

Woodlot Education Newsletter

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The goal of this newsletter is to inform landowners who have taken our woodlot management home study modules about upcoming woodlot educational events, and new publications.

Woodlot News

☞ What Happened? If you thought we missed the summer newsletter, you'd be right! We've gone through some staffing changes that delayed it being sent. We're back on track now though!

☞ The very successful Woodlot Owner Conferences held last spring are planned again for next spring. Cost will be only \$20 including lunch! For info call 477-2494 or email debbie@hockincronin.com

March 5th: Forest Heights Community School, Chester Grant
April 2nd: St. Andrews Community Centre, St. Andrews Antigonish Co.
April 9th: Debert Hospitality Centre, Debert

☞ Field days were held for the

2004 Woodlot Owner of the Year Award Winners!!



James Bower, the 2004 Provincial WOYA winner

About 75 people turned out to visit James Bower's in Lower Ohio, Shelburne Co. Also, about 150 people came out for the two field days held on the Regional Winners' lots in early September.

Nominations for 2005 Due!

Starting this year, nominations will be accepted until March 31st. But now's the time to start thinking about next year's potential Woodlot Owners of the Year! Do you know someone who you think is a good candidate? Why not nominate them? Contact us for details.

Chainsaw Courses

Again this year these one day courses with emphasis on safety will be held. They are designed for the occasional, home user. For details, see attached registration form!

New Publications

Contact us for your free copy!

★ *Managing Balsam Fir for Christmas Trees - A Beginner's Manual.* Have you ever thought of trying to grow them?

★ *Do You Own Wooded Property?* A great review of many of the Department's programs related to Forest Management.

Interesting Internet Links

Try out some of these sites, they're great sources for information!

Canadian Forests

www.canadian-forests.com/

Canadian Model Forest Network

[http://www.modelforest.net/e/home /indexe.html](http://www.modelforest.net/e/home/indexe.html)

Forestry Links

www.magma.ca/~evb/forest.html

Woodweb

www.woodweb.com/KnowledgeBase/KBForestryWoodlotManagement.html

Home Study Modules

We are working towards updating some of the current modules, and we're always looking for ways to improve them. Please remember as you work through your modules that help is available by phone, fax or email.



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Do you have email? Drop us a line and we'll put you on our list. You'll get more frequent updates on events, courses, etc.

Here's how to reach us:

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Chainsaw Use and Safety Course Registration Form

These workshops will be based on the material found in the Woodlot Management Home Study module 6 (copies available at the course). A certified instructor will guide you through the theory and follow up with a field demonstration. This course is considered an "introductory" level course, but even people with many years of experience can benefit from the instructor's advice.

Courses will run from 9am to 4pm. Bring your chainsaw if you have one and want to follow along with the instructor, but for safety reasons you will NOT be running a chainsaw during this course. Be sure to bring appropriate outdoor dress for the afternoon demonstration session (hardhats provided or bring your own, sturdy boots recommended, other gear not required). Cost for each course is \$20 and lunch is on your own.

Space is limited to the first 20 people, so register early. To register, return this registration form with cheque (payable to the Minister of Finance) to:

Chainsaw Workshop, Department of Natural Resources,
Operations Division, P.O. Box 698, Halifax, NS B3J 2T9.

Saturday, Feb 12 DNR Kentville Depot. Across the road from
Provincial Building 136 Exhibition Street.

Saturday, Feb 19 DNR Antigonish Depot: 55 St. Andrew's Street

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Mailing address: _____

(Please include Postal Code)

E-mail: _____

Registration will be confirmed via phone or email. For info call 424-5444