



# BIO-OCEANS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is time for another newsletter. We felt that the January issue was the best to date, thanks to several excellent contributions from members at large, some of whom were first-time contributors. We would like to hear from you as to your thoughts on the newsletter(s).

The Association continues to work with BIO management to develop cooperative programs, which will be beneficial to both. The latest issue is a listing of our Association on the BIO website complete with a cross connection to our website.

On May 16<sup>th</sup> we will hold our Third Annual General Meeting. There will be a number of issues discussed, which will be important to the operation and future of our Association. I hope to see as many members as possible in the BIO auditorium. This will allow for good discussion on all topics.

This is my last message as President. My term of office will be up in May, when we will welcome our new President Dale Buckley. It has been a pleasure to work with you, and to foster not only good relationships among ourselves, but also between ourselves and BIO management. I will continue to work in another capacity to assist in building a strong and healthy Association.

Thank you for all your help and guidance.

*Bob Reiniger*

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Association will take place at 2:00pm on Tuesday, May 16 in the BIO Auditorium. **At 1:30pm, prior to the meeting, complimentary coffee and cake will be provided, so come along and mix with old friends.** A draft agenda is included with this newsletter. Please contact Bob Reiniger if you would like to add anything to this agenda.

*"The biggest temptation is ...to settle for too little"*

*-Thomas Menton*

*"Dreams are necessary to life"*

*- Anais Nin*



We would like to notify all interested members of changes that have been or will be made to increase your overall enjoyment of this meeting. First of all, BIO has made some improvements to the acoustics, which should correspondingly increase the audio comfort level. Secondly, seating will be rearranged in a smaller area, which should further increase the ability of all present to hear what is being said. Finally, every effort will be made to keep the time taken for discussion of any one item to a minimum. So, if you are one of those people who came away dissatisfied from the last General Meeting, give it another try – and if you have any problems, please make them known to Bob or Dale. We can make our meetings more enjoyable, but only with your help.

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

By Betty Anderson

Membership for the year May 1, 1999 – April 30, 2000 totaled 133. Seventeen did not renew, two passed away (Vern Coady and Peter Poznekoff) and 15 are new members. Since January we have three new members, and are happy to welcome Alan Longhurst (422-8116), Bernie Pelletier (613-829-9257) and Muriel Smith (835-2533). Fees for the next year are now payable. We noted in the January Newsletter that membership could now be renewed annually for \$5.00, for five years at \$25.00 and for life at \$100.00. As of March 24<sup>th</sup>, we have 29 members paid to 2001, 14 to 2002, ten to 2003/4 and eight to 2005.

Kindly send your membership fee to 79 Flamingo Drive, Halifax, NS, B3M 1T2 or please attend and pay at the Annual General Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>.

## WHO AM I?

The following quiz to test your knowledge of your fellow retirees is a repeat of the one included in the January newsletter. Since it is one that we feel many of you could know, we are giving you another chance to win the contest and collect the prize. Please call Bob Reiniger or Dale Buckley with your best guesses.

To date the response to this newsletter item has been very low, and for this reason cancellation is being considered. Please send us your thoughts, we would appreciate hearing all opinions. As you will agree, there is little sense in putting an effort into something in which there is not a healthy interest. (Ed.)

My origin was as a Haligonian.  
Laboratory analyses were my initial assignment.  
Research and quality were in the names of my organizations.  
The brown mud of Minas basin is known to me.  
Traveled around well known Atlantic Islands, by land and sea.  
Assessed the wounds from an Arrow.  
Hydrocarbons and evolved gas were found and determined.  
Administration and planning was part of my career.  
I have a relationship with Oceans Sector.  
Have had a seasonal role in the entertainment business.  
Traveled in South and Central America, Europe, and Asia.



## **SOCIAL EVENTS**

### **Winter Social at the Owls' Club**

The annual winter social on March 4<sup>th</sup> was definitely a success, in spite of the small numbers. We had great fun, and fully intend to repeat the event next year. Sharyn and Don Locke again did a great job of organizing, and although "games" may not sound too exciting or interesting to some of you, we all thoroughly enjoyed bridge, liars' dice and monopoly. We shared a lot of laughs and good conversation. You won't be sorry if you include this event on your 2001 calendar of "things to do".

Oh, and by the way, someone left a lady's white cardigan, size M. Please call Jackie Dale to claim.

### **Summer Barbecue**

John Brooke has generously offered to organize and host a barbecue in August at his and Mary's home in Pleasantville. Transportation will be arranged to accommodate those who wish to attend. Details will be made known as soon as available, by e-mail or telephone. A one-page notice containing all particulars plus a request for an RSVP will accompany the July newsletter.

## **BIO SHOP**

Are all of our members aware that a "BIO Shop" is now located on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the Institute opposite the Commissionaires? The shop is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays 12:00 noon until 1:00pm, and also occasionally during coffee breaks associated with certain conferences and workshops held in the auditorium.

It is sometimes difficult for organizers to find someone reliable to operate the shop for these short periods. Ideally, they would like to maintain a list of volunteers to whom they could turn to act as "storekeeper" every once in a long while, and are asking for our help. A few of our members have already offered their services. If any others feel that they can spare the odd hour once in a while to help out, your offer would be greatly appreciated – and it's a great way to meet old friends!

## **WHAT ARE SOME OF OUR RETIREES UP TO NOW?**

### **BIO-Oceans Member in National News**

*The article below was extracted from the February 2<sup>nd</sup> Globe and Mail by Kevin Cox entitled: "Merchant Mariners Finally Recognized: Ignored veterans get \$50 million payment." Captain Wagner is an association member and regular newsletter contributor.*



Earle Wagner, a Halifax sailor who lobbied for decades to get compensation for the wartime service of Canada's merchant seamen, says yesterday's package leaves him with mixed emotions. Merchant mariners finally won a \$50 million federal compensation program yesterday after demanding recognition for 55 years, but it was greeted with both applause and anger by veterans. Veterans who saw it as final recognition for the role the merchant navy played in running convoys of supplies to Europe in both world wars hailed the deal, which will provide between \$5,000 and \$24,000 to veterans or their spouses. Other veterans were embittered.

A former Halifax merchant seaman, Captain Wagner has lobbied since 1966 for recognition and compensation. He had mixed feelings yesterday. "At least half of the merchant seamen have passed away and this is the sad part. They never had the chance to say 'I've got a little money now to spend on my grand children or take a trip,'" Captain Wagner said in an interview. "But it is a great victory. I don't look at it so much for the money."

## Youth Mentoring

Many of you will remember the article in our last issue submitted by Louise Vey asking for participation by retirees in a youth monitoring program. As a result of that appeal, Gordon Bowdridge (one of our own members) and Judy Church (another BIO retiree whom many of you will remember) have joined a group of ten other retired persons to work with youth as volunteer mentors. This particular group will provide one-on-one mentoring (requested by the school and approved by the parents), focussing mainly on career development. A copy of the project's information pamphlet has been reproduced and attached to the back of this newsletter. More volunteers are badly needed, so if you are at all interested, call Gordon Bowdridge, who would be pleased to give you more information and answer any questions you may have.

## Ed Lischenski

Those of you who remember Ed will be interested in the following article which appeared in *On Guard*, Vol.37, Fall 1999, No.3. Ed now lives in Manitoba.

Ed Lischenski joined the navy in 1952 and served in Nova Scotia and Esquimalt. He then joined the Federal Public Service in 1956, and started with the Department of Mines and Natural Resources, and spent the next 36 years with the Canadian Hydrographic Service. Eighteen of those years were in Ottawa, and the other 18 were at the Bedford Institute of Oceanography in *Nova Scotia*.

Ed retired in 1991 and moved back to Winnipeg and joined the Winnipeg Branch of FSNA (Federal Supranuantes National Association) in the spring of 1992. Shortly after he was elected to the Board of Directors and asked to take over the Membership Secretary duties. In 1994 he was elected Deputy Regional Director and in 1998 was appointed to the NBOD (National Board of Directors).

Ed is the father of two wonderful children, a son and a daughter. Besides the FSNA Ed is involved in the community, serving as President of the Assiniboia Optimist.





## CAN ANYONE HELP US OUT?

### Preservation of Tapes

It is important that we take steps to preserve a number of audio and video tapes donated to the BIO archive. It would seem that this would best be done by duplicating these tapes to CD-ROM.

If there is anyone out there who could help us to have this done, either free-of-charge or at a reasonable rate, please contact Bob Reiniger or Clive Mason. Your help would be appreciated.

### Bach Concert

Do you remember the above concert being held in the BIO Auditorium, possibly in 1989? Alan Longhurst has donated an audio tape of the concert to be included in our archive collection. We are looking for a hard copy of the program distributed that evening. Do you have one? If not, do you know someone who does have one? We would be grateful for the opportunity to make a copy. As above, please call Bob or Clive.

## TRAVEL CORNER

### Narrowboats on the British Canals - Update

Our air travel is now booked – so we are really going! We booked our flights individually, for convenience, and most of us are leaving Halifax June 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup>. A few are visiting relatives or friends prior to the canal trip, but we will all meet in Gailey, Staffordshire on the morning of Sunday, June 4. Transportation from Heathrow to Stafford (where some of us are spending 1-2 nights) will probably be by bus.

We are now 13 in number – Mike Latremouille's son Daniel is coming with us – do you suppose he really knows what he's in for? We are delighted that he is joining us, and is apparently looking forward to the experience. We have decided to name him as Commodore of the fleet – Captains of the individual vessels have not yet been named.

We have had two organizational meetings – a pot-luck supper in January and a social evening to exchange ideas and stories with Brian Nicholls, who with wife Nadine will make up our total of 13 (and that's a lucky number, in case you were thinking otherwise). Brian was in town to participate in a conference, and we were glad to have the opportunity to get together with him.

Communication by e-mail has been heavy, especially by Liz and Mike, who have been regularly "surfing" and have collected all sorts of information on the narrowboats, land transportation and accommodations.

To emphasize our origin, we are purchasing BIO caps from the BIO shop, and we have a Canadian flag to fly on the foredeck of each of our boats.

Luggage, or at least the volume of it, must also be addressed, since we've been told that storage space on board is limited. Our trip will be over by the time we give our next – and last – update. We are all thoroughly looking forward to this trip!

### Day Tours

We are looking for ideas for potential day tours – transportation would be by car or bus, depending upon

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the number interested. Suggestions to date have been:

- 1) **The Eagle Watch at Sheffield Mills**, when the farmers scatter chicken entrails on their fields to attract the bald eagles. On a good day, it is possible to see a great many of these huge, majestic birds. Binoculars are a definite asset. This event has already taken place this year, but it would be a great idea for 2001.
- 2) **Maple Syrup Festivals** are held in several places in NS during the spring. They often iniin
- 3) include a huge breakfast, entertainment, a tour of a maple grove (where the syrupis collected), and a shop where maple syrup and its by-products can be purchased.
- 4) **Winery Tours** – there are 2-3 wineries in NS within easy travelling distance.
- 5) **Other Suggestions** include the various festivals for which NS is becoming very well known, and riding the tide on the Shubenacadie River.

We need more suggestions and input re your interests and your availability to go. If you have any ideas, please don't hesitate to call Jackie Dale – we will do our best to promote them.

## PERSONALS

### Obituaries

**Captain Arne Monrad Holler** passed away in Halifax on December 28, 1999 at the age of 86. Arne was a familiar figure to many of our members, not only within the Institute, but on board our research vessels as well. Our sincere sympathy goes out to his family.

**Verdun (Chummy) Locke**, father to Don, passed away earlier this month in Halifax at the age of 83. He led a busy, productive life, was Bedford "Volunteer of the Year" in 1987, and until his death ran the Bedford Leisure Club Workshop. Our thoughts are with Don, his mother and family.

**Evelyn Marie "Tennie" Lovett**, also a one-time BIO staff member, passed away at the Dartmouth General Hospital on January 8<sup>th</sup> at the age of 70. We extend heartfelt sympathy to her husband Frank and family.

**Philip George Reiniger**, the father of our President Bob, passed away on February 9<sup>th</sup> in Denzil, Saskatchewan. During his 89 years, Mr. Reiniger was respected by family, friends and community as a businessman, school trustee, town councillor and mayor. Our very sincere sympathy is extended to Bob and other family members.

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