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Message from the President

Hello Everyone,

I would like to thank all the delegates and guests who attended our 90th AGM Convention. We appreciate your continued support and dedication. I was honoured to have in attendance our past presidents and executives; you have served the Federation well and are the cornerstone of this organization.

Thank you Sharon Eldridge, Hal Woods, Paul Bourgoin and Corey Shirley with your support; let's all meet again at our 100th.

Charlie Leblanc

e-LICENCING

This appears to be a well done application. This is a one time registration and you will be assigned a unique Outdoors Card number. For additional details:

<u>http://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/natural_resources/e-Licensing/One-TimeRegistration.html</u> If you wish to purchase licences **ONLINE**, you will need an individual email address.

Tip: When applying from a vendor or at SNB, your NB Resident Moose Draw History (if applicable) can be linked on a voluntarily basis to an e-Licensing profile if the NB Medicare, Department of National Defence identification number or RCMP number is provided. This allows for your previous Resident Moose Draw application history to be kept for the purpose of maintaining your priority pool. If you choose to **not link** your Resident Moose Draw History, you will be starting from the bottom pool (Pool 0) in the priority pools.

Tip: when typing in your conservation card number in the application form, please omit the dashes.

MASTER ANGLER PROGRAM

Attention ALL anglers: It's back and ready to take your entry/entries -- will you become the next *2015 Master Angler* and perhaps even beat the current NB Record?

Open to Adult and Junior Anglers.

For additional information and rules, please visit our website on our Programs page and follow the link to the *Master Angler NB* web site.

DID YOU KNOW?

You can visit our website using: <u>www.nbwf.ca</u> or <u>www.ffnb.ca</u> as well as our original address: <u>www.nbwildlifefederation.org</u>

Please check your club information on our website on the Branches page.

Email our Administrative Assistant if you need your information changed or updated, email: sharon.nbwf@gmail.com

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90[™] AGM OF THE N.B. WILDLIFE FEDERATION

The NBWF 90th AGM was held April 10th-12th, 2015 at the Fairway Inn in Sussex. The host Branch was the Sussex Fish & Game Association. The Organization Committee consisted of Danny Byers, Sussex Fish & Game, Past President and NBWF South-East Zone V.P.; and James Marriner, NBWF Life Member and Past President, as Co-Chairs. Other members of the Committee were Gerald Williamson, NBWF Past Treasurer and N.B. Trappers and Fur Harvesters Federation Secretary; Theresa Byers, Nancy Williamson and Marie Marriner.

Thirty-seven Delegates from around the province attended the meetings and 70 Delegates and guests attended Saturday night's banquet.

During the business sessions, presentations were made by Darrell Dorey of AlL Insurance; Nathalie Michaud regarding the BOW Program; Darla Saunders of the Atlantic Salmon Conservation Foundation; Michelle Charest of the Atlantic Salmon Federation; Rick Cunjak of UNB's Faculty of Biology; and as well, the Faculty of Forest and Environment; Anne Bilodeau, CNR E-Licensing Project; Joe Kennedy, DNR Deer Biologist; and Dwayne Sabine, DNR Moose Biologist.

At Saturday night's banquet, the Life Members presented the following awards:

The Petitcodiac Sportsman's Club – The Branch with the greatest percentage increase in membership.

Sackville Rod & Gun Club – The Branch with the most youth activities.

Buckskinners Muzzleloading Association – The Most Active Branch regarding Hunter Education instruction.

Sackville Rod & Gun Club – The Most Active Branch.

Gilles Sonier, Zone, V.P. North-East – Most Active Zone Vice-President.

President Charlie LeBlanc presented the following awards:

The Outdoors Man of the Year Award to Mac Dunfield, President of Ducks Unlimited Canada.

The President's Award of Merit to Kevin Sabean, Chair of the NBWF Wildlife Comm

Special guests at the Banquet were MLA for the Sussex Area and former DNR Minister, Bruce Northrup; DNR Critic for the PC Party and MLA for Saint John East, Glenn Savoie; Geoff Giffin representing ASF; Gerald Williamson representing NB Trappers & Fur Harvesters Federation; NBWF Past Presidents, Paul Bourgoin; Corey Shirley and Sharon Kingston-Eldridge and Life Member, Hal Wood.

The Banquet attendees were entertained by Donnie Mockler and his dazzling magical act.



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Sunday morning a number of business items were discussed and motions passed. Included were the resolutions forwarded earlier by the Branches. One of the last orders of business was the election of the NBWF officers for 2015-2016. Nomination Committee Chair and Past President, Roland Michaud, presented a slate containing the following:

President - Charlie LeBlanc		Zone VP - South-East – Danny Byers
Vice-President - Colin Mac	Dougall	Zone VP - North-East – Gilles Sonier
Secretary - Rod Currie		Zone VP - North-West – Jason Soucy
Treasurer - Ron Cybulski		Zone VP - South-West – Peter Acheson

From the many positive comments, the NBWF 90th AGM hosted by the Sussex Fish & Game Association was a great success and enjoyed by all in attendance.

FISH DERBY

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The Sackville Rod & Gun Club will be holding it's annual Youth Fishing Derby on Saturday June 6th, 2015 in Rockport NB. The yearly event began in 1993 and introduces children and families to the sport of fishing. Last year we had over 65 participants and we were able to provide prizes and meal free of charge to all who attended. The event is open to all children between the ages of 5-15 (inclusive) and all we ask is each child brings 1 non-perishable food item for donation to the local food bank.

If anyone would like to attend please check the SRGC website at <u>www.sackvillerodandgun.ca</u> in the

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

The Sackville Rod & Gun Club would like to invite all NBWF affiliates to attend it's first ever Adopt-A-Highway/stream event on May 30, 2015. All participants will be meeting at the Tourist center on Mallard Drive prior to 9. From 9:00am to noon the highway between the two Sackville exits, focusing on the land bordering on the Sackville Wildfowl Park. The cleaning will be followed by a BBQ. The SRGC would like to thank the NBWF for their donation of garbage bags to the event.

For any information regarding starting an Adopt-A-Highway or Stream with their local club can contact Sean Gormley at spgormley@mta.ca



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VOLUNTEER JOB OPPORTUNITY

Our Club branches are our resource for volunteers. We need someone bilingual who can assist our SE Zone VP, Danny Byers.



Still time to buy your tickets. 5 great prizes: Draw Date May 29, 2015 Prizes:

For ticket purchase and information on selling these, please contact Richard Debow: rdebow@coxandpalmer.com

http://www.forestfoundationofnb.org/fundraiser-2015.html

NBWF 2016 CONSERVATION LOTTERY

Early Bird Draw Feb 14, 2016 (\$100 Fredericton Outfitters Gift Card) Prize Draw Date: AGM April, 2016 Prize: Remington 11-87 12 Ga. Semi-Auto or Sage 9' Fly Rod & Litespeed 3 Reel Hard Alox II \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00 Tickets now available. For details email our

PLEASE UPDATE YOUR CLUB MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS

When presenting our concerns to Federal and Provincial governments, it is imperative that we show our strength in numbers.

Clubs are encouraged to submit articles of interest such as upcoming club events; pictures of sporting successes for the Newsletters. Please email your requests to our Administrative Assistant: sharon.nbwf@gmail.com

ZONE VP'S: WHO ARE THEY? WHAT DO THEY DO?

They are hard working NBWF representatives who are ready to assist you, our Branches.

The NBWF has 4 Zone VP's (please see the AGM Report in this newsletter. Our website has a list of Branches for each zone area.)

Their duties include:

1) Act as a liaison between the various member Branches/Clubs and the NBWF for their zone.

2) Disseminate information to the various Branches/Clubs within the Zone to ensure active participation of member clubs in matters affecting interests of the Federation. The Zone VP is expected to establish a communications network to advise the Branches/Clubs on all Federation issues and ensure they are aware of and have the opportunity to vote on any and all resolutions put forward by the NBWF.

3) Attend and represent the NBWF at open houses, public consultation meetings and information sessions concerning issues of importance to the Federation that are being held within their respective Zone.

4) Liaise with the various NBWF committee chairs, report information to the appropriate committee chairs and assist them with coordination of activities and meetings within the Zone.

5) Report to the Executive, Board of Directors and applicable committee chairs on all matters of interest to the Federation taking place within their Zone.

6) Ensure the interests of the Federation are preserved within their respective Zone.

7) Act as media spokesperson for the NBWF within the Zone.

8) Encourage and promote membership in the NBWF with non affiliated Clubs and individuals within the Zone.

9) Participate in all meetings of the Board of Directors or conferences, represent the NBWF on committees, attend workshops or seminars on matters related to the Zone as requested by the Executive or Board of Directors.

10) Provide a comprehensive Zone report at the Annual General Meeting as well as periodic progress reports.

11) Provide advice and guidance regarding all projects and/or programs undertaken by the Branches/Clubs within the Zone and all projects, programs or undertakings by governments, agencies or non government groups that may have an impact on fisheries or their habitat within this Zone.

2015 Conservation Lottery winner:

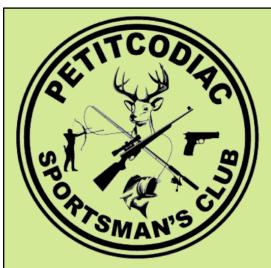
Bob LeBlanc from Moncton, NB his lucky Ticket # 0375 was purchased at the Moncton Sportsman's Show in March. He chose the fly rod as his prize.

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The Petitcodiac Sportsman's Club will be hosting its 29th Annual Fundraising Supper at the Royal Canadian Legion, 18 Kay St. Petitcodiac on Friday evening May 22nd, 2015 commencing at <u>6:00 PM</u>.

Tickets for the supper and draw are \$60.00 per person and this ticket covers the supper and draw. The draw consists of five top prizes;

Ride on Lawn Mower - \$2800.00 value Gun/hunting Package - \$1000.00 value Hockey Package (Wildcats) - \$1,000 value Fishing Package - \$800.00 value 40" Smart TV - \$700.00 value

Plus many other door prizes and auctions.

Tickets for the draw only (no supper or attendance) are \$40.00 per person.

For more information or tickets contact Sterling Goddard at (506) 372- 5281



Wishes to announce they now have a web site.....give them a visit at:

www.monctonfishandgame.com

IMPORTANT NEWS RELEASE & OTHER READS

An email is going out separately to our Executives and Branches containing 3 important NBWF notices:

- Press Release: New Brunswick Wildlife Federation Opposes Salmon Fishery Decision
- Public Safety Strategic Budgetary Roundtable Meeting
- Presentation to Salmon Advisory Committee

Thank you for your support & our next newsletter issue will be in June after the next BOD meeting

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