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2003 IN PRINCE GEORGE

At the Coast Inn of The North & The Prince George Civic Center

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Dear Members,

I would like to invite you to the 53rd annual B C Saw Filer's Association Conference and Trade Show, being held this year at the Coast Inn of the North in Prince George BC, on May 8, 9, & 10th, 2003. The conference consist of two days of seminars, as well as an equipment show where the latest state of art filing room equipment will be on display.

As an Educational Society, we strive to provide seminars pertaining to the newest technologies found in our industry, that are facilitated by industry known Experts. The conference allows the Saw Filer to interact with their peers and is an excellent place for the sharing of ideas and solving problems.

The main theme for all of our efforts through the BC Saw Filer's Association is for the education of our members. Which in turn means better quality, fiber recovery and increased profits. That is why we fully support the Saw Trades courses at BCIT.

As you can see from our list of guest speakers, it should be an interesting two days of seminars. Please visit our web site at www.bcsawfilers.com

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for on-line registration, or Fax to 604-585-4014, or just mail your application

In the event you are not able to attend the conference, but wish to keep your membership in good standing, the " non-attending" membership dues is only \$25.00. I hope to see all of you in Prince George in May.

Respectfully yours,

Dave Streeter

Dave Streeter, President
B C Saw Filers Association
2002 / 2003

For The Kids

At last year's Conference in Kelowna, a young filer by the name of Karl Luttmerring won the Markus Naslund autographed Hockey Jersey, donated by Simonds Industries. Karl unselfishly donated the jersey to the Brent Gilchrist Children's Hospital Charity. During a silent auction at the annual event, held at the Spallumcheen Golf & Country Club, in Vernon, the jersey fetched \$300.00. Way to go Karl.

2003 Seminar Line Up

THURSDAY May 10th, 2003

6:00 PM – 10:00 PM- Trade Show –P. G. Civic Center

FRIDAY, MAY 9th

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM - John Taylor - Forintek
Thin Kerf Saws & Crucial Speeds

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM - Nick Arkle –
Chief Forester @
Gorman Bros.

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM - Jim Mantei – Van Gear
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM – LUNCH BREAK

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM - Harry Penn – USNR –
Quad & Canter Line Ups

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM - Ron Newport – A.C.M.T. –
Infrared Thermography
of Band Saw Heat

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM - Bob Grycat -Universal
Grinding Wheel

Friday Trade Show - 3:00pm to 9:00pm

SATURDAY, MAY, 10th

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM - Business Meeting &
Question Period

10:30 AM – 11:00 AM - Pat Thomas -WCB

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM -Russell Barrett–
Simonds Industries
Changes in Equipment

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM - LUNCH BREAK

1:30 PM – 2:00 PM - Dennis Reid – B.C.I.T.
Saw Trades Report

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM - Doug Routledgel -COFI
Soft Wood Tariff

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM - Mike Wagner –Key Knife
Chipper Technology

Saturday Evening

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM - Reception

6:30 PM – 9:00 PM - Dinner

9:00 PM – 1:00 AM - Dance

B.C. SAW FILER'S ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FOR 2003

NAME: _____ *

ADDRESS: _____ *

POSTAL CODE: _____ * Email _____

PHONE: _____ * Fax _____

EMPLOYER: _____ *

POSITION: _____ *

Required Fields _____ *

Full Membership & Conference

All Saw Filers - \$40.00 _____

Associate Membership & Conference

Non-Saw Filers - \$40.00 _____

NON-ATTENDING MEMBERSHIP:

- \$25.00 _____

Life Membership Application -Retired Saw Filers Only

BCSFA member since _____, -Year Retired _____

Dinner / Dance _____ X - \$40.00 _____

Send completed application and dues to:

BC Saw Filer's Association

Box 57006, Scott Town R.P.O.

Surrey BC, V3V-7V7

Receipt will be issued with Membership Card

Please note:

All Saw Filers are welcome as Full Voting Members
Regardless of Borders or Provincial Boundaries

Feel free to make copies of this Application

Host Hotel Information



770 Brunswick St., Prince George BC.

-Tel - 250-563-0121,

Fax - 250-563-1948

Email; infoNorth@coasthotel.com

STAY SHARP
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STAY SAFE



The BCSFA get a discount from the Coast Hotel for every hotel guest room booked for the Saw Filer's Conference. That is why we encourage those coming to this Conference, to use the Coast Hotel, if possible. This discount is applied directly to the total rent we pay for the Trade Show space. A list of alternate accommodations available in Prince George can be found on our web site.

“CODE OF THE FILING ROOM”

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Mr. E.P. Armstrong, along with being a skilled saw filer, wrote the “Code Of The Filing Room”

9-TAKE A HELPERS JOB RATHER THAN REMAIN IDLE.

If you are unemployed and can get on as a helper, do all you can to promote the interests of the filer you are helping. The management may remember you if they get in the market for a filer later on. Practicing loyalty to your associates builds up your character and makes you lasting friends, and we all need friends.

10-USE IDLE FILERS RATHER THAN NEW MEN AS HELPERS.

If you need a helper and can engage a regular filer who happens to be unemployed and who is willing to work for a while at helper's wages (for that is better than being idle) do so. You are helping a fellow filer and perhaps they can relieve you of some duties that a less experienced filer could not.



Instructor Dag Stenerud and his students from BCIT Electrical Trades.

REWIRING COMPLETED

The Electrical Department at BCIT has finished rewire the Phil Quelch miniature sawmill as a class project. The wiring, along with not having a safe headsaw, has been the main reasons we have not been able to bring the sawmill to the convention and run it.

Overwest Saw's, Glen Westover and Les Wheaton, from Wheaton Saw Service, are attempting to make a new saw for the miniature mill with special steel donated by Bruce Lehmann, at Cal Saw. Our thanks to all those who help save this piece of history.

THANKS STEVE & SUE FROM A GREATFUL MEMBERSHIP

The BC Saw Filer's Association would like to take this opportunity to thank Steve Favel for all his efforts as editor of the Point Up for 2000-2001. Due to personal reasons, Steve has resigned as Point Up Editor, effective October 10, 2002.

We would also like to say a big thank you to Sue Favel for the many hours spent at the registration desk, year after year. Along with team mate Michelle Hebert, Sue has welcomed members to the BCSFA Conference for over 5 years.

Thank you both and we hope to see you at future Conferences.



BCIT Saw Trades Course Schedule 2002-2003-2004

Fit II	283-106	Oct 28/ Nov 22 2002	Cir	291-114	Sept 1/ Sept 26 2003
Cir	284-107	Nov 25 / Dec 20 2002	Bench	292-115	Sept 29/ Oct 24 2003
Fit I	285-108	Jan 6/ Jan 31 2003	Fit I	293-116	Oct 27 /Nov 21 2003
Fit II	286-109	Feb 3/ Feb 28 2003	Fit II	294-117	Nov 24/ Dec 19 2003
Cir	287-110	Mar 3/ Mar 28 2003	Cir	295-118	Jan 5/ Jan 30 2004
Bench	288-111	Apr. 1 / Apr 25 2003	Bench	296-119	Feb 2 / Feb 27 2004
Fit I	289-112	Apr 28/ May 23 2003 ..	Fit I	297-120	Mar 1/ Mar 26 2004
Fit II	290-113	May 26 / June 20 2003	Fit II	298-121	Mar 29/ Apr 23 2004

Points To Ponder

“If you don't have time to do something right, when will you have time to do it over?”

Member's Job Board Reminder

www.bcsawfilers.com or give us a call at 604-585-4012 If you are a member in good standing and need the new code, or a written copy, let us know.

Bandsaws Donation From Overwest Saws

The BC Saw Filer's Association would like to thank Glen Westover, President of Overwest Saws in Campbell River BC, for the generous donation of 39 Stellite band saws to BCIT Saw Trades. This donation of saw steel is invaluable to both the school and the students. It allows the school to save money for better equipment and the student get quality bands to work on.

The Westover family have filed saws in BC for over 75 years and have been members of this association all most from its conception. Thank you for your continued support.

NEED FOR NEW PEOPLE GROWS AMID APPRENTICESHIP CONFUSION

By J.K. Malmgren

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The demand for journeyed trades people in virtually every area of industry has become an issue of growing concern over the last few years. As the dwindling numbers of new apprentices that most trades have dealt with since the early 1990's meets up with an aging and fast retiring population of journeyed workers in every sector. Like other provinces and regions, B. C. has had in place a body whose specific purpose is to address and administer training and apprenticeship issues, but the program here is undergoing some enormous change.

ITAC, the Industry Training and Apprenticeship Commission, was formed in 1997 to administer the Industry Training and apprenticeship Act in B.C. As such, has worked with industry to define which occupations can be deemed apprenticeship trades, and what the necessary training and work experience qualifications will be in order to complete a given apprenticeship. After the core review completed by the provincial government early in 2002, however, it was determined that ITAC was not adequately serving the needs of industry or the apprentices themselves, that the commission should be dismantled and a committee put in place to determine the structure for apprenticeship administration. After almost eight months of consultation, the Ministry of Advanced Education has released a report that will begin the shift to its proposed new model for apprenticeship training. According to the Ministry, key aspects of the new model include roles for industry; apprentices/ trainees and government.

Industry will play a lead role in moving towards a training system that better meets sector needs and will validate standards for trades credentials that reflect workplace requirements and needs. Apprentices will have greater responsibility for their training. Government's role will be limited to standards and Credentials. A small number of broad-based sectional advisory committee's win is established to replace the Trade Advisory Committees that existed under the ITAC structure. Opportunities will be increased for private trainers to participate in training and credentialing. Multiple pathways for training will be implemented to increase flexibility for trainees and their employers. The average length of programs will be reduced and new programs will be developed to address areas where skill shortages exist and to better meet the needs of industry. Credentialing will be based on skill and ability rather than reliant on time spent in a trade.

Reaction to this proposed new model has been mixed, with concerns on the side of both industry and labor. But that doesn't stop the need for new apprentices. The construction industry, while sometimes volatile, is a continuing source of employment growth, and most of the work is performed by recognized trades. And, having completed their apprenticeship, construction trades people often find they have a mobile job, and can go anywhere in the country to get work Alberta's ongoing boom has drawn continuous migration of construction workers.

While ITAC's successor system is not yet in place, some information is still available on its web site <http://www.itac.gov.bc.ca>, and at the Ministry of Advanced Education's Learn and Earn web site <http://www.learnandearn.bc.ca>. As well, the following ITAC offices remain open in B.C. , and are forecast to do so until the spring of this year.

Prince George 250 565-4465, Victoria 250 952-5180, Surrey 604 576-3771, Kelowna 250 717-2041
Vancouver - Metro 604 775-2860 Burnaby Headquarters Office 604-775-2860

On the ITAC Trades Advisors Board representing the Saw Trades were: Greg Daykin, Mel Testawich, John Hebert, Dennis Reid, George Brubaker, Carl Foley, Catharine Jones, and Paul Sourisseau

Jeff Malmgren is a freelance writer.

This article was included to provide information to our members.

The views of the writer are not necessarily those of the BC Saw Filers Association

This Newsletter is intended to keep the membership up to date with what is happening regarding this Association. We welcome your suggestions and comments. Please help make this Association strong by adding your name to the growing list of members, especially in these time of Industry uncertainty.