



BIO-OCEANS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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A NEW YEAR MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I would like to wish all members of the Association a happy and rewarding New Year. At this time, we can look back with some satisfaction upon the first seven months of our existence. As a newly formed Association, we organized and enjoyed several activities: a picnic at Fairbanks Centre in August; a very successful cocktail party on board HMCS Sackville in October; active participation in the BIO Open House, also in October; and the Christmas get-together at BIO on the 24th of December.

The members of the Executive have attempted to give the Association a sense of direction and to fulfill the needs of the Association members. I do want to thank all those who took the time to complete questionnaires designed to provide additional guidance. Despite the rather disappointing response to these questionnaires, a travel group is being organized and several people have responded to a call to assist the library in setting up BIO Archives. Both of these groups have great potential, and would welcome additional members.

The Executive will continue to strive to help the Association to grow: to encourage more members to participate in the various activities; to become involved in community events; and to help preserve the history and promote the future of BIO. We are open to your ideas and suggestions, and would be delighted to hear from you. Please help with your interest, cooperation and active participation.

Bob Reiniger

WANTED - A NAME FOR THE NEWSLETTER

We are still searching for a name for our newsletter. Our initial request for ideas (in our first newsletter) met with little success. We would like to have another try! Please send suggestions to our mailing address or leave them in the box at the front desk (BIO). Your suggested name can be serious, funny, light-hearted, weird or whatever! If you prefer, we will accept anonymous contributions. A committee will review all suggestions and a prize will be awarded to the person who provides the winning contribution. Deadline for submission is March 1, 1999.



*"Time heals what
reason cannot"*

Seneca

*"Modern
Technology
Owes ecology
an apology"*

*Alan M
Eddison*

REPORT ON COCKTAIL PARTY ON BOARD HMCS SACKVILLE

Held on October 16, 1998 and attended by 54 members and guests, this proved to be a very successful social event. Many of the attendees are familiar with the vessel as a result of one or more previous visits, or they had sailed on her during the 1960s and 1970s when she was a member of the BIO fleet of research ships.

It was a most interesting evening, and many stories were told of the "old" days. Members welcomed the opportunity to meet and renew acquaintance with old friends and co-workers. A similar evening is tentatively planned for 1999. Those members who missed this one are encouraged to attend the next. We know you will enjoy it!

BIO OPEN HOUSE

Approximately 25 members of the BIO-Oceans Association actively participated in the Open House held October 22-25, 1998. Bob Reiniger attended some of the planning meetings, Jackie Dale assisted with some of the initial organizational details and Dale Buckley did a fantastic job as Master of Ceremonies for the Official Opening on October 23rd.

The event was heavily attended by members of the general public on October 24th and 25th. Our members assisted at various information sites along the route, outside in the parking areas, or were directly involved with the displays. Hours donated varied from a few hours to two days. It was obvious to everyone (workers and visitors alike) that the Open House was a tremendous success, and those of us who donated our time thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

A letter of appreciation has been received from Joni Henderson, our BIO liaison. She states that "On behalf of all our employees here at the Bedford Institute of Oceanography, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and the members of the BIO-Oceans Association for your efforts in ensuring the success of BIO's "Open House '98". Beginning with Dale Buckley, who proved a most masterful master of ceremonies at our opening, the Association members continued to work tirelessly throughout the duration of the four-day event, helping make it what we consider to be one of our best ever! Again, thank you for your contribution....we couldn't have done it without you."

REPORT ON BIO CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Christmas party held on December 24 and was well attended by members of the Association. More retirees were there this year than in any previous year. Santa Claus, carol singing and many exchanges of Christmas wishes between friends and co-workers made for a very pleasant morning.

A HISTORICAL NOTE BY DALE E. BUCKLEY - EARLY HISTORY OF MARINE GEOSCIENCES AT BIO (1962-1965)

In an effort to begin a series of historical notes of BIO, we have compiled a list of the staff who worked in marine geosciences in the early years of the Institute. This list may not be complete and accurate, so we solicit readers' comments and corrections.

<u>Years</u>	<u>Staff</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>	<u>Specialty</u>
1962	Fabian Forgeron	FRB	geochemistry
1962	Douglas Loring	FRB	geochemistry
1962	Dale Buckley	ORD	geology
1962 - 1964	Richard Lahey	FRB	geochemistry
1962 - 1965	Peter McGrath	MSB	geophysics
1963 - 1975	Bernard Pelletier	GSC	geology
1963 - 1982	Lewis King	GSC	geochemistry
1963 - 1966	Roch Cormier	GSC	sedimentology
1963 - 1966	George Duncan	GSC	geochemistry
1963 - 1997	Gus Vilks	GSC	micropaleontology
1963 - 1970	James Marlowe	GSC	geology
1963 - 1965	Robert Leslie	GSC	micropaleontology
1963 - 1969	Grant Bartlett	GSC	micropaleontology
1963 - 1964	David Benson	GSC	geology
1963 - 1965	William Gillis	GSC	geology
1963 - 1995	Bosko Loncarevic	MSB	geophysics
1963 - 1981	Donald Barrett	MSB	geophysics
1964	Alan Grant	MSB	geology
1964 - 1996	Kate Krank	MSB	geology
1964 - 1969	Gerry Ewing	MSB	geophysics
1964 - 1966	Leon Fitzgerald	MSB	geophysics
1964 - 1977	Carolyn Frost (Forseith)	MSB	administration
1964 - 1965	Sonya Pritchard	MSB	sedimentology
1965 - 1969	Trigve Holler	MSB	sedimentology
1965 - 1970	Mike McMullen	MSB	geology
1965 - 1998	Keith Manchester	MSB	geophysics
1965 - 1995	Donald Locke	MSB	electronics
1965 - 1989	Vernon Coady	MSB	electronics
1965	Sheri Srivastava	MSB	geophysics
1965 - ?	Hilton Steves ?	MSB	geophysics
1965 - ?	Roy Cooper	MSB	gravity

Affiliations:

FRB - Fisheries Research Board;

ORD - Oceanographic Research Division, Department of Mines and Technical Surveys;

MSB - Marine Sciences Branch, Department of Mines and Technical Surveys;

GSC - Geological Survey of Canada, Department of Mines and Technical Surveys.

TRAVELLERS' CORNER

All members of the Association who indicated an interest in travel, either by questionnaire or by telephone, were invited to attend a meeting on November 12, 1998 in the BIO auditorium to discuss specific interests and ideas.

The two suggestions which spiked the greatest interest, were a trip along English waterways in a canal boat, and a bus trip to Quebec City. Other potential destinations discussed included Mexico, Cuba, a Rhine cruise, Arizona, Washington D.C. (Smithsonian Institute), and New York (theatres, etc.).

Detailed, personal information on canal trips in England is luckily available. Cliff and Valerie Tyner, of Dartmouth, have travelled the British canals fairly extensively. Cliff was with the Nova Scotia Research Foundation prior to his retirement two years ago. He has agreed to talk to us about his trips, and to show his films. Cliff and Valerie can provide a lot of information we might never find in books or travel brochures. The BIO auditorium has been reserved for our use on February 2, 1999 from 10:00 to 12:00AM. If you, or members of your family, are interested in this particular type of vacation, come to Cliff's presentation. We are tentatively planning such a trip in the spring of 2000.

The trip to old Quebec City is planned for this summer if there is enough interest. Depending on the number of people interested, we may travel by bus or van for a four or five day trip. Activities will include walking in the old Quebec City Fort; dining at a sidewalk restaurant/cafe; visiting museums; shopping at boutiques; visiting street artists; and practicing our French!

George Anderson has come up with the idea of a bus trip to Newfoundland. He suggested a 10-day tour, with a possible itinerary to include Port Aux Basques, Cornerbrook, St. John's, St. Pierre et Miquelon, Harbour Breton, and Belleoram (where a 2-day festival is held each year).

If anything interests you, please let us know by calling Jackie Date at 466-2584 or 429-9497.

A WINTER SOCIAL EVENT

There have been several people inquiring about the possibility of a winter social, perhaps including a buffet supper, entertainment, dancing and whatever! This sounds like a great idea, and there is already an offer of a place to hold it. Don and Sharon Locke have agreed to coordinate the event, but will need our support. Please call them at 835-5209 if you would be prepared to offer some time.

ART & CRAFT SHOW

Some of you may remember that several years ago a very successful craft show was held in the BIO auditorium. All crafts were the work of BIO employees, and were for exhibition only (i.e., items were not for sale, and no money changed hands, although some orders were taken). We have received permission to organize another such event. Call Gordon Bowdridge at 865-7530 or Jackie Dale at 466-2584 if you are interested in exhibiting.

COMMUNITY PROJECTS WITH SCHOOL

We are retirees and I believe that most of us are all still actively embracing things we like to do. Are you interested in being involved in a community project with schools? Here are some of the ideas:

- * Speakers' bureau - speaking to students on specific subjects in which the speaker has been involved.

- * Tutoring - either in a classroom environment or on an individual basis. The groups we are targeting are junior and senior high school students. The subjects will depend upon the demand.

- * Career guidance - talk about career potentials.

We are tentatively working with BIO personnel to discuss the idea of joining forces, since they are also interested in such a project. Your involvement can be a one time deal or a long term commitment, whatever is convenient to you. We do not foresee our involvement to be more than two/three hours per individual per week. If you are interested in such a project, please contact Linda Seto at 479-2461 or email at Linda_Seto@hotmail.com. Let's get involved with our community and youth!

WHO AM I?

I came out of an organization that was flying.

Very soon I was in the centre of the Atlantic.

However, work involved some attractive vacation islands.

Disasters involve a broken Arrow.

Adventures include passage from west to east in the north.

Arctic discoveries were revealed as Breadalbane and Santa at the pole.

Innovation came in remote sensing where the tides are extreme.

Excelled in fostering large vegetables.

I am now involved in zymurgy.

The answer to our "Who Am I?" contest will be provided in the next newsletter, which will include a biography of the mystery person. A suitable prize will be presented to the winner.

(We would welcome contributions to this column, so please put on your thinking caps. We could have great fun if we could establish this as a regular column!)

UPDATE ON MEMBERSHIP

As of this date, there are 107 paid memberships in the Association. All memberships are valid until March 31, 1999, which date signifies the end of the Association fiscal year. Our first year's financial statement will be available at the annual general meeting in May.

Please remember that our 1999/2000 membership (\$5) will be due on April 1, 1999. Please send your cheque directly to Betty Anderson, 79 Flamingo Drive, Halifax, NS B3M 1T2. We are continuing to search for names and/or addresses of past employees, to determine if they have any interest in joining us. If you can help in any way, please contact Betty at 443-2572.

BIO ARCHIVES

Dale Buckley is methodically collecting items which will eventually find their way into the "BIO Archives", a joint project undertaken by the BIO Library and the BIO-Oceans Association. If you have any material pertaining to the history of BIO (sampling gear, technical instruments, photos, publications, logbooks, etc.) you would like to contribute, please contact Anna Fiander at the BIO Library or Dale Buckley at 434-5784 (home) or 426-7732 (BIO).

CALLING ALL BRIDGE PLAYERS

Several people returned questionnaires indicating an interest in bridge. We are tentatively planning a "test" evening. Balon Buckley (Dale's son) is a Lifemaster, and is willing to give some of his time to the Association. This is an opportunity to improve and/or perfect your game.

Rosena Jackson, an ardent bridge player, has agreed to act as coordinator for this activity. Please call her at 457-3576 if you wish to be notified when the "test" evening will be held.

PERSONALS

It is with regret that we pass along the following information:

Reg Gilbert, who was Manager of Institute Facilities upon his retirement from BIO, passed away March 5, 1998.

Fred Cluny, Public Works, and well-known groundkeeper at BIO, died in a boating accident June 30, 1998

John Cohrs passed away on October 30, 1998 at his home in Green Bay, Nova Scotia. John was Shore Engineer at BIO, and later Marine Superintendent for the Department of Fisheries & Oceans.

Leon Fitzgerald, who worked extensively in the Arctic as a cartographer, died November 21, 1998.

Allison B. Grant passed away on December 14, 1998. Al was with the Atlantic Oceanographic Laboratory in BIO, where he was involved in data analysis in the late 60s and early 70s.

Peter Posnokov died on December 9, 1998. Peter was in the RCN for 25 years, and joined the Atlantic Oceanographic Laboratory in 1990.

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