual Mt Carleton Clean Up was held on the weekend of August 13th. Turn out was low, but all who attended enjoyed a good time. Although there was heavy cloud cover, the conversation and laughs provided for a

great hike up and down the mountain. Ashley Scott (MFRS 2002) and his father camped out at the Park on Friday night, and were met by Blair and Allie DeGrace on Saturday morning. After leaving instructions for anyone else who might turn up at the camp site, this group headed up the mountain. With timing that could not

have been planned better, our group met up with the other NBFTA hikers at the Top of the mountain. Ken and Jonathan DeGrace along with a friend met us at the summit of Mt Carleton (picture above) for a lunch before descending the mountain, garbage in tow. The day consisted of a leisurely hike up and down the Mountain, cleaning any litter along the way. Sam Hachey met the crew later in the afternoon as she had been working and could not arrive until then.

A hearty thanks to the Mount Carleton Staff who treated the NBFTA very well by providing free private camping facilities, complete with indoor kitchen and washroom facilities.

They also allowed us to put up our posters at the main gate and throughout the park.

This was the first of an annual event for the NBFTA, and we look forward to a larger turn out next year.

Allie DeGrace, CFT#100



TEN REASONS TO JOIN THE NBFTA

1. To become certified within the Association.
2. To be ready to meet the challenges of the future without having it forced on me.
3. To participate with others in my profession by pooling our ideas together to achieve our objectives.
4. To express my ideas towards an association which represents my thoughts.
5. To cooperate with my fellow technicians in expressing my views, and accepting other views, however different they may be.
6. To ensure that we continue to recognize the Forest Technician as the professional he/she truly is.
7. To give back to forestry a little of what it has given me and my family, maybe for generations of giving.
8. To become accountable to myself as well as to others.
9. To promote camaraderie within our profession.
10. To be able to participate in Continuing Forestry Education which will be offered to members of the Association.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Letters to the Editor

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Time certainly is flying by. Here we are in the fall already and starting to make plans for the 2006 Annual General Meeting. The AGM will again be held during SYLVICON, and details will be sent out shortly. Sylvicon will be held at the Lord Beaver Brook Hotel this year from the 8th to 10th of February.

We are also making plans to commemorate our 10th year as an Association. Here we are in our 10th year, and there are a lot of people who have worked tirelessly to ensure that we survived this long. That being said, some of those people are still the ones working hard today for our association and our profession. We are experiencing some growing pains in

that there seems to be a shortage of people to fill all of the positions in the executive and committees. If you look at the executive and committee listing, you can see that there are three of five regions that are without a regional rep. If you have ever considered pitching in to help ensure the future of our great association, now is the time and your help is definitely welcome.

We held our first annual Mount Carleton Clean up in August, and although turn out was extremely low, a great time was had by the participants. We had our own private camp ground with indoor kitchen and washroom facilities and the staff at Mt. Carleton was very gracious in accommodating us. A special thanks go out to this years attendees, Ashley Scott (2002 MFRS), Kenny DeGrace (1967 MFRS), Blair DeGrace (1980 MFRS), Allie DeGrace (1997 MFRS), Jonathan DeGrace (1999 MFRS), and Sam Hachey (MFRS 1995). Thanks also to Ashley's father and Jonathan's friend for helping out as this was an event open to all.

What's in it for me?

An all too common question that any heart and soul member of the association hates to hear from a perspective member, but increasingly a question that needs answered. Like many organizations, there is a lot of work done behind the scenes, but not enough work done to tell their members about it. That being said, your executive and committees have been busy establishing scholarships for future technicians, recognizing our best through tech of the year and hall of fame awards, raising money for children's charities, striving to help keep New Brunswick beautiful through highway clean ups and most recently the Mount Carleton Clean up, establishing the NB Big Tree Contest to celebrate the wonderful trees in our province, staying current on the Right to Practice issue to ensure that the best interest of the New Brunswick Forest Technician is protected, sponsoring and encouraging future technicians by paying for their silver CIF technician rings and sponsoring last class celebrations for each years graduating classes, sponsoring the Envirothon each year, searching our continuing education opportunities and circulating them to the membership, and so on and so on. I guess we keep so busy in the Associations day to day affairs that we forget to "toot our own horn". With all of these commitments underway, there is always more that we can do and better ways to do it, please contact your executive if you have any ideas that may benefit the association or its membership, but please be ready to help implement it as the more members we have pitching it, the easier it will be to get 'er all done.

As my father has always said "many hands make light work!"

Allie DeGrace, CFT#100
President, NBFTA



NBFTA FALL EXECUTIVE MEETING

The NBFTA executive met for their fall meeting on September 30th at the Maritime College of Forest Technology in Fredericton. The meeting was attended by executive members Allie DeGrace, Kenny McGinn, Chris Finnamore, and Jonathan DeGrace, as well as committee members Phil Hughes, Walter Bidlake, Girvan Harrison, and Dave Lewis.

Main business items were Right to Practice and member involvement. The Right to Practice committee will be meeting with the RPF's in the coming month, and will report back to the executive at the December meeting. We will then update the membership on the Right to Practice issue as promised at the 2005 AGM. The discussion about member involvement centered around the issue of the same members doing the majority of the work in the association. Immediate situations that need to be resolved are the lack of 3 regional reps in the province, as well as a few key committee chairs that are vacant. There were a number of options discussed and will be brought up for membership approval at the AGM.

The AGM was also discussed, it is important that members who regularly attend the meeting tell other members about it. The meetings are no longer day long sessions devoted to touching up the constitution. The last few years, the AGM has been a half day session with interesting topics and a good flow, the afternoon provides free CE hours to members as well.

The executive will meet again in December, any members of the association who would like to sit in on an executive meeting should contact Allie DeGrace prior to the meeting.

KNOW ANY GREAT FOREST TECHNICIANS / TECHNOLOGISTS?

NBFTA Technician of the Year Award

It's that time of year again, a time to recognize the great amongst us in our great profession.

We have two special recognitions that the association presents annually to deserving technicians.

The first is the "NBFTA Technician of the Year Award". This has been awarded annually to recognize a member of the association for outstanding achievements or contributions to forestry. It had been awarded every year since our incorporation in 1996.

Any member of the NBFTA may be nominated for this award. A member of the Association or a member of the public may make a nomination for this award, nominations shall be sent to any member of the NBFTA executive (contact information in this issue) by December 31st of each year.

In order for a nomination to be accepted it must be signed by two members of the NBFTA. A resume of the individual being nominated must accompany the nomination. Last years recipient was Ron Blaney.

New Brunswick Forestry Hall of Fame

The next recognition is to have a deserving forest technician / technologist inducted into the New Brunswick Forestry Hall of Fame.

In 1998 the central New Brunswick Woodsmen's Museum located in Boiestown, granted permission to the NBFTA to induct suitable candidates into their Forestry Hall of Fame.

An NBFTA induction to the Forestry Hall of Fame will honor a New Brunswick forest technician / technologist for a distinguished career in forestry and / or for very significant contributions to the practice of Forestry in New Brunswick.

Any NBFTA member in good standing may nominate any suitable New Brunswick forest technician / technologist at any time using the appropriate signed format. Must be received by November 30th, to be considered for the following AGM.

A nomination should be accurate, complete, verifiable and signed by two other NBFTA members in good standing. Please contact Allie DeGrace for information on how to nominate someone. Last years Hall of Fame inductee was Girvan Harrison. Complete details on Page 6.

NBFTA SCHOLARSHIPS

The NBFTA awards two scholarships annually to deserving students enrolled in a recognized Forest Technician/Technologist Program.

There is a \$500.00 scholarship for first-year students, and a \$500.00 scholarship for second-year students enrolled in such a program.

Scholarship applications are distributed to all students enrolled in the Bathurst and Fredericton campuses of the Maritime College of Forest technology.

The scholarships will be awarded at the discretion of the executive of the NBFTA after reviewing all applicants who qualify for the award by meeting the following criteria.

Applicant must:

- o Be a resident of New Brunswick
- o Have graduated from a New Brunswick High School
- o Applicants will be assessed based on:
 - previous academic work at high school or post-secondary school
 - extra-curricular and community involvement
 - letters of recommendation from former teachers and others who know them well.

Preference will be given to those applicants with direct family members who are NBFTA members in good standing.

****Contact any member of the executive for more information****

The deadline for applications has been extended to Nov 31st, and the recipients will be chosen at the December NBFTA executive meeting.

ACTIVITIES FROM LE COLLÈGE DE TECHNOLOGIE FORESTIÈRE DES MARITIMES

The Bathurst Francophone Campus of the Maritime College of Forest Technology (Collège de Technologie forestière des Maritimes) resumed its classes on September 6, 2005 with a three day **Chain Saw Safety and Techniques Course**. Since the College still offers the one-year intense Forest Technology program, students basically started where they left off in mid-May after completing a two-day session on **Spacing Saw Safety and Techniques**. A professional from STIHL Canada, Michel Papineau, is the instructor for the Courses.



Bridge Building

Another student project this fall is the building of a small bridge on a Private Woodlot near Bathurst.

Who says a Technician's work is clean??

Claude Chiasson, CFT



BIG TREE CONTEST

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**For Largest Live Softwood & Hardwood Species
Native or Non-Native Species**

Measurements: **Height** - **To nearest metre or foot**
 Diameter - **To nearest centimetre or inch**

This is a new contest for the NBFTA and promises to be a very interesting undertaking. Trees entered in the contest must be photographed by the contestant and measured by an NBFTA area representative or paid member.

Closing Date: January 1st, 2006

Big Tree Contest for Public Participation

Guidelines for entrants of the Big Tree Contest. Open to the Public.

1. All trees must be alive at time of submission.
2. Trees can be native or non-native to the province.
3. All trees must be measured and if possible photographed. GPS or a map grid by a NBFTA member.
4. Permission must be given by the owner of the tree to be entered for measurements and documenting the tree.
5. More than one tree per person, per year, can be submitted to the NBFTA Big Tree committee if more than one species is submitted by the same person.
6. Certificates will be awarded by the NBFTA Big Tree committee to those persons who submit the three largest trees.
7. Contestants must have the trees submitted before January 1st of the calendar year.
8. A total point system will determine the winners of the contest.

For example, Ht: 20 metres Dia: 70 cm Total points – 90 pts.

For further information please contact:

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CENTRAL N.B. WOODMEN'S MUSEUM FORESTRY HALL OF FAME

Background

In 1998 the central New Brunswick Woodsmen's Museum located in Boiestown, granted permission to the NBFTA to induct suitable candidates into their Forestry Hall of Fame.

NBFTA Induction Criteria

An NBFTA induction to the Forestry Hall of Fame will honor a New Brunswick forest technician / technologist for a distinguished career in forestry and / or for very significant contributions to the practice of Forestry in New Brunswick.

Nomination and Presentation Protocol

Any NBFTA member in good standing may nominate any suitable New Brunswick forest technician / technologist at any time using the appropriate signed format. Must be received by November 30th, to be considered for the following AGM.

A nomination should be accurate, complete, verifiable and signed by two other NBFTA members in good standing. The NBFTA Executive Committee will solicit nominations from the membership annually via the Azimuth and / or mailouts.

Any number of nominations will be received and maintained by the NBFTA Executive Committee and each nomination will remain active for five years from the date of submission.

The NBFTA Executive Committee will serve as the Selection Committee and may select up to two inductees per year.

The NBFTA will produce a standard plaque (framed picture and citation) for the Forestry Hall of Fame and a suitable keeper plaque for the inductee.

A formal presentation by the NBFTA President will be made to the inductee or surviving family member at the next NBFTA general meeting, and shall also be publicly announced in a provincial newspaper.

The executive Committee will forward the inductee'(s') standard plaque(s) to the Central New Brunswick Woodsmen's Museum following the A.G.M.

NBFTA Nomination Report Format

Information will be accurate, complete, and verifiable and follow the prescribed NBFTA Nomination Report Format. The executive Committee of the NBFTA may research any information given.

Name in full (nickname if any) of Nominee:

Date of Birth, Place of Birth (if deceased, date and place)

Current Address

Family Information:

Spouses Name, Children

Formal Education

Summary of Outstanding Achievements in NB

Special Awards or Recognition

Other Information of Significance

Names, addresses and signatures of the three persons making the nomination

Nomination Report Forms should be forwarded to:

NBFTA, c/o PR Committee

Hugh John Flemming Forestry Complex

1350 Regent Street

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New member
Membre nouveauRenewal
RenouvellementOther
AutreFirst Name *Prénom* : _____Last Name: *Nom*: _____

Address: _____

Adresse: _____

Tel : _____ H(d) _____ W(t) _____

Fax : _____ e-mail *cour. élec* _____**Regular Member****Membre régulier \$30.00**

Technical Institution Attended

Nom de l'institution fréquentée _____

Year of Graduation Diplômé (année) _____**Mail your cheque or money order along with your application to:****Poster votre chèque ou votre mandat de poste et votre demande à :**

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Please attach copy of diploma / Veuillez inclure une copie de votre diplôme

Post Graduate Forestry Experience / Expérience de travail après graduation

Note: Please send 2 letters of recommendations from Certified Forest Technicians

Institution / institution	Completion date Date Terminée	Circle / encercler
		Degree, Diploma, Certificate Bach, Diplôme, Certificat
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Note: S.V.P. inclure deux lettres de recommandation de Techniciens (ne) Forestiers(ère) Agréés.

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NBFTA AGM & SYLVICON 2006

Mark your calendars, SYLVICON 2006 will be held on Feb 8th, 9th, & 10th at the Lord Beaverbrook Hotel. The NBFTA AGM will be held on the morning of Thursday, the 9th of February. The meeting will commence at 8:30am and conclude at noon. Please plan to attend this meeting and help direct your association.

NBFTA Constitution

Article 6 Dues and Fees

6.2 All dues are payable on a calendar year basis and must be paid as of the annual general meeting of each year.

By-laws of the NBFTA Inc.

1. Dues

1.1 Members attending the annual general meeting must have their dues paid.

1.1-1 Dues are to be paid in full, within 30 days after the Annual General meeting, in order to maintain membership and certification.

1.2 Failure to pay dues within the assigned period of time will result in loss of certification, removal from the membership list and removal from the mailing list.

1.3 Reinstatement can be made by paying the current year's dues plus a penalty of 25%.

1.4 Re-certification will be required after one year's absence from the Association.

1.5 Only paid up members have voting privileges.