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NBFTA NEWS

2019 NBFTA AGM

The 2019 NBFTA AGM will be held at the Delta Beausejour Hotel in Moncton on April 11th at 1pm. Please make an effort to attend the AGM – the NBFTA is your Association, and it needs your input and participation to succeed.

As in years past, the AGM will be held in conjunction with the Canadian Woodlands Forum spring meeting, which will take place on April 10th and 11th, at the same location. This year will mark the 100th year for the CWF. Details about upcoming CWF events can be viewed at www.cwfcf.org.

Canadian Woodlands Forum
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des opérations forestières
100 YEARS 1919-2019

2019 SPRING MEETING
and 100th Annual General Meeting of Members

April 10 & 11, 2019 Delta Beausejour Hotel, Moncton, NB

Celebrating a century of progress; planning for a sustainable future!

Mark your calendar now and come help us celebrate our 100th year of keeping forestry professionals informed and connected!

Program & registration details coming in the new year!

For room reservations call 1 844-496-8551

Don't forget to mention you are attending the Canadian Woodlands Forum Spring Meeting to get the negotiated room rate of \$143.00/night, single or double occupancy (plus tax).

Book your room NOW!



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2019 Dues Payment options

NBFTA dues can now be paid by eTransfer. Please use nbftatreasurer@gmail.com. Please send the verification word in a separate email. Some still owe 2018 dues; please continue to support your Association.

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT



Hello fellow technicians and readers,

I hope everyone has had a good summer and are enjoying the early winter. It seems fall was short and wet this year, but things are certainly good and solid now. That being said, my wood pile seems to be diminishing a bit quicker than I had planned so I may have to dig out the chainsaw sooner than planned.

In the past few months I personally have not been able to contribute the time to the association that it deserves, the long summer days and short evenings kept me busy at work in the day time and busy at home in the evening on the farm. Now that the shorter days and longer evenings have arrived, I hope to have more time for the NBFTA, as there are a few items around NBFTA growth that need to be pursued. At the AGM in April we should have more details on this.

As we approach Christmas, I would suggest that if anyone has a young technician in the family, that a membership to the NBFTA may be a good Christmas present. We do provide a complimentary membership to fresh graduates, but often I think this is overlooked by them for other more pressing issues. So, what better Christmas gift than introduction to an association that works on their behalf and offers great networking opportunities.

Some of my first "forestry" experience was working on Christmas trees, in the harvest and then in the spring and summer maintenance of the trees. Often my employer was a technician or a forester and this made up a portion of their income. Some of my earliest and most memorable moments were from this work. I always think it is a good idea to continue to support these businesses and jobs they offer, specifically to young individuals who may be just starting their career. Tree Canada has identified many financial benefits of purchasing a real tree versus an artificial and the idea that Canadian Christmas tree farms contribute \$100+ million to the rural economy is astounding. I also think about all the habitat that Christmas tree farms produce, for small mammals and birds up to the larger deer, moose and bear. I can't

WHAT'S THE REAL COST OF YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE?

WHERE DO CHRISTMAS TREES COME FROM?

<p>Fake Trees Manufactured and shipped from factories in China, Taiwan and South Korea</p> <p>Distances of nearly 10,000km</p>	<p>Real Trees Grow right here in Canada, needing only sunlight, rainfall and soil</p> <p>Approximately 70,000 acres of farmland allocated to growing Christmas trees</p>
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WHAT HAPPENS TO OLD CHRISTMAS TREES?

<p>Fake Trees Cannot be recycled</p> <p>Incineration of plastics, such as PVC, cause dioxins and other carcinogens to be released into the air</p>	<p>Real Trees Recyclable and biodegradable</p> <p>Firewood to heat your home Mulch to feed and protect your garden</p>
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CANADIANS STILL SPEND MORE ON FAKE TREES...

<p>Fake Trees \$56.2 million Annual value of artificial Christmas trees imported to Canada</p>	<p>Real Trees \$55.2 million Annual value of farm-cash receipts for fresh-cut Christmas trees in Canada</p>
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EVEN THOUGH REAL TREES HELP US BREATHE EASIER AND GROW CANADA'S ECONOMY

Every acre of growing Christmas trees can produce **enough oxygen for 18 people a day**

2,381 Canadian farms grow Christmas Trees
\$100+ million contribution to our rural economy

BUYING AN ARTIFICIAL TREE JUST DOESN'T CUT IT

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recall how many times working in the Christmas tree rows I have stumbled upon a deer who mistakenly stumbled upon me.

A few final items, Chris Finnamore will be sending out membership invoices in the New Year and though this may have been said, he can now accept e-transfer for payment. I think this is greatly beneficial to members and to the association. In July Lisa Barkley and Chantal Côté-DeMerchant each passed the Certification exam and are now Certified Forest Technicians, I would like to congratulate them and thank them for committing to continued education and the values associated with being a CFT. Lastly, I want to thank Dusty Corey for putting this publication together again. He does a great job and I think we all greatly appreciate his dedication.

Best Regards,
 Riley Côté-DeMerchant
 CFT 139
 President, NBFTA

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Remember to check out the website from time to time for new content, or if you have something you would like to share send it along to us. Also, you can subscribe for automatic notices to your email of when new content is added, just go to the upper left hand side of the page and enter your email and then hit the green "subscribe" button.

The screenshot shows the NBFTA.org website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for CODE OF ETHICS, CONTACT, CONSTITUTION, and THE AZIMUTH. A search icon is also present. The main header identifies the site as the home of the New Brunswick Forest Technicians Association.

On the left sidebar, there is a subscription form titled "NBFTA DELIVERED TO YOUR INBOX" with an email input field and a green "SUBSCRIBE" button. Below this are sections for "CATEGORIES" (with a dropdown menu), "RECENT POSTS" (listing various articles like "Job Posting - Inside/Outside Sales Rep at BAP"), and "RECENT COMMENTS".

The main content area features a "JOB POSTING - INSIDE/OUTSIDE SALES REP AT BAP" article dated December 4, 2018, by Riley. The text of the post reads: "Hi Folks, BAP is Hiring! Inside/Outside Sales Position. Interested candidates are asked to submit their resume to: bphillips@bapequipment.com. Attached is the job description:".

The job description text is enclosed in a box and lists the following details:

- BAP Equipment Ltd - The Natural Resource Equipment Supply Store located in Fredericton NB is looking for an experienced, energetic and customer focused individual to join their team as an Inside/Outside Sales Representative.
- Duties include but are not limited to:
 - What will you do?
 - Manage assigned territory of existing business
 - Identify new market opportunities and increase sales
 - Develop relationships that transform into new business opportunities
 - Identify customer needs and advise them on the products we carry and their applications
 - Develop a sound knowledge of the products and services we offer in order to effectively sell a full suite of services
 - Report to the Sales Manager Offer excellent customer service in order to foster and develop a loyal clientele and create a positive shopping experience.
 - Maintain an awareness of all product knowledge and current or upcoming product trends
 - Identify customer needs and advise them on the products we carry and their applications
 - Ensure sales floor is clean and well organized

On the right side of the page, there are sections for "FOLLOW US" (with links to Twitter and Facebook), "BLOGROLL" (with a link to "Compare and Contrast: Two Ranger Schools"), "CERTIFICATION DOCUMENTS" (with links for Certification Package, CFE Application, CFE Card, and CFE Program Overview), "MEMBERSHIP DOCUMENTS" (with a link for Membership Application), and "NBFTA TERMS OF REFERENCE DOCUMENTS".

In Memory- Rudolph “Rudy” Stocek



Rudolph Frank Stocek

1937-2018

The family of Rudolph Frank Stocek wishes to announce that, after 81 years and a wonderful life full of love, laughter, music and adventure, Big Rud has departed this world.

Rudy was born in the Bronx, New York on June 5, 1937. After attaining his B.Sc. in Wildlife Management at the University of Maine, Orono in 1959, and his M.Sc. in Fisheries Science at the University of Toronto, his life really began when he married his sweetheart, Arlene in 1960. While living in Philadelphia, PA, Rudy managed the Tinicum Wildlife Preserve (1962-66). During that time, he stepped in as “Mayor for a day” as he welcomed 700 Pigeon Fanciers of America to the City of Brotherly Love.

After moving to Fredericton in 1968, Rudy taught at the Maritime Forest Ranger School for 35 years where he was the Director of the Fish and Wildlife Program (1968-76). He also developed and taught the first ichthyology course at the University of New Brunswick. Among his many accomplishments, Rudy was a Professional Wildlife Biologist, Fisheries Scientist and Forester. He was also a member of the Canadian Wildlife Federation, American Fisheries Society, Atlantic Society of Fish and Wildlife Biologists (which honored him with the Career Achievement Award in 1995) and the Association of Professional Foresters of NB. He also received the Award for Professional Excellence in 2010 from the University of Maine, Orono, Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Conservation Biology.

Rudy's wildlife research focused on the osprey, common loon, cougar and peregrine falcon, but his greatest interest was for the bald eagle. His 35 – year research study culminated in his book “Through the Eye of an Eagle”. As Eastern Canada's bald eagle specialist, he was frequently called upon by CBC Radio to answer questions about the bald eagle.

Next to his wife Arlene, Rudy's passion was his music. He played the accordion for 68 years and always said it gave his life balance. He started his own German band, “The Happy Wanderers” and a Dixieland band, “The Dixieland Dandies”. Playing the tuba, Rudy was a member of the Fredericton Concert and Marching Band, the UNB Band, Nick's Dixies, the Brass Menagerie and the Antique Brass. He also sang with

the Fredericton Golden Club and the Stepping Stone Singers.

Rudy was an enthusiastic stamp collector and belonged to the Fredericton Stamp Club. He was member of the Golden Club, Stepping Stone Senior Centre, Fredericton Nature club and was a past member of the Fredericton Epsilon Y's Men Club.

During his college years Rudy played football, was a boxer and captain of the UMO gymnastics team. He was also an accomplished trampoline artist. Also, during the 1976 Olympics in Montreal, he was a national judge for men's gymnastics (bet that one surprised 'ya!). He was also the first New Brunswick gymnastics judge to hold the position of Chairman for Men's Judges.

One of the many important things to know about Rudy is that he was a very enthusiastic yard saler. He was the king of haggling and loved to spend Saturday mornings "saling around the city" looking for treasures with his sweetheart Arlene.

At the end of the day, Big Rud was the greatest Dad, most proud grandfather and most adored husband. He is survived by his wife Arlene of 58 years; children Lehanne (Al Knowlton) and Rudy (Sara Ghanem); grandchildren Melissa, Alex, Matthew, Noah, Tyler and Daniel; great grandchildren Luka, Antonia and Oscar; sister Lorraine Harris (Shearwater, GA); sisters-in-law Hope Scherger (Tonawanda, NY) and Margaret Wellhauser (Buffalo, NY) and many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents Rudy and Mildred Stoczek, and father-in-law and mother in-law John and Julia Wellhauser, Rudy is predeceased by sisters-in-law Pauline Anderson (Harry), Audrey Bourne (Robert), June MacDonnell (Stewart), Geraldine O'Leary (Patrick) and Dorothy Elmes (Leonard); brothers-in-law Raymond Wellhauser (Ann), Leonard Wellhauser and Jack Wellhauser (Kathleen).

At Rudy's request, there will be no visitation. A celebration of Rudy Stoczek's life will be held on Friday, December 7, 2018 from St. Dunstan's Catholic Church at 2 pm with Fr. Monte Peters officiating. All are invited to a reception following the service at the Monsignor Boyd Family Centre.

The Fredericton SPCA or the Stepping Stone Senior Centre would welcome your donation as a remembrance of Rudy.

The Stoczek/Knowlton family wishes to thank the doctors, nurses, cleaning and kitchen staff of the Dr. Everett Chalmers Hospital for their care, kindness and compassion.

2018 CWF Fall Meeting

On October 17-18, 2018, the Canadian Woodlands Forum held the 2018 Fall Meeting in collaboration with our hosts, Northern Pulp Nova Scotia Corp., in Truro, NS. The meeting entitled "Growing Healthy Forests for the Future: Managing our forest resources to sustain a competitive forestry sector and prosperous communities", offered the 195 forestry professionals from across the region with thought provoking and timely topics focusing on elements of the wood value chain. This included excellent presentations covering the integration of the forestry sector, high production forestry, growing a quality sawlog economy and different management approaches to maintaining ecological value.

On day two, the group braved a stiff north-west wind during the field trip which focused on 'high-production forestry' and managing the working forests through intensive silviculture practices. Everyone was well fed with a great BBQ lunch on the shores of Farm Lake, along with a massive 'bonfire' (thanks to Glen MacAulay) to warm everyone up.

All in all, a great two days!



Above – Meeting participants enjoy a bonfire at Farm Lake prior to having lunch.



Above – Tim McGrath, senior forester with the Nova Scotia Department of Lands and Forestry explains the history of some PSP research plots in a commercially thinned 38 year old Norway Spruce plantation.



Above –Ian McCabe, JDI Regional Manager, explains the importance of having a quality spruce studwood supply at JDI's Sproule Lumber facility in Truro.

MCFT Continuing Education 2019 Update



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Department of Continuing Education

Schedule valid until May 31st, 2019

	Dates	CFE Credits
Canada Safety Council Certified Snowmobile Training (12-15 yr olds)	Feb 3	7
Canada Safety Council Certified Snowmobile Training (adults - 16+ years old)	Feb 8	7
Canada Safety Council Certified Snowmobile Training (adults - 16+ years old)	Mar 6	7
Nova Scotia Watercourse Alteration Certification for Sizers (Truro)	Feb 11, 12 & 13	14
Nova Scotia Watercourse Alteration Certification for Installers (Truro)	Feb 13, 14 & 15	14
Introduction to LiDAR Based Enhanced Forest Inventory (EFI), Terrain and Surface Products for Forest Professionals	Feb 20 & 21	14
Pesticide Applicators Refresher Workshop	Feb 20	4
Certified Basic Chainsaw Safety, Operation, & Maintenance	Mar 5, 6, & 7	21
New Brunswick Watercourse Alteration Certification	Mar 12 - 16	28
Nova Scotia Watercourse Alteration Certification for Sizers (Truro)	Mar 18, 19 & 20	14
Nova Scotia Watercourse Alteration Certification for Installers (Truro)	Mar 20, 21 & 22	14
NATIONAL Communications Training for Front Line Forestry Professionals (Truro)	Apr 17 & 18	12
Black Bear Safety & Wildlife Awareness Workshop	Apr 24	5
Canada Safety Council Certified ATV Training	Apr 25	7
Nova Scotia Watercourse Alteration Certification for Sizers (Truro)	Apr 29, 30 & May 1	14
Nova Scotia Watercourse Alteration Certification for Installers (Truro)	May 1, 2 & 3	14
Certification en modification des cours d'eau et des terres humide pour la province du NB	6-10 mai	28
Certified Basic Chainsaw Safety, Operation, & Maintenance	May 7, 8 & 9	21
Unmanned Aerial Systems (Drones) Ground School	May 14, 15 & 16	16
Supervisory Development	May 28 & 29	14
Hazard Tree Assessment and Management	May 28, 29 & 30	18
Understanding and Mitigating Invasive Insect Species	May 28 & 29	14

We can do private offerings of any course. Please email ce@mcft.ca or call 506-458-0649.

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Balsam Fir Mortality

As forest technicians, I am sure many of you have received questions from the general public about the high incidence of dead softwood trees (mostly Balsam Fir) visible along many provincial highways. Below is an excerpt from an e-mail sent out by Drew Carleton, an entomologist with ERD, regarding this phenomenon:

"In NB over the past several weeks we have observed a dramatic increase in the number of singular (or sometimes small groups) of trees turning red-dead. This occurs independent of size or age of the tree; it may or may not be more prevalent near road sides. Balsam fir is most heavily impacted in our area but other species of conifer are also seeing signs of stress, in Quebec they are reporting heavier damage in pine."

"The Forest Pest Management Group has been conducting surveys across the province over the past few weeks to better understand the cause and severity of the decline. We have recorded this rapid tree death province-wide and although there are areas that appear to have higher concentrations of red trees, in general, it is observed across most areas of province wide with relatively low impacts (<0.5%). Reports of this phenomenon stretch from Vermont and New Hampshire through Quebec, eastern Ontario and Nova Scotia. The cause appears to result from a combination of climatic conditions that create rapid water loss without replacement. When this occurs in spring, before the roots systems have thawed, a condition described as "Winter Drying" can occur. It may take months to become obvious as some stressed trees do not turn red until temperatures rise. We suspect that roots system depth, snow pack, soil composition, heavy winds etc. are contributing factors and after visiting many trees, we have seen no indication of insect attack or disease that would suggest other causes. This is not spruce budworm as some have expressed concerns about. "



NBFTA Objectives/Benefits

Why join the NBFTA and become certified you ask? Just a few of the reasons are listed below. For those who haven't joined yet, but are interested, or for those who are current members, but are not yet certified, check us out at www.nbfta.org, or contact somebody from our contact listing.

Association Objectives

- To enhance the image of & encourage cooperation among forest technicians in New Brunswick
- To provide one voice on forestry issues as they relate to forest technicians
- To evaluate the qualifications (academic & experience) of graduate technicians who apply for membership and issue accreditation with respect thereto
- To promote and assist in the continuing education of forest technicians & foster high standards
- To promote the protection & enhancement of the New Brunswick Biosphere
- To cooperate with all associations with similar interests

Certification Benefits

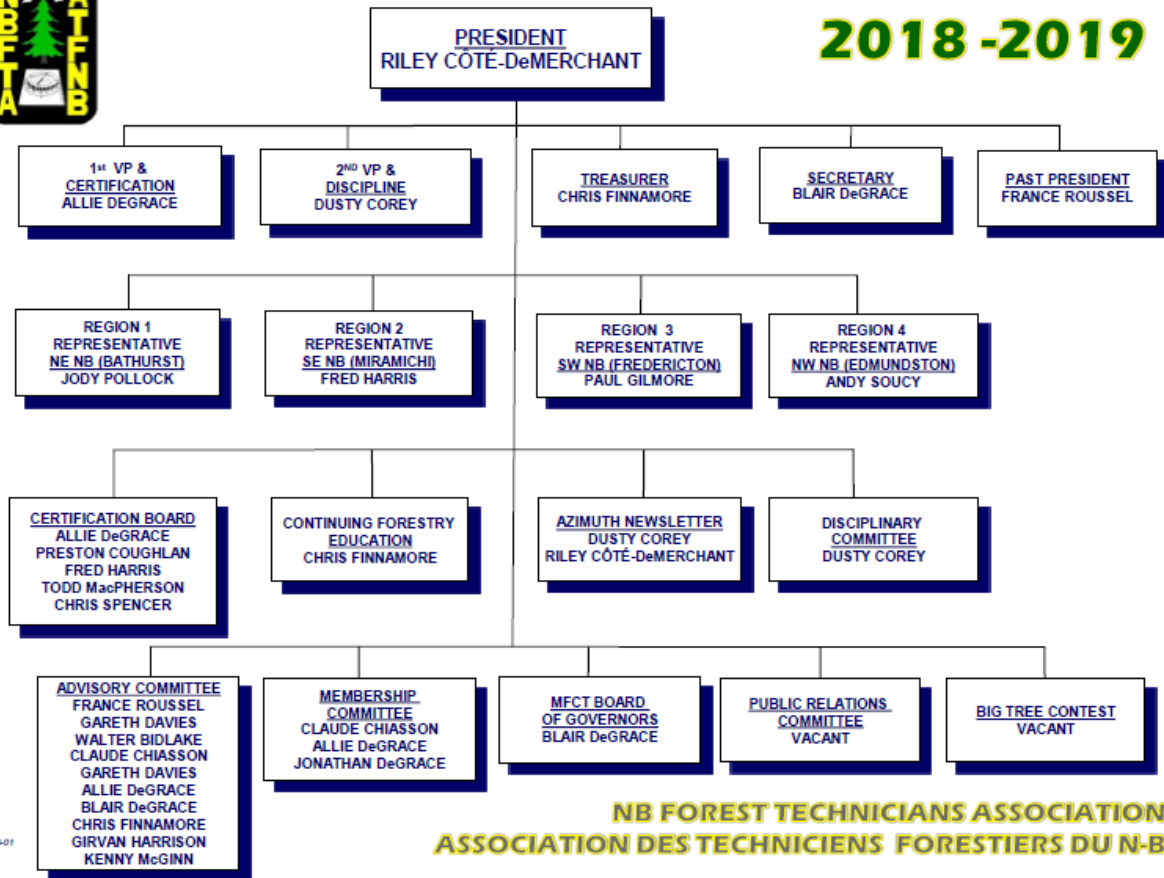
- Technician certification is voluntary. Certification exists for NBFTA members who see a benefit and wish to pursue it
- Technician certification demonstrates to concerned parties that specific professional standards are being met, as is the case in other professional accountability to the general public whose expectations of forestry practices & practitioners continue to increase
- Technician certification serves as a valuable marketing tool for technicians seeking employment
- Technician Certification provides Technicians professional designation (CFT) as we pursue common goals alongside our friends within the ARPFNB (RPF)
- Technician Certification requires participation in the nationally recognized Continuing Forestry Education (CFE) Program administered by the NBFTA. Maintaining a CFE certificate provides a system & demands accountability to stay in tune with rapidly changing technological and forestry practices
- Technician certification "raises the bar" for all technicians who have committed to the high standards expected of forestry practitioners



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— Unknown

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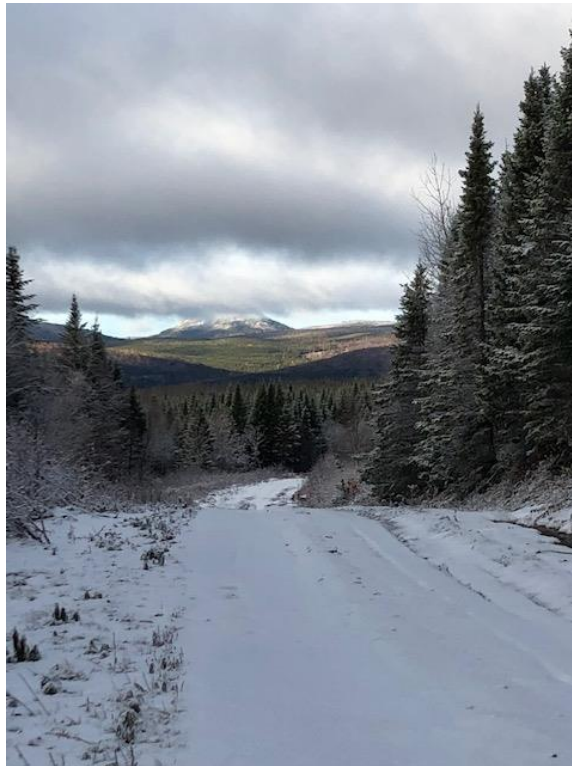
Time to dig out the snowshoes (if you haven't already)! The snow is piling up here in north west NB, and we haven't even officially hit winter yet! It's shaping up to be a challenging winter, and I wish everyone a safe and productive winter harvesting season.

I would also like to take this opportunity to extend a sincere thank you to all those who have helped this issue come together, and look forward to collaborating with you all on our next issue. Happy Holidays, and all the best in the New Year!

Cheers

Dustin Corey, CFT #106

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Above –A late fall snow blankets the landscape of northern New Brunswick, fall 2018