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Notes from the Editor

For the past 3 years, friend and Legion member Andrew Kerton (aka Uncle Andy) has volunteered to co-ordinate a golf get-a-way for our Legion members. This year we ventured off for a 2-night stay at Mill River Golf Resort in Woodstock PEI. Our first year was spent at Digby Pines and last year we stayed in Moncton. Although, each of the past venues were quite enjoyable, this year's accommodations and golf experience were second to none. There were 16 of us this year. Some enjoyed a round of golf and some of us enjoyed a spy day or a car trip/shopping adventure.

On day one, Uncle Andy arranged for all of us to have dinner at Northport Peir and Inn, a restaurant close to the Mill River Resort. It was an early night as we all snuggled in to prepare for a very busy second day.

The resort accommodated our group by providing a private room and a dedicated waitress/bartender (Cassidy) where we enjoyed a great meal and a couple of rounds of Pass the Ace. To say she was busy keeping the drinks coming would be an understatement. Included in our group were Peter Dillman and his wife Maggie. It was Maggie's first introduction to the rules of Pass the Ace, but it didn't take her long to catch on to the game and the antics it brings. To play, each player puts a \$5 bill in the pot and the last man standing gets the pot. If you do the math $5 \times 16 = \$80$. Peter out did the rest of us and quickly gathered up his winnings. Another \$5 from each player and we kicked off Round 2. The last two standing were Maggie and Peter and they decided to share the pot. Congratulations.

Some of the participants asked our waitress, Cassidy, if our volume was too loud and she assured us that our room was reasonably soundproof. Round 3 was called due to the high consumption of alcohol and the lateness of the hour.

When more of the Legion folks find out how much fun we have at this event, I suspect our numbers will grow. I can't wait for next year. Until next month, Gennie.

Notes from the Safety Committee

The minutes from our last safety meeting are posted on the bulletin boards around the property. Please take a moment to review them and be sure to ask your supervisor or any member of our safety committee about any questions you may have.

It is election time for our safety committee. We thank our current members for their time and contributions to our committee. Nomination lists have been distributed to each building and will be picked up in two weeks to give everyone a chance to add any nominations to the list who should be considered for the next 2-year term on our safety committee. As a reminder, current members are eligible to be re-elected.

We have been having a very humid summer. Always ensure you are hydrated and wearing a hat, sunscreen and sunglasses when outside working and/or playing.

Until next month, Trevor Hare, Brian Myers, Nick Miller, Craig Isenor, Angie Kainola, Mark Wilber

Notes from the President

Matt Dillman stepped up to the plate to learn how to operate the new McDonough Optimized Gang Saw. Please consider we had never operated this machine so there was nobody here who could train him. Our engineer, Fritz, along with McDonough and our Molnar team and Nick from Bergman Electric determined what buttons and switches would be needed for the control panel and their positioning. So, a few members of our team knew the function of each button and where they were located but this was the only assistance we could provide Matt.

Notes from the President, con't

One day, I stood on the catwalk overlooking the control panel and watched Matt run from here to there and back again and as I watched him, I was concerned this job was going to be much more taxing than I had originally anticipated. A couple of weeks later I found myself back on the catwalk, like a crow sitting on a fence, watching. I witnessed Matt sitting on a chair next to the control panel. This image was more like my original thoughts on what the operation of this system would look like. One day earlier this month, and approximately 6 months after startup I was watching Matt standing beside Barry Gerrard and Brian Myers and realized I was watching Matt graduating from the trainee to the trainer. Great job Matt, I am impressed!

This July, Craig, Mark and I, along with Joel from Eacan Timber visited the Hawke River in Labrador for some salmon fishing. When we arrived, the water level was a little low and it was quite warm. The first couple of days, the fishing was not great, but it wasn't bad. The water temperature went up to 21 or 22 degrees Celsius. As a result, the government shut fishing off after 10 in the morning. The following day we were up at 4 a.m. and in the river at 5 a.m. After 10 a.m., the rest of that day was pretty boring. However, that night we experienced a bunch of rain, the river came up and the nighttime temperature dropped to 8 degrees and the river cooled of to 14 degrees and the river was re-opened. Our last few days of fishing were fantastic.

Anyone travelling to Newfoundland should take special note of the ferry schedules. There is a ferry from North Sydney to Port Aux Basques which is typically a 6 to 7 hour run. There is another one from North Sydney to Argentia which is close to St. John's. I think they consider that a 14-hour run. The Argentia ferry has been replaced with a brand-new ship which is bigger and beautiful. We docked beside it on our return trip. As with most new equipment, they have issues. The ship was brought from Spain and when it docked in North Sydney, they could not re-start the engines because all the air filters and fuel filters were filled with steal grindings from the construction of the engines. I believe this will be a massive job to fix.

Notes from the Presiden't con't

This is resulting in extra traffic for the Port Aux Basques run. They normally require you arrive 2 hours prior to departure. This year they were demanding you arrive 3 hours prior to departure. When I inquired about the change, they said they were on a "load and go" basis. This caught up with us on our return trip. We arrived in Port Aux Basques around 9:30 p.m. for the midnight crossing, only to discover it set sail at 8 p.m. Remember, "load and go". The next ferry was scheduled for 7 a.m., so off we go to a nearby hotel for about 3 hours sleep. We needed to arrive at the terminal 3 hours prior to the 7 a.m. departure. Mark and I have made this trip 15 times. The crossing always takes between 6 and 7 hours. This year, going over it took 4 hours 45 minutes. On our way home, we were docked and tied up in 5 hours and 10 minutes.

While we were standing outside waiting for the call to return to our vehicles, the fellow from the engine room came up. I asked him about the timing, and he told me they normally cross between 13 to 14 knots to conserve fuel and a crossing uses about 20,000 litres of fuel. But, because of the extra traffic, they put the pedal to the metal and cross closer to 20 to 21 knots and burn 30,000 litres of fuel. So, adding 50% to their speed results in 50% consumption of fuel. Interesting.

We have a new lug loader manufactured by BID Technologies Ltd. Waiting for installation. This machine will grab and load individual pieces of lumber into the feed system going to the TS Manufacturing Optimized trimmer. We have a hole cut in the side of the sawmill building to slide the machine in. The plan is to shut the sawmill production down on Wednesday evening, August 7th. We are hoping to be back up and running on Monday, August 12th. Once again, putting many members of our sawmill team to work for long hours. This time next month, I hope I can report a successful installation.

Until next month, Robin

Notes from Eacan Timber

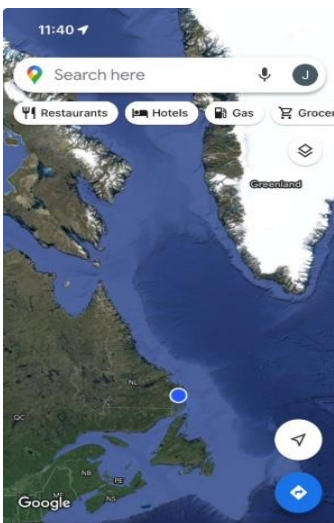
I had the opportunity this month to visit a part of Canada I've never been to before, Labrador. The scenery is breathtaking along the coast as you pass through Gros Morne National Park. The ferry ride from Newfoundland to Labrador was eventful as we watched whales breach. A float plane (another first for me) took us from the landing in the lake to the Hawke River. After taxiing to the dock, we were greeted by Newfoundland hospitality. The trip to and from the camp was an adventure in itself.

Of course, the purpose for travelling such a long distance was for the amazing atlantic salmon fishing, which didn't disappoint. You must be part mountain goat to traverse the terrain, but I only fell a couple times.

The remoteness of Labrador surprised me. I sent a photo to my wife showing that I was as close to Greenland as I was to Halifax (photo below).

It was an amazing trip and one that I won't forget any time soon. Thanks again to the ELCO crew for hosting me. It was much appreciated.

Joel MacLaggan



Notes from Woodlands

With summer in full swing, I blame the excitement of the seasonal activities, including family stuff, along with a ramp up in work related woods activities, as to why time seems to fly by so fast. Summer is my favourite time of year, and I would like to figure out how to slow it down a bit.

One such activity ramping up is we recently started a harvesting job on the Mi'kmaq Forestry Initiative (MFI) Bear River land base. We have developed a great partnership with the MFI over the last few years helping facilitate forest operations mainly on the St Croix land base. This year marks the first harvest operation on the Bear River land base under MFI management, which is located near Digby. The planned shelterwood thinning presents some challenges with the geographical location and remoteness of the job, however we feel we can pull it off and the harvesting crew seems up for the task. We plan to start St. Croix operations in mid-August consisting of shelterwood treatments along with a hurricane Fiona clean up harvest. With multiple private stumpage operations in addition to our small team, still working together will be taking a bit of a divide and conquer approach and some extra travelling to get things done.

I will leave it at that for now, as we are just getting going, but I anticipate having lots to update at the end of August.

Enjoy the summer while it lasts!

Jason Casey and the Woodlands Team

Notes from Peter Dillman's Corner

Congratulations

Congratulations to Tim Lohnes and Tsubaki on the birth of their son KAI ANDY LOHNES on Sunday, July 21st. He weighed in at 6 pounds and 6 ounces. Just a reminder to enjoy these times, they grow up very quickly. Pictures will appear in the newsletter next month.

Notes from Peter Dillman's Corner, con'tFamily

After running a few errands one Sunday morning this month, I gave Nina a call. Nina makes homemade pickles, jams, beets, bread, biscuits, and the list goes on and on. It's not that she makes all these treats, it is a fact that she makes the BEST. When Nina answered I asked if she had any mustard pickles and she confirmed she did. I asked if i could come by and get some? Yes, but you need to come right away. I told her I was on my way out the door. Nina lives exactly 27 kilometers from me in Wyse's Corner. Luckily for me, they did some patching of the road in the spring, and I got there quickly. I got my mustard pickles, but the mustard beans weren't happening yet. No worries as they were for Maggie as I don't have a taste for them (LOL). We chatted for a while and were catching up as I hadn't seen her since the fall. She told me she was headed next door to her grandson's place as they were going to have a party for her granddaughter Dawn who just happens to be MRS. CRAIG ISENER. I told her to have a good time, and give my birthday wishes to Dawn and to say hello to Craig for me. Oh, Craig won't be there as he is gone away. This will be the second time this has happened, but who is counting Craig. I wouldn't have the nerve to try that but hey to each their own (LOL). Oh, did I mention that Nina and I are first cousins. Well, we are. Her mom and my dad are brother and sister. So, that would make me a 3rd cousin to Dawn. Small world hey Craig. Perhaps I will catch you at a family gathering down the road sometime.

Tutor and the Student

Well, we lucked out and have two students with us here at the planer for the summer. The timing couldn't be any better as we have a few guys out for different reasons and some help is very much appreciated. First, we have Ty who is mainly up top on the planer working with his mentor Nick. They seem to be getting along good as I often see them talking. I am not sure what they are talking about, but it must be important because when it is quitting time, and I come from down below on the floor area and cross the catwalk on my way out and they are still deep in conversation. Next, we have have Drake and he is working the floor and is doing a great job I might add. Both young men graduated this year and are headed back to school in September.

Notes from Peter Dillman's Corner, con'tThe Doctor Is In

Earlier this month I had something I haven't had since I was a kid, an earache. It started first thing in the morning when I arrived at work. It only got worse as the day wore on. Nick mentioned to me that I should get some Polysporin. I told him I had an earache; I didn't cut my ear! He went on to explain that they make Polysporin drops for earaches, I confess I never heard of such a thing. I stopped at the drugstore on the way home and asked the pharmacist, what's good for an earache? Without hesitation he told me Polysporin drops just like the doctor told me!

July 50/50 Winners

July 5	John Ashley
July 12	Matthew Dillman
July 19	Jason Isenor
June 26	Dwight Isenor

August Birthdays

Jason Isenor	Aug 14
Jon Molnar	Aug 08
Roland Murray	Aug 03
Stephen Thompson	Aug 24

July Anniversaries

Chris Myers	22 years
William Stacey	1 year
Mark Wilber	23 years

