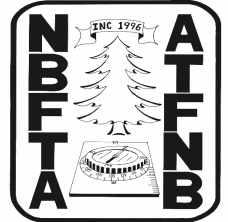




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Outgoing President Eugene Mattinson thanked the members of the association for the past year. He said it has been a busy one, especially since the executive meetings were held around the province. The ANBRPF attended our Bathurst meeting, and encouraged co-operation between our two organisations. One example of our co-operation is in regards to the Forestry Hall of Fame inductees. An entrance scholarship has been established for a Student entering a technician/

technologist program, the first one being presented this fall. Eugene said that he has asked the advisory committee to set a 5-year plan for the Association. Where are we today? Where do we want to be? The NBFTA will continue its commitment to the sponsorship of the Tree House Envirothon program, as well as our co-sponsorship of the meeting of CWF (Cont. on P.4 Sylvicon)

RIGHT TO PRACTICE

In the last year there has been quite a bit of interest in the “Right to Practice” by some Forest professionals. The NBFTA had struck a committee to review what

other provinces had in place and how, if at all, it may be adapted in New Brunswick. Just last week the Foresters and Technicians agreed to join their respective committees together to work towards a common goal, Professionalism in the Forests.

In four provinces that had some form of the “Right to Practice”, there is enough differences that one can not adopt one

over the other. In Quebec there is not a technicians association, just one for Foresters. In Ontario there is legislation that governs who can do what in the forests. Technicians are an afterthought, though now they are starting to get some prominence but still working under a Forester’s guidance. In British Columbia, the Foresters had legislation in place and the Technicians asked to be included, again as an afterthought, and can work under (Cont. on P. 11 Right to



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The dust has finally settled from our Valentine's Day annual general meeting and as usual there have been some changes to the Executive Position listing.

The changes were a result of members fulfilling their terms and new ones stepping forward to carry on their good work. Most are still on the executive, but France Roussel is taking a well-deserved break. Mike Boucher has returned to fill his shoes as Treasurer. New faces include Chris Finnamore as secretary, Jean-Paul Martel as region #3 representative.

Jason Thibodeau has also stepped forward to take the chair of the PR Committee now that Allie Degrace is 2nd VP.

A complete NBFTA association contact listing is included with this issue of the Azimuth. A congratulations goes out to Walter Bidlake who received the "Technician of the year" award. Rick Doucett did an excellent job of presenting this to Walter. Mike Cunningham with Monsanto Canada was the sponsor once again for the award this year.

A special thank you to the sponsors of the luncheon and all of the donators of door prizes during the event.

I also had the pleasure of attending the NSFTA AGM/Forestry conference, which was held in Truro on March 25 & 26. It felt good to get up and present a brief summary of our activities in New Brunswick.

A portion of the presentation was an invitation to the members of the NSFTA to participate in our "What is a Technician" survey. Where most of the members have had their training in New Brunswick and may be doing similar activities it would be welcomed to have their input.

A definite highlight of the event was getting to see Girvan Harrison receive the "Technician of the year" award in that province. Congratulations!

Following that an Executive meeting was held in the Miramichi on April fool's day (We seem to be hitting all the right dates for meetings!). The moving around of these meetings worked out well last year and we plan to have them in various locations this year as well. The next scheduled executive meeting will be in the Plaster Rock area on a Friday in June (Father's day is on a Sunday so we should be all right).

It has been said many times before, but now more than ever input from the membership is needed. A mail-out relating to the "Right to Practice" concern is something that all members should have received by now. I urge everyone to take some time and review this information. I do not think that the either group (NBFTA & ARPFNB) plans to "re-invent the wheel" so a look at what other provinces have done will most likely provide some guidelines.

Most of the "Right to Practice" committee has been formed and hopefully will be complete by their first scheduled meeting which has a tentative date of May 14, with the possible location to be at the MCFT.

The committee will review all of the responses from the members and put together a "Scope of Practice". Also another important part of the process is to figure out what can



be realistically accomplished each year.

Another way to help would be to take a few minutes and fill out the "What is a Technician" survey and send it in. This valuable information is useful for updating pamphlets, promoting Forestry programs and forming a "scope of practice".

I personally hope that there will be some input from members involved with vocational programs (Community College). I have always felt that the training received is great preparation for a broad range of Forestry activities. For example, the Forest Products association of Nova Scotia has teamed up with the community college to provide specialty training. The hands-on skills gained in these programs prepares individuals for activities such as Forest Worker safety, Environmental Management Systems (EMS), Sustainable Forest Management, Chainsaw/Clearing saw operation, Scaling, Felling near Power lines, Map & Compass and equipment operators. These Forest workers can then directly enter the work force or move into other levels of education such as MCFT, UNB and ISA training.

Regional representatives in all areas of the province are working hard at activities such as:

Regional meetings

Adopt-a-hwy clean up days/barbecues

Selling tickets at Farmers markets and at Forestry conventions

Organizing CFE courses

Setting up CFT exams

All of these activities need the support of existing NBFTA members in the area, so if you want to get involved or find out about a schedule for these events, just contact your regional representative for the details.

Any member considering to write their CFT exam can obtain a digital package of what is required. This will include copy of the application, relevant section list, code of ethics and the portions of the Acts and regulations required. It is an open book exam that can be written in either language, that can last 3-4 hours. Once the exam is successfully completed all that has to be done to maintain your CFT status is to keep track of your credits obtained for each category on the activity form with supporting documentation in a binder. If this approach is taken from the beginning it will be a much more pleasant experience when your 3-year period is up and you have to send your information in.

The PR Committee has done an excellent job in organizing for these years events; the stock of promotional items has been replenished and can be accessed by any member of the PR committee.

The Ticket draw is up and running again with a choice of the following great prizes:

-16 ft.4 inch Old town Allagash Canoe (McLeans Sports)

-Stihl MS 280 Mid Range Professional Saw, Pants & Boots (DBK Barton Ventures)

-A Full Day Spa for two (Sue Lawrence Hair & Spa Gallery)

This year's goal is to sell the entire 2500 tickets so we can donate as much as possible to "Easter Seals". Anyone, who has ever been to a presentation to the "Easter Seals" representatives during a Silvicon event, knows how important the support that they receive each year means to them. Also, opportunities to interact with the general public are a great spin-off from this activity. The draw date is June 4th, so the deadline of May 28 is set to get all of the tickets returned to the Jason Thibodeau.

Another note relating to this charity was that the raffle and calendar sale held by the Silvicon committee raised approx. \$1000.00.

Interest from new graduates has me wanting to get the message out that new members that they do not have to wait until they are certified to get involved. For example, there are plenty of opportunities to help out their regional representatives, PR committee or contribute to the Azimuth or website. These are interesting ways to make connections with fellow technicians.

I had hoped to have enough time to get this article translated. A goal that I have for the next one is to have a French version attached. I believe that it is important to make an effort in order for the members in the Northwestern, or any other part of the province to feel included.

So now that all the tentative plans for the year are up and running, the next step is for as many members as possible to contribute on any level they can. It might be by helping out another Technician obtain credits, put on a course yourself or attend a regional meeting. There are many ways and I can assure you that it feels good to be involved.

Danny Lapointe CFT #51
NBFTA/ATFNB President

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in Miramichi in the fall. He has met with the Minister of natural resources Keith Ashfield regarding certification requirements for DNR technicians. He thanked the executive, especially the Regional Reps and the Board of Examiners and the various committees for their support. Eugene also announced his retirement from the Ranger School on June 30, 2004. He has been teaching there for 36 years.

President-elect Danny Lapointe announced three new CFT's, bringing the total who have passed the exam to 113. Last years ticket draw raised \$1,400 for Easter Seals.

1st Vice president Hermel Duke talked about how much forestry has been in the news in the last year, especially regarding the Jaakko Pöyry report. He also stressed the value of the continuing education program. He has monitored a few cases where forest technicians assumed responsibilities beyond their qualifications.

Secretary Allie DeGrace said that his main focus during the year was to improve communications. He stressed that communications by e-mail reduces cost and allows for timely notices of various events. The association has sent a sympathy card to the family of the late Sgt. Robert Alan Short who lost his life in Afganistan. His father and brother are both Forest Technicians.

Treasurer France presented the financial report for 2003. Revenues exceeded expenses by \$1,394.16 Our cumulative balance was \$13,293.49 as of December 31, 2003. Auditors Dawn Parker and Carl Hovey congratulated France on a job well done.

Past President Rick Doucett reported that while there has not been a formal meeting of the advisory committee, he has had informal communications with the committee members. Rick said that forest technicians are getting squeezed out of high-end and entry-level traditional technicians jobs. High-end jobs are going to foresters and entry-level jobs are largely going to vocational workers. He felt that we need to act to "protect our turf".

- NBFTA has donated thousands of dollars to the Easter seals campaign.
 - NBFTA has established a \$500 scholarship for MCFT.
 - NBFTA is a member of several organizations, such as the Tree house and the National Forestry Strategy.
- 10 km of highway has been adopted through the adopt-a-highway program. Rick stressed the importance of members promoting the organization to non-members.

Region 1 rep Sam Hachey reported that she is working hard at getting CFE courses in French

Region 4 rep Randy Crealock reported that his region has been active in the adopt-a-highway program. Randy said that he accepted the position as regional rep in order to learn more about the NBFTA. After having been involved for a year, he realises the importance of the organization. He said that if we could persuade every technician to join we would have no problem to "fill the room" at the AGM.

Public Relations chair Allie Degrace said that our supply of promotional materials has been replenished. Anyone interested should contact any member of the PR committee. The Easter Seal draw was won by Wilson Hovey. Allie encouraged everyone to sell tickets and attend events where they are being sold. Hall of Fame nominations and Technician of the Year nominations are other areas that has occupied the committee. The association also hosted a scaling party at the Ranger School for the last ever graduating class of the Maritime Forest



Ranger School. NSFTA president and past president were also in attendance for this event. The most ambitious project the PR committee has ever undertaken is called "What is a Forest Technician?" The purpose is to recognise the impressive but hidden history of our profession and the accomplishment of Technicians in the forests of New Brunswick. The survey will also help define our current place in the forest sector by revealing what technicians are doing. He stressed the importance for everyone to fill out the survey. He said that it is one way that everyone will have a say in the Association. Blair DeGrace, the Associations representative to Maritime College

of Forest technology (MCFT) Board of Governors reported that the MCFT first year enrolment was 45 students, 15 students expected in Bathurst. Girvan Harrison and Kim Mann retired in December 2003, replaced with Jeff Patch and David Mac Donald. A board sub-committee has been formed for the purpose of recruiting a replacement for MCFT Director Steven Hoyt, who is retiring in December 2004. Blair said that this year has been a "pivotal year" for the College, considering the implementation of a two year program, staff retirements funding shortfalls and competition from similar two year technology programs across the country. A letter from the Society of American Foresters confirming to US Customs and Immigration that the MFRS education is equivalent to a two year Forest Technology program. that Blair was re-appointed NBFTA representative to the MCFT Board of Governors by acclamation.

Canadian Forestry Association of NB (The Tree House) was represented by Walter Bidlake. Walter reported that the association has moved to MCFT room 248. The Tree House encourages the conservation and wise use of our province's natural resources through several education programs, including Adopt-A-Highway, envirothon, Autumn Colours, National Forest Week and Christmas Greenery. Walter also stressed the importance of the associations involvement in the Right to Practice issue. A motion to appoint a Right to Practice Legislation Committee was passed. Gerald Peters from the NSFTA cautioned that the subject has been quite political in Nova Scotia.

Elections were as follows: Danny Lapointe President, Hermel Duke First Vice President, Allie DeGrace Second Vice President, Chris Finnamore Secretary, Mike Boucher Treasurer.

Robert Sarson, President of NSFTA reported that they currently have 133 members, 62 of them CFT's. The decline in certified members corresponds with the Forestry Sustainability Fund of Nova Scotia dropping the requirement for all work to be signed off by a RPF or a CFT. Certification remains an important part of the association's commitment to its members.

The association has established a continuing education committee to develop a plan for delivering a program of continuing education to its members. NSFTA, CIF and the RPFANS will hold a joint meeting in March under the theme of "Our Forest Our Future". Robert considered this to be a significant breakthrough; co-operation between technicians and foresters is unprecedented in Nova Scotia. There have been several other occasions of co-operation, such as launching the Nova Scotia forestry Hall of Fame, and the fall meeting of the Canadian Woodlands Forum. Robert said that cutbacks in both Government and industry, which has increased the workload of many members has made it increasingly difficult to devote time to association business. He stressed the importance of keeping in touch with the members and getting more members actively involved.

Jeff Patch from the Association of Registered Professional Foresters of New Brunswick (ARPFNB) emphasised the many challenges both organisations share. The Right to Practice issue is a case in point. Jeff stressed the importance of working together on common goals.

Outgoing Treasurer France Rousell presented the 2004 budget. Revenues are forecasted at \$13,540, expenses \$14,200, which will leave us with a deficit of \$660.

New CFT's: 3 members passed the exam in the past year: Sam Hachey, Earnets McCallum and John Paul Martel. Congratulations to all.

Phil Hughes presented Continuing Forestry Education Certificates to the following people: Laurie Yeates, Frederick W. Harris, Michael Boucher, John M. Jenkins, Albert Ned Morin, Peter Richie, W.F. Whalen, Benoit Bouchard, Louis Caissie, Guy Levasseur, Ghislain Boutot, France Rousell, Kenneth Chappel, Carl Hovey, Walter C. Bidlake, Brain d. Kilpatrick, Phillip Hughes, Chris Spenser, Richard Doucett, Kenneth McGinn, Preston Coughlan, Andrew Chase, Danny Lapointe, Dan Phillips & Gilles Bosse. Congratulations to all.

Special recognition awards: Danny Lapointe presented plaques of recognition to the outgoing members of the executive: Eugene Mattinson, Danny LaPointe, Hermel Duke, France Rousell.

Eugene Mattinson said that the a Cheque of \$1,400 was presented to Easter Seals on February 13:th

Auditors elected for 2005: Carl Hovey and France Rousell

Nominating Committee for 2005 AGM: Danny Lapointe

The 2005 AGM will be held during the week of Sylvicon, not on the Saturday following, as has been the practice for the last 4 years.

Door prices: Everyone on attendance won a price except Allie DeGrace. (Better luck next year Allie!)

The end of an Era (and the beginning of a new one)

The final class from the intensive one-year Maritime Forest Ranger School programme graduated yesterday morning at the Hugh John Fleming Forestry Centre. The thirty-four graduates of the programme will be the final class, as the MFRS programme comes to an end this month. It began in 1946 as a temporary programme to help returning war veterans find useful employment and to fill a much needed void in the forestry sector, and was expected to last 5 – 10 years. It has been replaced by a new two-year Maritime College of Forest Technology programme taught at the same location.

The guest speaker for the event was Mr. Peter Adams, who is also legal counsel for the school. The Canadian Institute of Forestry has given each of the graduating forest technicians a ring to recognize their achievement. The rings were given out at the Graduation Banquet on Thursday evening by Chairman Doug Prosser, Secretary Rhonda Hudson, Nova Scotia Forest Technicians Association President Robert Sarson, and New Brunswick Forest Technicians Association President Eugene Mattinson.

One special ceremony was when a member of the 1946 Maritime Forest Ranger School Class #1, Lancelot "Bud" Hovey, shook hands with the last graduate of that programme, Joe Worden, who is a member of Class # 61. This symbolic handshake recognizes the retirement of a tradition and use of a name which is recognized for its hard work, and monumental improvement in forest practices. The tradition continues, however, with a new name and revised programme which has the same goals as those which set up the Ranger School in 1946.

The most capable students are warmly supported and recognized by a number of forest industry companies. The following list indicates the companies, the type of award, and the prize winners who worked hard for this recognition:

Stocek Dendrology Award	Highest Mark in Logging
Highest Average in Dendrology	Kim Reeder
Gerald Girvan	Stora Enso Port Hawkesbury Forest Industries Prize
Nova Scotia Forest Technician's Association Prize	Deserving NS Student with Good Standing
High Average for a Nova Scotia Student	Matt McDaniel
Troy Adams	Graduator Prize
New Brunswick Forest Technician's Association Prize	2nd Highest Mark in Fieldwork
High Average for a New Brunswick Student	Sam Davies
Kim Reeder	N.B. DNR&E Prize
Faculty Prize	Highest Mark in Fish/Wildlife/Vertebrate Taxonomy
Student Showing Most Perseverance (Blood & Guts)	Kim Reeder
Kerry Caverhill	Canadian Institute of Forestry Gold Medal
H.W. Blenis Memorial Prize	Combination of Academic/Field/Student Affairs/Citizenship
Highest Mark in Field Work	Joe Worden
Gerald Girvan	George & Myrna Melvin Memorial Prize
G.C. Elgee Memorial Prize	Highest Mark in Map & Compass
Highest Mark in Math & Data Analysis	Troy Adams
Rob Paddock	N.B. Forest Products Association Prize
The Wildfire Prize	Deserving NB student with Good Standing
Highest Mark in Fire Management	Kim Reeder
Kim Reeder	Mercedes Textiles Ltd. Prize
Norvin Smith Crawford Prize	Highest Mark in Supervisory Development
Highest Mark in Woodlot Management	Kim Reeder
Troy Adams	Atlantic Land Improvement Contractors
R.H. (Bob) Spurway Memorial Prize	Association Prize
Highest mark in Silviculture	Deserving Student with Good Standing
Kim Reeder	Kim Reeder
Wilray Mill Supplies Scholarship	Troy Adams
Deserving Student/Good Standing/Sawmilling Sector	ESRI GIS Prize
Troy Adams	Highest Mark in GIS Component
MFRS Proctor's Prize	Kim Reeder
Reflecting Cooperative Spirit With Peers	Hants Woodlot Owners
Andrew McCarron	Nova Scotia Student with Good Standing (Hants Co. preferably)
Joe Worden	Troy Adams
Atlantic tractors and Equipment Ltd. Logging Prize	

**The following students graduated
in the final MFRS class:**

Troy Adams (Truro, NS)
Tim Barteaux (Hampton, NB)
Davis Black (Woodstock, NB)
Jessica Bulmer (Indian Mountain, NB)
Kerry Caverhill
(Charters Settlement, NB)
Noel D'Entremont (Yarmouth, NS)
Samantha Davies (Calgary, AB)
Derrick Farquharson
(Charters Settlement, NB)
Gerald Girvan (Upper Kintore, NB)
Jenny Glew (Grand Bay-Westfield, NB)
Dave Jackson (Antigonish, NS)
Joe Kinney (Upper Kintore, NB)
Paul Lake (Middleton, NS)
Susan Layton (Parkingdale, NB)
James MacKinnon (Woodlands, NB)
Andrew McCarron (Antigonish, NS)
Matthew McDaniel
(Margaree Forks, NS)
Lance McGregor (Bathurst, NB)
Jason McLean (Bedell, NB)
Amber Mooers (Temple, NB)
Rob Paddock (Dartmouth, NS)
Greg Paul (Woodstock 1st Nation, NB)
Tyler Pinnock (Ward Settlement, NB)
Kim Reeder (St. Andrews, NB)
Sarah Richards (Lincoln, NB)
Tim Robicheau (Yarmouth, NS)
Scott Simms (St. Andrews, NB)
Pat Simonson (Centreville, NB)
Jeremy Smith (Westville, NS)
Mandi Smith (Hartland, NB)
Matt Stuart (Deer Island, NB)
Andrew Touesnard
(River Bourgeois, NS)
Seamus Watters (Apohaqui, NB)
Joe Worden (Nerepis, NB)

Programme Change to Maritime College of Forest Technology

The programme change from Maritime Forest Ranger School (MFRS) to Maritime College of Forest Technology (MCFT) is much more than a name change. MFRS students have had for almost all of the 58 years an intense 12-month programme from January to December of the same year, which included Saturday classes and a summer field practicum. This amounted to over 44 instructional hours per week, plus homework and assignments.

The new MCFT programme has similar content, but is spread over two academic years, with a summer field session. The new programme has about 30 instructional hours per week. The new programme has a time sequence over two academic years (September to April), and includes new courses to broaden the knowledge of graduates, similar to forest technology programmes offered in many locations across North America. It also gives students a more relaxed environment to absorb the increasingly complex technology of forestry..

The first class of 45 MCFT students began their studies in September of this school year, and will graduate in April, 2005. Each September, a new class will enter the programme.

The MFRS programme was not always 12 months long. Until 1950, the programme varied in length from 16-19 months, but was then reduced to 12 months, because the number of students had stabilized, and the varying length of time was difficult to manage.

The MFRS graduates are qualified to oversee or conduct many forest management related activities, including inventory, silviculture, forest road and harvesting operations, forest fire management, woodlot management, and wildlife management, to name but a few. Their practical hands-on training has made these graduates essential to forest industries and government agencies. Some graduates will take their MFRS training to other parts of North America, but many will end up being employed here in the Maritime provinces. . There are also many success stories associated with graduates who have chosen to go into fields other than forestry.

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L'ÉCOLE DES GARDES FORESTIERS DES MARITIMES

La classe des finissants 2003 sont les derniers à recevoir leur diplôme de *l'école des gardes forestiers des Maritimes*. Depuis 1946 à Fredericton, N.B., et depuis 1980 à Bathurst, N.B., ces deux écoles de foresterie étaient reconnues pour leur qualité d'enseignement rigoureux, pour ceux et celles qui désiraient une formation en technologie forestière ou qui voulaient poursuivre une carrière comme garde forestier-ère. Historiquement le Maritime Forest Ranger School fut fondée en 1946 pour venir en aide et donner une formation aux vétérans de la deuxième guerre mondiale qui cherchaient de l'emploi dans le secteur forestier. La durée de l'école était prévue d'être de 5 à 10 ans. Une décision de changer le nom des écoles au *Collège de technologie forestière des Maritimes*/Maritime College of Forest Technology, fut faite en 2003 afin de mieux représenter la formation donnée dans ces deux institutions d'enseignements, soit un cours en technologie forestière.

Ceux qui désirent poursuivre une carrière comme garde forestier-ère doivent premièrement recevoir leur formation en technologie forestière. Le curriculum du cours restera le même pour le campus de Bathurst mais le cours au campus de Fredericton est maintenant une formation moins intense de deux ans comparativement au campus de Bathurst qui main-

tiendra son programme rigoureux

d'un an. Les deux collèges sont parmi plusieurs autres à travers le Canada à être endosser par L'Institut Forestier du Canada.

Douze finissants ont reçu leurs diplômes de l'École des gardes forestiers à Bathurst, jeudi le 11 décembre 2003. La cérémonie a eu lieu chez Danny's Inn Best Western and Conference Centre lors d'un souper qui regroupait la famille et les amis des finis-

sants, les instructeurs du cours ainsi que les invités de la soirée.

La conférencière de la soirée était Mad. Lyne Arpin, "Spécialiste dans l'Amélioration de processus" au ceinture noire, de la Compagnie J. D. Irving Ltée de St-Léonard, NB et diplômée de l'École des gardes forestiers en 1993. Les autres invités furent, Mad. Sam Hachey, représentante de l'Association des techniciens (nes) forestiers(ères) du NB, Mad. Elizabeth Rainer, représentante de l'Institut Forestier du Canada, Section des Maritimes, et Michel Papineau, représentant de STIHL Canada Limitée. Les gagnants des prix étaient les suivants: Steve Picard de Grand-Sault, N.-B., le prix de l'Association des Techniciens(nes) Forestiers(ères) du NB pour la plus haute moyenne académique; Steve Picard de Grand-Sault, N.-B., le prix de la Ferme Fores-

tière O'Connell pour la plus haute moyenne en Aménagement Forestier; Gilles Gallant de Bathurst, N.-B., le prix de B.A.P. Forestry Equipment Ltd. pour la plus haute moyenne en Dendrométrie; Steve Picard de Grand-Sault, N.-B., le prix de UPM-Kymmene Miramichi Inc. pour la plus haute moyenne en Sylviculture; Steve Plourde de Clair, N.-B.,

le prix du propriétaire du Lot

Boisé, pour le meilleur Plan d'Aménagement du Lot Boisé 2003; Gilles Gallant de Bathurst, N.-B., le prix de RCL Arbres Illimités Inc. pour un effort consistant en théorie et en pratique durant toute l'année; Steve Picard de Grand-Sault, N.-B. et Patrick Cyr de Lac Baker, N.-B., le prix de STIHL Canada Limitée, les meilleurs en maniement et sécurité dans l'utilisation d'une scie à chaîne.



Sam Hachey & Steve Picard

LAST GRADUATION OF FOREST TECHNICIANS FROM MFRS

The graduating class of 2003 is the last one to receive their diploma from *l'école des gardes forestiers des Maritimes*/Maritime Forest Ranger School. Since 1946 in Fredericton, N.B., and since 1980 in Bathurst, N.B., these two forestry schools were recognized for the quality of the intense one year program offered to those who wanted a course in Forest Technology or wanted to pursue a career as a Forest Ranger. Historically the Maritime Forest Ranger School was founded in 1946 to assist the veterans of the Second World War, to find work in the Forestry sector. The school's lifespan was expected to be 5 to 10 years. A decision to change the name of the schools to the *Collège de technologie forestière des Maritimes*/Maritime College of Forest Technology was made in 2003 in order better to represent the course offered in these two educational institutions, a course in Forest Technology. Those who wish to become a Forest Ranger must first receive their Forest Technology certification. The course curriculum for the Bathurst College will remain the same intensive one-year program, but the course offered at the Fredericton Campus is now a less intensive two years course. Both

Colleges receive their endorsement from the Canadian Institute of Forestry.

Twelve graduates received their diplomas from l'École des gardes forestiers, Bathurst Campus, a branch of the

Maritime Forest Ranger School in Fredericton, NB. The graduation was held on Thursday evening, December 11, 2003 at Danny's Inn Best Western and Conference Centre.

The guest speaker for the evening was Ms. Lyne Arpin, 'Black Belt in Six Sigma' from J. D. Irving Ltd. in St-Léonard, NB and a 1993 graduate of the "École des gardes forestiers", Bathurst Campus. Other guests included Ms. Sam Hachey, regional rep. for the New Brunswick Forest Technicians Association, Ms. Elizabeth Rainer representing the Canadian Institute of Forestry, Maritimes Section, and Michel Papineau, rep. from STIHL Canada Limited. Awards were presented to the following; Steve Picard of Grand-Falls, NB, the NB Forest Technicians Association prize for the highest academic average; Steve Picard of Grand-Falls, NB, the O'Connell Forest Farm prize for the highest average in Forest Management; Gilles Gallant of Bathurst, NB, the B.A.P. Forestry Equipment Ltd. Prize for the highest average in Mensuration; Steve Picard of Grand-Falls, NB, the UPM-Kymmene Miramichi Inc. prize for the highest average in Silviculture; Steve Plourde of Clair, NB; the Woodlot Owner prize for the best Woodlot Management Plan; Gilles Gallant of Bathurst, NB, the RCL Trees Unlimited Inc. prize

for his continuous effort during the whole year; Steve Picard of Grand-Falls, NB and Patrick Cyr of Lac Baker, NB, the STIHL Canada Limited prize, for the best and safest work techniques using a chain saw.



De gauche à droite 1^{ère} rangée : 1st row from left to right: Kelly Martin, Rivière-Verte, NB; Karl Branch, instructeur; Claude Chiasson, Directeur adjoint; Gilles Gallant, Président de la Classe 2003, Bathurst, NB; Louis Caissie, instructeur.

De gauche à droite 2^{ème} rangée: 2nd row from left to right: Michel Levesque, Val d'Amour, NB; Luc Roy, Alcida, NB; Christian Thibodeau, Lagacéville, NB; Denis Frenette, Petit-Rocher, NB; Steve Picard, Grand-Sault, Steve Plourde, Clair, NB; Jean-François Bouchard, Maltais, NB; René Vienneau, Laplante Nord, NB; Marc Frenette, Petit-Rocher, NB; & Patrick Cyr, Lac Baker, NB.

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Right to Practice (Cont. from Page 1)

Practice) a forester's guidance or under a "Special Permit". In Alberta, Foresters and Technicians work as equals with the understanding that everyone has to be competent (knowledge, training and experience) to do whatever task they are undertaking to do. The price of the "Right to Practice " does not come cheap. In all four cases the cost of their dues are in the hundreds of dollars. The different associations have a high overhead that must be maintained that includes office staff, lawyers on retainers and a legal fund incase of a law suits. All this cost to gain what? Accountability? Respectability? Auditability? This is a topic that needs all members' input. It will affect all technicians if and when it comes to past. It may dictate what you can do and who has to over see your actions. I am not saying it is a bad thing but times are changing and there is a of changes coming down the path. Talk to your regional representative to get your view heard. The Committee needs to know what you are thinking and how to proceed with this important issue.

Retiring Maritime Forest Ranger School Instructors

Girvan Harrison retires from the MFRS faculty in December, after attending as a student in 1980, and as an instructor since 1988, and plans to use his time to write technical papers, to teach continuing education courses, and to relax. Girvan is a Registered Professional Forester, a Certified Forest Technician, and has been President of both the Nova Scotia and New Brunswick Forest Technicians Association. Girvan has been the recipient of the Technician of the Year award (2003), for his work over the years for the New Brunswick Forest Technicians Association. He was also awarded the nationally recognized "Tree of Life" and "Graduate Forestry Technician Achievement" awards for his achievements in forestry and forestry education. He has been on the editorial board for the Information newsletter, and has contributed articles there as well. Girvan is the author of "Out Roddies Way: Lessons on Matters Pertaining to the Forest," a hilarious compilation of stories that educates the reader about forestry. He chronicled the history of the first 50 years of the Maritime Forest Ranger School in his book "So Ya Wanna Be A Ranger." Girvan was known as the "confessor professor", as a steady stream of students would share their griefs and successes with him, while he knowingly nodded his white head. He will be missed for his involvement in many aspects of forestry

Kim Mann retired from his position at the Maritime Forest Ranger School. Kim is a Registered Professional Forester and a Certified Forest Technician. Kim came to Forest Ranger School in 1973 as a student, and has been an instructor since 1983. He has been active with the New Brunswick Forest Technicians Association, in organizing such events as the Silvicon. Kim has good feelings about the improvements he has seen in forest management practices in recent years, and takes his knowledge to the ocean ecosystem. He plans to move to Grand Manan Island, where he will operate TerraMer Incorporated, offering forestry consulting and scuba diving services. His new company will promote the need to manage the ocean along sound ecological principles. Kim has been diving for years, is a scuba diver instructor, and looks forward to the increased opportunities for diving that his retirement brings. Kim was always known for looking out for others, and was always thoughtful in remembering colleagues who became sick, or lost a loved one. He will be missed for his ready laugh and friendly manner.

FIRST FRANCOPHONE TEAM WINS PROVINCIAL ENVIROTHON COMPETITION

Fredericton, NB..... Five students from the francophone school Cité des Jeunes A.-M.-Sormany in Edmundston emerged the winners from the two day Envirothon New Brunswick 2004 competition coordinated by The Tree House at the University of New Brunswick on May 14 -15.

Students Ted Voisine, Michel Bois, André Landry, Denis Demers and Vicky Caron will be representing New Brunswick at the international 2004 Canon Envirothon at Wesleyan College in Buckhannon, West Virginia from July 26 - August 1. J.D. Irving, Limited contributed the \$2000 J.D. Irving Travel Award to help the winners compete at the international event.

Envirothon NB is part of North America's largest and fastest-growing environmental education program for high school students. Envirothon NB is the only bilingual Envirothon competition in North America. This is the first time a francophone school has won the Envirothon NB competition.

"We are very proud to have Cité des Jeunes A.-M.-Sormany as the first francophone team to win the Envirothon NB competition since its beginnings in 2001", says Amanda Khan, Envirothon NB coordinator for The Tree House. "Our challenge now is to help prepare these five students for the intense 5 day competition that awaits them at the 2004 Canon Envirothon in West Virginia."

Ten high school teams competed at the event held at the University of New Brunswick, Fredericton Campus, with field tests held in the city's Odell Park. Teams from Harrison Trimble High (Moncton), winners 2002 and 2003, Kennebecasis Valley High (Quispamsis), Leo Hayes High (Fredericton), Fredericton High, two teams at École Mathieu-Martin (Dieppe), Harvey High, winners 2001, Stanley Regional High and Nackawic Senior High provided a strong challenge to the winners.

On Friday, each team was tested by specialists at an appropriate field site on their environ-

mental knowledge of aquatics, wildlife, soils, forestry and the special topic of concern for 2004, natural resource management in the urban environment. Those scores contributed significantly to the total, but the most difficult test was the team's ability to devise a proposal to deal with a serious environmental concern presented to them Friday evening by Fredericton's city forester, Don Murray. Daniel Gautreau, forester for the Faculty of Forestry at the University of Moncton in Edmundston, presented the same proposal to the francophone teams.

Students had to pool their knowledge and communications skills to discuss how a municipal council should handle a plan put forward by a developer who wants to create a housing development on an old abandoned farm lot. Students had to suggest ways to balance quality of life and quality of the environment in this proposed housing development. Teams were given 4 hours Friday night to develop their presentations in isolation. Saturday morning each team had 20 minutes to make its presentation before the panel of judges.

From the field test scores and the oral presentation scores the 3 top-scoring teams — Cité des Jeunes A.-M.-Sormany, Fredericton High, and Harvey High — repeated their oral presentations before the entire Envirothon group at Tilley Hall on Saturday afternoon. Their presentations were evaluated a second time. From this second scoring Cité des Jeunes A.-M.-Sormany emerged as the winner.

Envirothon is supported by many organizations and companies, including the the Canadian Council for Human Resources in the Environment Industry, Canadian Forest Service, Canadian Forestry Association, Canon Inc., Fundy Model Forest, J. D. Irving, Limited, New Brunswick Department of Natural Resources, New Brunswick Environmental Trust Fund, New Brunswick Forest Products Association, New Brunswick Forest Technicians Association, and the University of New Brunswick's Faculty of Forestry and Environmental Management.



The Envirothon NB 2004 winning team

UNE PREMIÈRE ÉQUIPE FRANCOPHONE REMPORTE L'ENVIROTHON NOUVEAU-BRUNSWICK

Fredericton (N.-B.) — L'équipe de la Cité des Jeunes A.-M.-Sormany d'Edmundston est la première équipe francophone à remporter l'Envirothon Nouveau-Brunswick 2004. Coordonnée par The Tree House, cette compétition s'est déroulée à l'Université du Nouveau-Brunswick les 14 et 15 mai.

Les membres de l'équipe gagnante – Ted Voisine, Michel Bois, André Landry, Denis Demers et Vic-ky Caron – représenteront le Nouveau-Brunswick à la compétition internationale 2004 du Canon Envirothon qui aura lieu du 26 juillet au 1^{er} août au collège Wesleyan, près de Buckhannon en Virginie de l'Ouest (É.-U.). L'équipe de la Cité des Jeunes A.-M.-Sormany d'Edmundston mérite également la bourse de déplacement J.D. Irving, Limited (2000 \$) qui aidera les jeunes gagnants à se rendre à la compétition internationale.

L'Envirothon NB est un des plus vastes et des plus prometteurs programmes d'éducation environnementale de niveau secondaire en Amérique du Nord et la seule compétition bilingue de cette grande région. C'est également la première fois qu'une école francophone est déclarée gagnante de l'Envirothon NB. «Nous sommes très fiers que la Cité des Jeunes A.-M.-Sormany ait l'honneur d'être la première école francophone à remporter la palme depuis le début du programme Envirothon NB, en 2001, souligne Amanda Khan, coordonnatrice de l'Envirothon NB pour The Tree House. Notre défi est maintenant de préparer ces cinq élèves aux épreuves du Canon Envirothon 2004 qui se dérouleront sur cinq jours. Des moments intenses attendent ces jeunes.» Dix équipes représentant chacune une école secondaire se sont mesurées dans le cadre de la compétition qui avait lieu cette fin de semaine à l'Université du Nouveau-Brunswick à Fredericton. Précisons toutefois que les tests sur le terrain se déroulaient au parc municipal Odell. Les équipes des écoles secondaires suivantes se sont livrées une chaude lutte : Harrison Trimble High (Moncton) – gagnante en 2002 et 2003 –, Kennebecasis Valley High (Quispamsis), Leo Hayes High (Fredericton), Fredericton High, l'École Mathieu-Martin (Dieppe) – représentées par deux équipes –, Harvey High – gagnante en 2001 –, Stanley Regional High et Nackawic Senior High.

Dans la journée de vendredi, des spécialistes ont vérifié, sur le terrain, les connaissances environnementales de chacune des équipes sur les milieux aquatiques, la faune, les sols, la foresterie et la question environnementale de 2004, la gestion des ressources naturelles dans le

milieu urbain. Les points accumulés pour ces épreuves comptaient pour une bonne part du total, mais le test ultime consistait à démontrer sa capacité d'équipe à proposer des solutions à une préoccupation environnementale. Vendredi en fin de journée, le forestier urbain de Fredericton, Don Murray, a exposé aux équipes anglophones le problème environnemental à résoudre en soirée. Daniel Gautreau, forestier à la faculté de foresterie de l'Université de Moncton à Edmundston, a présenté les mêmes données aux équipes francophones.

Les jeunes devaient mettre en commun leurs connaissances et leurs aptitudes à communiquer pour, dans un premier temps, étudier la proposition d'un promoteur immobilier qui souhaite construire un ensemble résidentiel sur une surface agricole en friches. Dans un deuxième temps, ils devaient proposer à un conseil municipal des solutions sur la façon de traiter la demande du promoteur, c'est-à-dire suggérer des moyens d'équilibrer la qualité de vie et la qualité de l'environnement par rapport à l'ensemble résidentiel envisagé. Les équipes, étaient isolées les unes des autres, disposaient de quatre heures le vendredi soir pour débattre la question et mettre au point leur présentation. Samedi matin, chacune avait 20 minutes pour présenter au jury le fruit de ses délibérations de la veille.

Le total des scores obtenus sur le terrain et pour la présentation orale a permis de déterminer trois finalistes : Cité des Jeunes A.-M.-Sormany, Fredericton High et Harvey High. En après-midi, ces trois équipes ont refait leur présentation orale devant le groupe complet d'Envirothon, à Tilley Hall sur le campus de l'Université du Nouveau-Brunswick. À la suite de cette nouvelle évaluation, l'équipe de la Cité des Jeunes A.-M.-Sormany a été déclarée la grande gagnante de la compétition.

L'Envirothon est parrainé par de nombreux organismes, notamment le Conseil canadien des ressources humaines de l'industrie de l'environnement, le Service canadien des forêts, l'Association forestière canadienne, Canon Inc., la Forêt modèle de Fundy, J.D. Irving Limited, le ministère des Ressources naturelles du Nouveau-Brunswick, le Fonds en fiducie du Nouveau-Brunswick pour l'environnement, l'Association des produits forestiers du Nouveau-Brunswick, l'Association des techniciens forestiers du Nouveau-Brunswick et la faculté de foresterie et de gestion de l'environnement de l'Université du NB.

News from CFS

Old Growth Forests in Canada

In some areas of Canada, we are fortunate to have remaining intact forests that are very old and have never been logged. In other parts of the country only remnant patches of original forest remain. Some of these forests have been recognized as World Heritage Sites. The age at which old-growth characteristics are attained and the length of time they persist may vary greatly among different forest types.

The purpose of this symposium and workshop is to provide a forum for presentation and discussion of the science of Canadian old-growth forests. The event is intended to draw the science together to help define and explain the attributes, ecology, and options for management of these forests.

The national science symposium and workshop for forest scientists, forest managers, and policy-makers with interests in Canadian temperate and boreal forests was held in October 2001 at Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario.

The results of the symposium and workshop are to be published in two special issues of

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Old Growth Forests in Canada - A Science Perspective

[Forestry](#) and [Environmental Review](#) benchmark for understanding growth forests Canada, serve as in setting the agenda for future research, and support for implementation of management practices and development with to old growth

Acadia Research Forest gets help from DND Gagetown troops

Last month, about 120 DND Gagetown troops from the 4 Engineering Support Regiment (4ESR) rolled into CFS' Acadia Research Forest located near Noonan in the pouring rain. More than 35 tents, buildings, and temporary shelters were constructed on site - complete with medical facilities, headquarters, vehicle compound, mess facilities, and sleeping facilities both in tents and in buildings. This was a unique field deployment for the 4ESR. For 20 days, the 4ESR built and improved bridges, replaced culverts, upgraded roads and ditches as a training exercise for this elite "horizontal" construction regiment. The work benefits both CFS and DND: CFS' Acadia Research Forest gets some much needed infrastructure improvements while the 4ESR gets some great local field training to prepare them for their next mission outside Canada.

Forest pests controlled naturally

Researchers at CFS' Atlantic Forestry Centre are hoping for good news. After years of laboratory testing and field trials using a natural product against the destructive balsam fir sawfly and the pine false webworm, a formal application is now sitting on the desk of Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) in Ottawa. For the past 5 years, scientists have been perfecting the recipe for a natural, host-specific virus to control these insects in the forest. In Newfoundland and Ontario, the sawfly pest problem is damaging and killing trees in balsam fir and pine forests. The criteria for approving this new product are strict and involve extensive safety testing in accordance with many of the same rules and procedures as applied to chemical pesticides.

WALTER BIDLAKE—TECHNICIAN OF THE YEAR

By Rick Doucett, CFT



Walter Bidlake, has worked extremely hard for the NBFTA in the past years as both President and Past President of the Association. In 2002, Walter was very busy representing the NBFTA in both the CWF Fall Meeting and the Sylvicon 2003 organizing committees. Walter not only helped out with the organizing of the very successful CWF meeting; he also moderated the morning part of the meeting and represented the NBFTA in fine fashion. While working for the NBFTA on these two events, he was also asked to sit on the board of directors of "The Tree House" and has added that duty to a long list of commitments. Some of those other commitments are Director with the YSC Forest Products Marketing Board, member of the Fredericton Tree Commission, Past secretary of the International Society of Arboriculture and member of AVMA. Even with all those extra curricular activities, Walter and his family managed to win the New Brunswick Woodlot Owner of the Year award in 1999.

In Walter's work at NB Power he has always promoted the Forest Technician as the professional's they are, sometimes encountering some strong opposition to his ideas. ALL THE JOBS FOR FOREST TECHNICIANS AT NBPOWER EXISTS BECAUSE OF WALTER'S EFFORTS. In the past, jobs that are now designated for Forest Technicians were filled by less than qualified, close to retirement, individuals and the poor vegetation management program reflected this decision. Walter currently oversees all aspects of vegetation management on NB Powers Transmission System and despite being handcuffed sometimes, has managed to keep the system very reliable. Walter also sits on many committees at NB Power, such as the Joint Health and Safety Committee, The Workplace Improvement Committee and The Environmental Management System Implementation Committee. We would like to congratulate Walter on his well deserved Technician of the Year Award.

Transfers from MFRS to UNB Forestry and Forest Engineering

Dave Daugharty, Assistant Dean of Forestry, UNB

Every year, there are a few MFRS graduates who decide to continue their education with a Forestry degree at UNB. The first question on their minds is "How much transfer credit will I get?" so I thought I would send this note along for the information of your membership.

The standard rule of thumb used by the Forestry schools in Canada is to take two technical school courses and put them together to give transfer credit for one university course. Most schools have a minimum grade for consideration of transfer credit; in UNB's case the minimum grade is C.

The attached table shows the transfer credits an MFRS grad would receive provided all grades are C or better. I have not listed specific equivalencies because in the case where one grade may not be high enough, I mix and match MFRS courses to maximize a student's transfer credit position. "Unassigned" simply means an elective course for which we have no equivalency.

Course	Title	Credit Hours
FOR 1000	Introduction to Forestry	8
FOR 1901	Oral & Written Communication I	2
FOR 1902	Oral & Written Communication II	2
FOR 2973	Intro to Computers	2
STAT 2253	Statistics for Foresters	3
FOR 3303	Photogrammetry	3
BIOL 1923*	Botany	4
FOR 2886	Wood Technology	3
FOR 2006	Forest Dynamics & Management	4
FOR 4013	Basic Woodlot Management	3
FOR 9999	Unassigned FOR (Entom and Fire)	3
FOR 9999	Unassigned FOR (Wildlife, Fish)	3
FE 9999	Unassigned Forest Engineering (Harvesting, Roads)	3

* BIOL 1923 is allowed as a replacement for the regular required courses BIOL 1012 and 1017

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Graduate Forest Technician Achievement Award

In the winter of 1994 -1995, the Council of Eastern Forest Technician Schools (CEFTS) of which, the Maritime Forest Ranger School is a founding member, created the "Graduate Forest Technician Achievement Award". This award is being presented by CEFTS annually to five graduates in Eastern North America as a way to recognize the accomplishments and contributions made to the field of forestry and/or the role of the technician in forestry by graduates from forest technology programs. The criteria that are used to judge individual applicants are:

The recipients must be graduates of a forest technology program.

The nominee may demonstrate that he/she has made significant contributions to the field of forestry as a technician or to technical forestry employment. An individual who had received additional degree(s) may be considered under this criterion, but his/her contribution to forestry should be linked somehow to that person's technician education, job as forest technician, or to the advancement of the role of forest technicians in general.

The nominee may demonstrate that he/she made significant contributions to technician education. An individual who has received additional degree(s) maybe considered but again, that person's contribution to forestry education must be to technical education.

We solicit your support in suggesting additional names of individuals whom you feel qualify for this award.

Stephen Hoyt,
Director MCFT

Right to Practice—A personal View

Dear Fellow Members:

Now is a defining moment in the young life of the NBFTA. It's a time when we must stand up and get involved in a very important topic. "The Right to Practice" is basically a decision that means you have, or don't have, to belong to a professional organization to practice forestry in New Brunswick. Some provinces have opted to go that route. Right now the ARPF are holding meetings discussing this topic.

We sent a representative to the meetings, but from what I hear, there were 6 Foresters and our 1 NBFTA member. They want to know our position on the topic but we're waiting to see what the foresters will do. We must get in there and get dirty. Send 3 or 4 members to these meetings. They're going to define our future with or without us. A weak initial stance when this decision is at its birth will put us in a poor negotiating position. When the RPF are legislating who can or can't do what job, we could be picking up scraps, whereas, if we jumped in now and showed some gumption we couldn't lose.

We should have been there from the start, showing unity – whether we agreed with them or not. They would know we're a force to be reckoned with. It's time that we get up off our seats and make things happen.

We must promote and encourage new members. If "right to practice" is legislated and it probably will be, we have to be at that table with a large, unified "fired up" membership to protect our way of life.

I'm a forest technician and proud of it. I know we are a vital part of the management of our forests in New Brunswick.

I propose we establish a large enough committee to ensure that we get a broad perspective to investigate the pros and cons of having "Right to Practice". The result would then be published in the Azimuth requesting additional input from the members. The executive could better represent us, and our views regarding this matter. The next time someone asks "what's in it for me?" with regards to the NBFTA, you can answer "Just your professional future".

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If there is anybody out there who would prefer receiving the Azimuth and other communication solely by e-mail, thereby reducing the cost of mail out and speeding up communication, please also indicate this in the e-mail.

Please also include any questions or comments you may have about your association in the message.

Thank-you,

Allie DeGrace, CFT
2nd Vice President, NBFTA

NBFTA – EASTER SEALS DRAW

On June 4th, 2004 the NBFTA held its second annual Easter Seals Draw during the Executive meeting held in Plaster Rock, NB. The winner Ken Churchill (photo left) of Miramichi, is shown in the above photo with Jason Thibodeau (photo right), a member with the Public Relations Committee for the Association. Mr. Churchill had a choice of three possible prizes and decided on a Stihl MS 280 chainsaw along with cutting boots and pants. This year's prize was made possible by Derek and the generous people at D.B.K. Barton Ventures located in Fredericton.

