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Seasons Greetings to all Nature Moncton Members

This issue will contain a summary of our upcoming events from January to June 2017

Please note the January meeting will be our annual members' night so please don't be shy and let us know what interests you and share your observations and activities.



Grey Jay courtesy Georges Brun

As always all are welcome.

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December 13th Meeting Report

Guest speakers: Edmund Redfield, Tim Robinson, and Christine McLaughlan

Title: The Petitcodiac River: What is happening now

The meeting consisted of a “triple bill” with presentations on the Petitcodiac River where there has been some very intense and interesting activity happening in the past five years. **Edmund Redfield** first presented on the Fish recovery project. Edmund and his assistants from Fort Folly First Nation and Petitcodiac Watershed Alliance have maintained a live fish trap at the head of tide for seven years from May to November and have recorded every fish they have seen. They now have seven years of records that are very revealing as to what changes have occurred.

Tim Robinson is manager of the FFHR (Fort Folly Habitat Recovery) program and has been a long-standing member of the Planning Group and Recovery Team for the endangered iBoF (Inner Bay of Fundy) Atlantic salmon population. FFHR is leading efforts to restore this iconic species within the Petitcodiac watershed - in part, through the 'Fundy Salmon Recovery' project approach which sees remnant wild juvenile iBoF salmon raised to adulthood at the first ever dedicated marine wild Atlantic salmon conservation grow-out located off the coast of Grand Manan.

After the break, **Christine McLaughlan**, Executive Director of the Petitcodiac Watershed Alliance, will present their successes in 2016 including an update on their culvert assessment and remediation work. The PWA had an extremely busy summer with a record staff of 14 focused on projects such as water quality, storm water management, aquatic habitat connectivity, wood turtle monitoring, river restoration, education, community engagement, and river cleanups. Culverts were chosen as the topic of focus for this talk because the cost-benefit ratio is extremely high, and to date over 105 KM of upstream habitat has been restored in the Petitcodiac River watershed. The PWA is also engaging other organizations to add this high-impact work to their rosters for 2017-2018 and these efforts too will be discussed.

A very big thank you to Edmund Redfield, Tim Robinson and Christine McLaughlan who gave their time to come to our meeting night on Tuesday night. The work their groups are doing on the Petitcodiac River is nothing short of stellar as they showed how by cooperating their work is bringing traditional life back to the Petitcodiac River. Edmund's review of fish counts for the past 6 years was very surprising and revealing and showed what this underwater world contributes to the health of the river. Tim gave a history of the endangered Upper Bay of Fundy SALMON and what is being done to save them from extinction and described the very pioneering effort the Fort Folly Habitat Recovery Program is doing as part of the rearing salmon effort from the river in a dedicated sea cage area at Dark Harbour, Grand Manan and then back to the river.

Christine gave an account of the very lively activity the Petitcodiac Watershed Alliance is doing to include water health monitoring, wood turtle studies, stream side remediation, repairing culverts to allow fish passage and other projects that are underway with many partner groups and volunteers. Obviously, the river's on going care is in excellent and enthusiastic hands.

From the Editor's Desk:



Courtesy of Brian Stone

- I certainly hope everyone was able to enjoy the Holiday Season with family and friends whether you stayed here or travelled far and wide. The Greater Moncton area, festooned with all the lights and decorations throughout December, was picture perfect. The year 2016 for me was a year filled with challenges and highs and lows but through it all I feel so grateful for the very many great qualities of life we have available to us here.
- I wish everyone a healthy and happy 2017 filled with Joy. Included in this issue are tables of the upcoming events. The details will be posted on our usual social media as soon as available.
- Remember the Activities Committee are always seeking new ideas for presentations and workshops and outings for please feel free to let us know. All feedback and comments are appreciated.
- The Christmas Bird Count was once again a success. Many thanks to all those who took time out of their busy schedule to support this important project.

Remember: the purpose of the Newsletter is keep our members informed of the monthly meeting announcements, reports of our club's field trips, workshops and other matters of interest. Please feel free to let me know of items of interest or comments.

Membership: If you have not yet renewed your membership for 2016-17 please bring a completed form along with you to the meeting. Maintaining your membership is vital to the success of the Club. A copy is also on the last page of this issue.

FYI: Nature Moncton maintains a membership with Nature NB. As an activity driven club an important benefit of membership with NNB is the insurance policy which provides coverage during outings to each of our paid-up members.

Calendar of Nature Moncton Field Trips, Workshops and Presentations

Everyone is welcome to participate in our activities

All meeting presentations, workshops and field trips are posted to the NM Info-Line (384-6397) during the week leading up to the event. They are also published in the current issue of the Newsletter, posted to the Website and published in What's Happening in Moncton. Keep checking the as they are subject to change.

Louise Nichols is our Activities Committee Co-ordinator and she and the members of the Committee are always seeing input and suggestions from members. All ideas are welcome.

Contact Louise Nichols at nicholsl@eastlink.ca

Workshops:

Pre-registration is normally requested as some events have a maximum or minimum number of participants. It also assures effective planning and to allow for contact to be made in the event of changes. Pre-register with Judi Berry-Steeves at 506-387-4778 or at jbsteeve@nbnet.nb.ca. A modest \$8 fee is charged for workshops which are held at the Tankville School, 1665 Elmwood Drive, Moncton.

Field Trips/Outings:

Generally, no fee is charged. For outings car-pooling is organized to allow seats be available for those who need rides. If car-pooling, please remember to share the gas costs.

Date	Event
Ongoing	<u>"Impromptu Outings"</u> – These outings visit sites in the Greater Moncton area and are designed for everyone and are usually accessible to those who have limited time or mobility. They can take place at any time and will last 2-3 hours at the most. Timing will be dependent on nature's schedule. Listen to the Info Line 384-6397 and be ready to go.

MEETING PRESENTATIONS:
January 17, 2017: Members' night This is our annual "Show and Tell" Meeting
February 21, 2017: Alain Clavette will present on his work with pelagic birds
March 21, 2017: Julie Paquet or Beth MacDonald will give a presentation on Whimbrels.
April 18, 2017: Bruce Dougan on the Magnetic Hill Zoo
May 16, 2017: John Klymko will do a presentation on the biology of bees.
June 20, 2017: Nelson Poirier will present on the Nature Line: a nice way to finish off the year.

WORKSHOPS AND FIELD TRIPS:

January 21 or 28, 2017: Gull workshop and field trip at the Waste Management Facility (aka. the dump). Nelson Poirier will give a 1 hour workshop on Gulls likely to be seen and the outing will be led by Roger Leblanc

February 18, 2017 Annual Bird Feeder Tour. The day will start at the Renton's who have graciously agreed to provide a breakfast while we observe their many birds at their feeders. The day will conclude at the Poirier's. Further details to be posted later.

Impromptu Event: A Winter Tracks field trip. If ideal conditions present, the Activities committee will organize a field trip.

TBA: Birds Records Committee: Jim Wilson has offered to run a workshop

June ?, 2017: Wayne Fairchild will offer a workshop/outing on night flyers. This will be a fun evening event to capture and identify those flying insects and moths.



TRACKS AND SCAT

OTHER ACTIVITIES

January/February: Possible outing to count Barrow's Goldeneyes

March (somewhere around March break) Swallow Boxes: Fred Richards has volunteered to help with the building of boxes. We are planning for a workshop to do the building of the boxes. Once assembled and locations to install them confirmed we will need volunteers to put them up and monitor them. This will require a commitment to observe and maintain them once installed.

Deadline for submission(s) for the January Newsletter will be Friday January 20th.

The January issue will be circulated the week of January 22, 2017.

Submissions can be sent by:

- 1) Email: susanatkinson29@gmail.com
- 2) Telephone: 506-384-2332 to arrange to deliver article(s) or photo(s) which you cannot email.
- 3) Leave the material with Susan at any monthly meeting.

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\$35

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ACTIVITY	WILLING to LEAD: if applicable	WILLING to HELP: with others or on a committee	JUST INTERESTED in PARTICIPATING & ENJOYING MY MEMBERSHIP!	ANY NEW SUGGESTIONS /COMMENTS FOR THIS ACTIVITY? (write on back of form if not enough room)
BIRD ALERT				
WORKSHOPS				
FIELD TRIPS				
PUBLICITY				
CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT				
MONTHLY MEETINGS /PRESENTORS				
WAYS & MEANS FUNDRAISING				
PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION				
NEED TRANSPORTATION				
TRANSCRIBING DAILY INFO LINE				
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, example: website, archiving documents				
EXECUTIVE ROLES: President, VP, Treasurer, Secretary, or Executive Committee Chair				Nomination suggestions:

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At any monthly meeting see Lynda Leclerc (Membership chair) or mail completed form & cheque to mailing address:

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