Forest Service *News*

A proud tradition of service since 1912

March 2007 | Volume 4, Issue 2 | Archive

Printable version

BCTS staff member to join Canada's Armed Forces in Afghanistan

One day in April 2006 changed the way that John Beddows felt about being Canadian. This was the day he witnessed his close friend's coffin, draped in our nation's flag. The image will be etched in John's mind forever. John and Bombardier Myles Mansell had served together since 1999 as members of the Canadian Forces Reserves in 5 "BC" Field Regiment, Royal Canadian Artillery, which is based in Nanaimo and Victoria. According to John, "there's no better friend than a fellow soldier. You trust your life in their hands." Myles was one of 36 Canadian soldiers killed in 2006 during service in Afghanistan.

John started as a full time soldier in 1978 with the 3rd Regiment Royal Canadian Horse Artillery based in Shilo, Manitoba. He served both home and abroad during a 12 year military career. When John left the military in1990, an employment councilor suggested that his military experience with a compass, maps and surveying would make him well suited for a career in forest engineering. He literally was in the woods the next day and hasn't looked back since! John joined the Small Business Forest Enterprise Program (now BC Timber Sales) in Port McNeill in September of 1994 as a forest technician, then as an Engineering Technician and most recently as Engineering Specialist.

In the fall of 2006, the Canadian Forces called for an additional 550 Reserve soldiers to serve in Afghanistan beginning in January 2008. While admittedly a very difficult decision, John ultimately felt

Forest Service *News* -
A Voice for Staff

In this issue:

Leaving for Afghanistan
Apology
Protection in Australia
Radha Fisher-Advisory Group
Cartoon by Shane Berg
Interview with Dave Peterson
Critical Incident
Forest Disease/Climate Change
RCLT
Remote Sensing

"Recognition and Awards"

Correction
Charity Auction
FIRBY Award
RPF of the Year
ABCFP Volunteer Award

compelled to volunteer to join the mission. The memory of his friend, and what his life stood for, was foremost in John's mind.

John believes strongly in Canada's ongoing mission in that troubled country. "Afghanistan deserves a chance to determine its destiny without the influence of the Taliban. The only thing standing there now between that destiny and defeat is NATO" says John. "This is an opportunity to serve our country in the capacity I've trained for many years. I'm very proud to be going."

John's current military rank of Warrant Officer and considerable experience with artillery landed him a challenging assignment: Gunline Troop Sergeant Major. He will have responsibility over two M777 howitzers—each of these 155 mm guns can fire 100 pound shells up to 50 kilometers and has a detachment of 10-12 staff. In total, John will be responsible for the guns, approximately 30 personnel and everything they do—including defending themselves. The fact that Canada only has six of these howitzers in Afghanistan makes them extremely valuable assets.

John leaves Port McNeill on April 1st for 9 months of intensive training at his old stomping grounds in Shilo. During the training, John will have the opportunity to become intimately familiar with the M777, the 81 mm mortar and the responsibilities of his new position. Assuming he passes the "test" next January, he will be deployed in February and serve in Afghanistan until August 2008.

John commented recently that when he leaves, a lot of people back home go with him—family, friends and co-workers. Upon his return to Canada, John will rejoin his wife Theresa in Port McNeill and return to a full-time position with the Forest Service.

We know that John will serve our country well and our thoughts will be with him over the next 18 months. We look forward to his safe return to Port McNeill.

Top

Retirement

"Around the Forest Service"

Curling Kudos
Dan LeClerc Memorial
Run, Walk, Crawl
Provincial Curling Results

Forest Service *News*
A quarterly newsletter for all Forest Service employees.

Contact: Sonia Donison is providing administrative and coordination support for the newsletter. Questions or comments about Forest Service *News* should be directed to Sonia at 250-953-3859 or email

Call for Stories/Ideas
The success of Forest Service *News* depends upon the active engagement of staff throughout the organization. One way for people to support the newsletter is to share your ideas, news, stories, successes, experiences with revitalization and learning, celebrations and photos for use in future editions of the newsletter. People are asked to check with Sonia at 250-953-3859 or email about their idea or ideas before writing a story. Stories are to be submitted 2 weeks prior to each quarterly edition—deadline for June articles is June 15.

Apologies!

The January edition featured an article on a Protection employee and his efforts to help develop a proposal for Canadian Red Cross and the Canadian International Development Agency for a bed-net campaign in eastern Indonesia where malaria morbidity and mortality rates are extremely high.

It was brought to our attention that his name is Adam Johnston and not Ross Johnston.

We apologize for the error and if you are interested in Adam's work with the Red Cross, you can read it all in his blog.

http://blog.redcross.ca/adamjohnston/

NEW!

FS Crossword—how much do you know about the Forest Service?

Let us know how you did.

Top

Operation Boomerang

By Radha Fisher
Provincial Information Officer
Protection Program

In the new year, 52 BC Forest Service Protection Program staff including fire behaviour specialists, incident commanders, crew leaders, rappellers, planning officers, information officers and agency representatives were deployed to Australia to help manage some of the largest fires they have seen in their careers.

The request came from two of the three agencies that jointly manage the State of Victoria urban and rural

52 BC Forest Service Protection Program Staff

fire response, the Department of Sustainability and Environment (our ministry equivalent) and the Country Fire Authority (a volunteer-based organization that has all-hazard response capabilities). The call came because the conditions in the State of Victoria warranted fire managers to plan for a marathon season. When BC crews arrived, they were already at 30 consecutive days of high activity; when we left a month and a half later they were still there.

The State of Victoria in Australia is in the tenth year of what is being called a 10-year drought.

Dry is an understatement. Severe water restrictions, public discussion about treating sewage for water for the five million citizens of Melbourne, massive eucalyptus dropping their heavy branches as an adaptation to the lack of H2O, and a million plus-hectare bushfire help paint a better picture of just how dry.

Despite the stressful circumstances of our arrival, we were met with warmth, gratitude and congeniality that developed into sincere friendships and endured through the long 40 days and 40 nights we spent helping to manage fire under the Southern Cross.

Assuming an Information Unit Leader role at the Melbourne Emergency Co-ordination Centre gave me the opportunity to cultivate such relationships with my Aussie counterparts. What struck us first were the similarities like tools, reporting structures and issues management. Entering such a foreign work situation brings a unique and sometimes unnerving set of expectations. A 23-hour plane ride can exacerbate this. Discovering these similarities from the start helped us take the time to enjoy, appreciate and assimilate our differences, which range from evacuations to community education to pronunciations within our shared language.

I venture to say that we all, Canadians and Australians alike, came away from the experience revisiting our own business culture through the discovery of another. Asking questions we never thought to ask and finding answers we never thought to look for.

The first of its size, this international deployment demonstrates the wildland fire knowledge and resource sharing need that exists not only within our country but across the globe. With opposite seasons and many similar fire response philosophies, an exchange with our colleagues down under made a lot of sense. The increasing demands of our province's fire seasons by climatic and demographic influences, means that continuing this relationship with Australia makes even more sense.

Through the entire process one thing has not changed and can be seen on both sides of the planet—in times of drought— we all wish for rain.

Top

Fires in Australia

New Member of FS News Advisory Group!

The FS Advisory Group welcomes Radha Fisher as a new member of our team! Radha is the Provincial Fire Information Officer for the Protection Program and works out of the branch's Victoria office.

Radha has worked in information related roles for Protection since 2003. Her education is in applied communications and she has worked in various media-centred fields as a result.

Top

By Shane Berg

Top

A Few Reflections on a Year Back with the Forest Service an interview with Dave Peterson

Q. Q. After just over a year, what is it like to be back in the Forest Service and with BC Timber Sales?

It has been a real pleasure to return to the Forest Service team and to again work alongside many of my former colleagues. I have experienced a clear feeling of welcome back into the team and a broad interest in what I can bring from my private sector experience. BC Timber Sales is an extremely dynamic division within the Forest Service and I have found it to be a really comfortable fit.

Q. Why was the Structural Review of BCTS undertaken when it has had such strong performance?

You are correct—BCTS has delivered strong performance since its inception in 2003. We have planted over 100 million seedlings, sold over 46 000 000 m^3 of timber and generated almost $500 million in net revenue for the province; however, there is always room for improvement in any organization. Clearly, we have been challenged to develop tighter performance standards and to publicly report our performance against those measures. The discussion during the Structural Review also highlighted the need for BCTS to re-word its strategic goals and identify the hierarchy within these goals; clarify our linkage with MPS at the technical level; and solidify our position within the broader Forest Service organization. We are working on all of these.

I believe there were two significant reasons why BCTS was asked to conduct the Structural Review. With the focus over the first few years being on program ramp-up and performance, we suffered a significant communication disconnect with senior industry players, and because our role within the overall forest industrial fabric in BC is so critical, these players chose to express their intense interest in our performance to the Competition Council of BC. It was natural for the Competition Council to interpret that as a need to reassess our structure.

Q. What has been the biggest highlight for you since returning to the Forest Service?

The strength of the BCTS teams at all levels of our organization, from the Timber Sales Leadership Team down to each Business Area team: and the dedication of our employees at all levels. I have worked with our Leadership Team extensively and I am continually impressed with

their ability to get engaged in high-level strategic discussion one minute, and the next minute switch to cutting through to the critical elements of a detailed operational question. I have had the pleasure also to get out to all 12 Business Areas at least once, where universally I have had the chance to discuss issues with groups of dedicated, committed and talented people—a true testament to the strength of our organization.

Q. What has been the biggest surprise?

The biggest surprise would be the Forest Service's entire approach to employee development and engagement, starting with the Road Ahead, and now broadening into our corporate HR strategy. I was completely unaware of all this excellent work prior to coming on board. I was engaged in many other comparable initiatives during my time in the private sector, but none were as comprehensive as what we are doing within BCTS and the Forest Service. Our initiative incorporates all the best practices from the other ones I have seen. Our challenge is now to link our progress on employee development, learning and organizational improvement with addressing our key goals and meeting our looming demographic challenges.

Q. What do you think the future holds for BC Timber Sales?

Over the next few years, BCTS must focus on improving our ability to deliver our mandate, as it was clarified in the Structural Review. We will need to make balanced progress on performance, people practices, process streamlining and resource stewardship.

For the longer run, without diluting that focus, I believe BCTS needs to look for opportunities to expand our business. I am firmly convinced that every organization needs to continually evolve, if they want to remain relevant in today's world. I see BCTS taking a broader role as 'the commercial marketing arm' of the Forest Service. Clearly, we will need to market dead pine trees to the non-lumber industries in the Interior and market poor quality stands on the Coast. Maybe we will also be marketing things like carbon credits?

Top

Ministry of Forests and Range
Critical Incident Stress Management Team

Unfortunately, we may have times in our lives when we are faced with trauma or a traumatic situation. Due to the nature of our work, we sometimes are involved with or come across serious accidents on the highways or roads, witness serious injury or death—these types of situations can be defined as 'critical incidents'. When people experience these types of situations, they may experience unusually strong reactions, which have the potential to interfere with their ability to function either at that time or later.

The Ministry of Forests and Range has a team of specially selected and trained volunteers who are able to provide support through these difficult times. Our mission statement is: *"To provide immediate support and assistance to Forest Service personnel exposed to a Critical Incident or death that impacts the work place through specially trained and selected fellow volunteer employees working in conjunction with designated Mental Health Professionals."*

The Critical Incident Stress Management Team (CISM) is made up of volunteers from across the province. We are a group that is dedicated to our fellow employees. We are continually updating our training and meet annually to discuss ways to provide the best support possible.

Our executive provides funding and overall direction through ministry policy, along with the Protection Program playing a major role. The CISM team has been supported and encouraged by staff and management throughout the province and we appreciate all the assistance and support.

If you would like more information, please check out the following website: http://gww.for.gov.bc.ca/dsq/cismp/

IN THE EVENT OF A CRITICAL INCIDENT CALL:
1 - 800 - 661 – CISM (2476)
(24 HOUR NUMBER)

Top

Forest Diseases and Climate Change

Alex Woods, NIFR Regional Pathologist in Smithers, has been actively engaged in examining the Dothistroma needle blight outbreak in north-western BC and whether or not it may be related to climate change.

Alex's paper, entitled *"Is an unprecedented Dothistroma needle blight epidemic related to climate change? By Alex Woods, K. David Coates, Andreas Hamann,"* was published in September 2005 in the highly recognized scientific journal BioScience. Their research found a clear mechanistic relationship between an observed climate trend and the host pathogen interaction. Their work represents one of the first documented links between a forest pathogen and the indirect impacts of climate change. The research highlights the unpredictable nature of those indirect impacts. They found that increases in summer precipitation, which should have benefited tree growth, has instead favoured the development of a foliar disease epidemic that has in some areas lead to mortality of mature lodgepole pine trees. This is an unprecedented occurrence.

Alex has received both local, national and international attention to this work and has been invited to present their findings at several important international symposia including:

- Quebec City, August 2006, "Effects of Climate Change on Tree Diseases" co•sponsored by the American Phytopathological Society, Canadian Phytopathological Society and the Mycological Society of America.

- Ekaterinburg, Russia June 2006, "Climate Changes and their impact on Boreal and Temperate Forests." This conference was hosted by a consortium of climate change researchers from Russia and Switzerland. Attendees at this conference were from around the world.

- Smithers, BC, October 2006, “Western International Forest Disease Work Conference Foliage Diseases: The Bare-naked Trees!” Alex presented at and hosted this international meeting to bring attention to the Dothistroma needle blight epidemic in northwest BC and to compare notes with other researchers working with Dothistroma in New Zealand, the UK, the USA and the Czech Republic.

- Fairbanks, Alaska, June 2007, “Climate Change Impacts on Boreal Forest Disturbance Regimes"

Alex continues to examine the relationship between changes in climate and foliar diseases of lodgepole

Diseased plant

pine throughout the Northern Interior Forest Region. He and Greg O'Neill of Kalamalka research station in Vernon have found further evidence of the changing climate's impact on foliar diseases and lodgepole pine health. Alex's work has demonstrated that climate change will have profound effects on the forests of BC over the next rotation and further into the future.

Top

We are a leadership team effecting positive change in the Ministry

The Operations Leadership Team (OLT) approved a plan to create a self directed Operations Division Resource Clerk Leadership Team (RCLT). The objective of this Team is to create a community of practice and strengthen communications between resource clerks and other Forest Service leadership teams throughout the province.

The group plans to address, create and support a community of practice that continually challenges status quo and promotes consistent business processes for Resource Clerks throughout the province within Operations Division for the benefit of the Ministry of Forests and Range.

"YOUR INPUT RESULTS IN ACTION"

Current membership consists of two members from each Forest Region, which include: Trudy Perrin and Pat Boyd (Coast); Bonnie Beaman and Nina Barber (Southern Interior) and Audrey Alaric and RosaAnne Howell (Northern Interior). At a recent 3-day team building session, held at the RCMP training facility in Chilliwack, the team's outcome of the meeting included a team charter, a vision statement and newly found friends. Initiatives that will be addressed are the inconsistencies throughout the province in their jobs, the consistency and accuracy of the tenure templates and a provincial resource clerk guidebook.

Top

Introducing the Remote Sensing & Geospatial Applications Team of Forest Analysis and Inventory Branch

A remote sensing team has been formed within the Forest Analysis and Inventory Branch (FAIB) to provide technical support and services in remote sensing and related geospatial technologies to FAIB and MFR staff. Members of the team are: Xiaoping Yuan (lead), Ann Morrison and Chris Butson. Chris has very recently joined us after working at the Pacific Forestry Centre, specializing in remote sensing.

The team focuses on new and innovative remote sensing and other related geospatial technologies that are applied primarily to Vegetation Resource Inventory data collection and timber supply analysis. Current projects include year-of-death mapping for the MPB area, spatial MPB red attack mapping from Landsat and orthophoto, and harvest change detection mapping. The overall goal of these projects is to provide timely strategic information on landscape level forest changes for MFR. The team is also involved in testing a new softcopy system for 3D image viewing and mapping with ArcMap, purchasing and processing provincial coverage of Landsat imagery and will be working with Base Mapping and Geomatics Services on aerial photography requirements and access on behalf of MFR.

As part of the Road Ahead learning opportunities, Ann attended a remote sensing conference in Austria and had the opportunity to meet practitioners from around the world and glimpse technologies being used elsewhere. “We’re not being left in the dust. In fact some of our projects are seen as leading edge.” The delegates Ann spoke with were impressed with the change detection work being done across the province, particularly considering the size of British Columbia as compared to many other countries.

For more information about the team and projects/services/support, please contact Ann Morrison at 250-953-3625 or e-mail: ann.morrison@gov.bc.ca. A remote sensing web page will be posted soon on the FAIB web site to report project progress, communicate imagery and mapping product availability and any related items.

Top

Stanfield Cup - Correction

The January edition Stanfield Cup article provided an incorrect name for one of the men's team—it should have been the "Mackenzie Crushers."

Thank you for bringing this to our attention.

Top

DSS Charity Auction

On December 1, 2006, the Skeena Stikine Forest District office (DSS) held its 1st Annual Community Charity Auction.

Upon reviewing several very worthy Charity Organizations, the Auction Committee chose to support the Northern Society for Domestic Peace (NSDP).

The NSDP is a non-profit, comprehensive multi-service social programs agency, located in rural Northwest British Columbia.

The NSDP in the Bulkley Valley Lakes District provides a safe and supportive environment for assisting

women, men, seniors, teens and kids in developing strong and healthy relationships by delivering several valuable programs.

Their mission is to develop, deliver and support programs that provide opportunities for individuals and families to strengthen their relationships and the quality of their lives.

The DSS staff, including the Regional Service Center, Protection, Hazelton Field Office, BCTS Skeena and Babine Field Units raised a total of $1329 for the NSDP.

On behalf of the Auction Committee

Sabina Copley
Sandi Hiemstra
Kerri Anne Hrywkiw
Erin Havard
Jackie Wilson
Laura Taylor
Ronda Cunningham
Judy Schieder
Bob Shiach
Brad Lingard (Auctioneer)
Bernie Mattie (Auction Committee Chair Person)

I would like to acknowledge and congratulate those that supported the auction through the donation of items and by bidding. Without your support of such a worth while and fun event, we would not have been able to achieve this level of accomplishment.

A very special thank you to Carol Sawchuck (NSDP), Barry Smith (District Manager), Jane Lloyd-Smith (Operations Manager) and Loren Kelly (Operations Manager) for supporting the auction.

Bernie Mattie, Auction Committee Chair

Top

Chilliwack Forest District Staff Recognition Award - FIRBY

Submitted by Kerry Grozier

A staff recognition initiative brought back to the Chilliwack Forest District by Camille Goertz, from our hardworking support group, was the stuffed FIRBY recognition award.

The idea behind FIRBY, is for each recipient to keep the award at their desk to honour their great work for one month. They, in-turn, champion the next recipient to be recognized for outstanding work in the district.

The original idea of a stuffed tree did not go over well with staff so they “bammed” it up a notch and had a wooden tree turned by one of our BCTS staff member's, Murray Sluys.

The idea of a staff driven recognition is well received and simple to facilitate.

Jack Sweeten, RPF, Stewardship Forester, on the left, is presented the FIRBY, by previous award recipient Kevin Chisholm, for his tireless efforts helping the finance team with goal and dollar reporting, he has also lead the charge with implementation of FREP.

Well done Jack and well done team!

Top

Dave Coates honoured with Professional Forester of the Year Award

At this years President’s Awards Banquet, Dave Coates was honoured with the 2006 Professional Forester of the Year award. He is the 18th forester to have been recognized by the association.

This award is given to a registered professional forester who has demonstrated outstanding contributions to the betterment of forestry and forest practices,
including contributions to the application of forestry, service to his/her community, advancement of the

profession and the association, and/or service to the profession and the association.

Many of you have probably met or know Dave if you live in the north. Dave is a Research Silviculturist for the BC Forest Service in Smithers, where he has resided with his wife Sybille Haeussler and daughters Andrea and Sonja, for 28 years.

Dave has dedicated his working life to the study of northern forests in BC and Canada. In the last few years he has become very concerned about the potential implications of salvage strategies in MPB damaged forests. Dave has raised the level of awareness to both the public and foresters, and has taken on a leadership role to identify silviculture strategies that can mitigate mid-term timber supply.

As an adjunct professor at UBC, whereby he is an advisor for several graduate students, Dr. Coates has devoted much effort to mentoring young foresters and ecologists while continuing to hire summer students through the lean years.

Locally, he has been instrumental in the development and promotion of the Bulkley Valley Centre for Natural Resources Research and Management, a registered non-profit society in Smithers that conducts high quality interdisciplinary research.

Although Dave has contributed to several areas of forest management earlier in his career, more recently he has devoted his research to focusing on linking empirical study with model development. He is a lead developer of the individual tree, complex stand dynamics simulator, SORTIE-ND. This model will assist in understanding the contribution that secondary structure will make to mid-term timber supply.

Dave joins the ranks of foresters like John Revel who was the first person to win the award back in 1988. John was also a BC Forest Service employee for most of his working career. Another BC Forest Service employee, the late Patrick Wadey, was honoured last year.

BC Forest Service professionals are making important contributions to the profession. Let's make sure that we continue to recognize them!

Top

Jeff Leahy Honoured with ABCFP Jim Rodney Memorial Volunteer of the Year Award Recipient

Jeff Leahy, RPF, Operations Manager, Kamloops Forest District, was awarded the Jim Rodney Memorial Volunteer of the Year Award at the 2007 ABCFP AGM in Harrison Hot Springs. Jeff received this award as a result of a nomination by colleagues, Forest Service and industry, for his work in helping members to achieve a successful result in the registration exams over the last 2 years.

Jeff has both a Forestry Diploma from the College of New Caledonia and a Bachelor of Science Honours degree in Forestry from Lakehead University and became an RPF in British Columbia in 1990. Since then, Jeff has worked in various locations in British Columbia in capacities such as Planning Officer/Forester in Grand Forks, Silviculture Forester in Nelson, Inventory Forester in both Nelson and Smithers. He also spent time in Ontario as a Senior Competency Analyst.

One of his significant achievements in this position was the development and launching of the Provincial Forester Internship Program. During his time in Ontario Jeff was recognized for his achievement as the recipient of the 2004 Ministry of Natural Resources P.R.I.D.E Partnership Award.

Over the past 2 years, Jeff has worked diligently in a volunteer capacity to assist foresters in training and technicians in the Kamloops area attain their professional designation. Jeff set up a study group, provided materials, found instructors and developed and marked practice exams. As well as providing this structure for study Jeff targeted specific individuals for additional help. Jeff's primary objective for his "students" was to instill in them a sense of self-confidence by having the study group "teach themselves" through facilitated discussion. Jeff's unfailing dedication to this group of ABCFP members was his number one priority, all the while juggling family and work commitments.

Jeff is a great asset to both the Forest Service and the ABCFP.

Top

TSLT Bids Farewell to Ken and Brian

At its February meeting, the Timber Sales Leadership Team (TSLT) of BC Timber Sales extended best wishes to Ken Matthews and Brian Foote for their retirement at the end of March. On behalf of the TSLT, Mike Falkiner presented Ken and Brian with a beautiful hand-crafted wood inlay Forest Service oval as an expression of appreciation for their combined service of almost 70 years to the ministry and people of British Columbia. Over dinner, they were saluted for their many contributions in remarks by other TSLT members, colleagues from the Coast Forest Region and former colleagues now in the Ministry of Agriculture and Lands.

Two qualities—integrity and credibility—have characterized these two people in their dealings with others and their approach to work throughout their careers with the Forest Service. They are held in high regard by their colleagues and it is not surprising that over the years people have looked for opportunities to work with them.

Prior to retirement, Ken was the Manager of Forest Safety Initiatives for BCTS and Brian served as Timber Sales Manager in Williams Lake. Brian spent much of his career with the Forest Service in the interior of the province, while most of Ken's career was spent in coastal operations of the ministry. Both look forward to having more time to pursue their interest in golf. Ken has a number of other 'irons in the fire' and Brian looks forward to rolling down the highway in his new recreational vehicle.

The Forest Service oval was crafted by Jim Barker using eight B.C. wood species. For more information, visit Jim's website http://www.barkermanufacturing.com/.

Top

FS Oval

Curling Kudos!

The traditions of the late medieval game of curling are being well taken care of by Ken Brahniuk, Operations Manager in the Central Cariboo Forest District. Ken's team won the northern interior inter-zone competition to qualify for the Senior Men's Provincial Curling Championship in Maple Ridge (Golden Ears Curling Club) from February 20 to 24.

To qualify for the provincial championship, Ken's team won the first game (in an extra end) in the northern interior inter-zone, lost their second match and then reeled off five straight wins. The team didn't fare as well at the provincial tournament with a record of 2-5, but they were competitive in all their games and Ken curled very well making many key shots.

Ken will likely have a bit more time to pursue his interest in curling when he retires from the Forest Service on March 31, 2007, after 34 years of service.

Top

4th Annual Dan LeClerc Memorial
B.C. Forest Service Hockey Tournament & Funspiel

Submitted by: Mark Taylor, Headwaters Forest District
on behalf of the Tournament Organizing Committee

This years event was another roaring success with the participation of 4 Women's Hockey Teams, 4 Men's Hockey Teams and a 12 Team Curling Funspiel.

As usual, the events were enjoyed by all and our emphasis for FUN and camaraderie, both on and off the ice, was very successful!

Women 1st Place - Quesnel Gals

The Women's Hockey Tournament Champions Trophy, Flowers & Pucks, was presented to the Quesnel Gals.

With a (hard fought?) win over the Clearwater McGuyvers team in the final, the Men's Hockey Tournament Champions Trophies & Pucks were eventually (and reluctantly) presented to the boys from D. F.O.

Now, the good part

When the dust settled from the packed dance floor of the Wells Gray Pub on Saturday night and we dragged ourselves back to the office on Monday morning, we had been successful in raising $900.00, which has been contributed to the following individuals and local groups:

- $200.00 toward the Educational Trust Fund of Matthew and Derrick LeClerc (in Dan's memory);
- $200.00 toward the Trust Fund of Candace Pelton's and Keith Graffunder's, children, Jackson and Isabella (in Keith's memory); as well as;
- $300.00 to the Wells Gray Curling Club; and
- $100.00 each to the Clearwater Minor Hockey Association and the Clearwater Minor Curling Group.

The Organizing Committee of the Headwaters Forest District have accepted the offer to host the 5th Annual D.L.M. Hockey Tournament and Curling Funspiel from Thursday February 14th through Saturday February 16th, 2008!

Take very important note of the start date—Valentines Day 2008!

** We recommend that all those who plan on attending in 2008 may want to shower their significant other with gifts and celebrate "V" Day prior to the 14th of February, in order to eliminate or reduce the risk of sleeping in the doghouse after next years event. (Ladies, this applies to you as well!)

The invitation to our 2008 festivities is also extended to our entire Forest Service family and other B.C. Government ministries from all over the province.

Thanks again and again to all the participants for making this event a great success and we look forward to having each and everyone of them back to Clearwater next February.

Men's 1st Place - Boys from DFO

I'm proud to say that the Headwaters District Staff pulled out all the stops while businesses and groups from Montreal to Clearwater and everywhere in between showered us with support and donations in order to put on a great event that far exceeded our expectations.

Note: Additional Hockey Tournament Team photos can be requested by contacting mark.d.taylor@gov.bc.ca

Top

Run, Walk, Crawl to Work Summer Solstice Event

Submitted by:
Richard Dominy, Planning Forester
BC Timber Sales, Prince George

The 9th Annual Run, Walk, Crawl to Work fun event is being planned. Let's look forward to increased participation in 2007—remember June 21st is the day—it is summer solstice!

This event was started by the Invermere Forest District 9 years ago and has grown to a provincial event. Many of us have participated in this event over the last number of years and are keying up to have a strong turnout around the province this year.

Thank you to all district, regional and branch offices who participated in the Annual event held last June.

The intent of this event is to get out and "Participate!" Be creative and above all have FUN!!

This link tracks last year's results http://gww.for.gov.bc.ca/dpg/Health/provchallenge.htm.

All offices have a similar chance of winning at the "most staff participation" levels as it is based on the number of FTE's at each site.

This year it would be great to have full representation from all members of the Forest Service family. In order to do this, I would like to develop a list of contacts from each office location (district, TSO, region, branch and so on). Can you please provide at least one contact for this event at each location that will form the main information conduit for passing updates on to staff at each location? Please forward your contact name(s) directly to Richard.Dominy@gov.bc.ca.

Looking forward to a fun corporate challenge—June 21st!

Top

2007 Provincial Bonspiel Results

This year's Provincial Bonspiel was another great weekend of fun and camaraderie, with lots of good old fashioned curling thrown in. A total of 28 teams participated, a significant increase over last year's 22 teams. Teams came from across the province, with the Coast Region and Victoria especially well represented by folks like Jim Langridge, Larry Pedersen, Darrell Robb, Trish Balcaen, Rose Conlin, Len Leroux and Dawna Harden.

The winner of the Poster Contest - 'Herbie and the Lovebugs!' - Herb Noren, Betty Corbin-Charmin, Alex Maas, and Susan Ladouceur. While they didn't win a game, they had a great time (until 6:30 am Sunday morning for some) and came away as winner of the poster contest.

All participants received a prize, regardless of curling prowess. Darlene Gardner from Quesnel won the raffle for a $100 voucher for the Provincial Golf Tournament.

This year's winners were:

- A Pool - Andre Germain, John Sutton, Jim Pietila, Linda Pietila
- B Pool - Kevin Bertram, Phil O'Connor, Jerry Mooney, Kim Newstead
- C Pool - Terri Gieselman, Jerry Vaughn, Dave Jones, Ruth Jones

To see the detailed results and picture, check the website http://gww.for.gov.bc.ca/dos/

Mark your calendars for the 2008 Bonspiel from March 7 to 9 and start planning now for a fun-filled weekend in Chase! The target is for 32 teams!!

A event winners

B Event Winners

C Event Winners

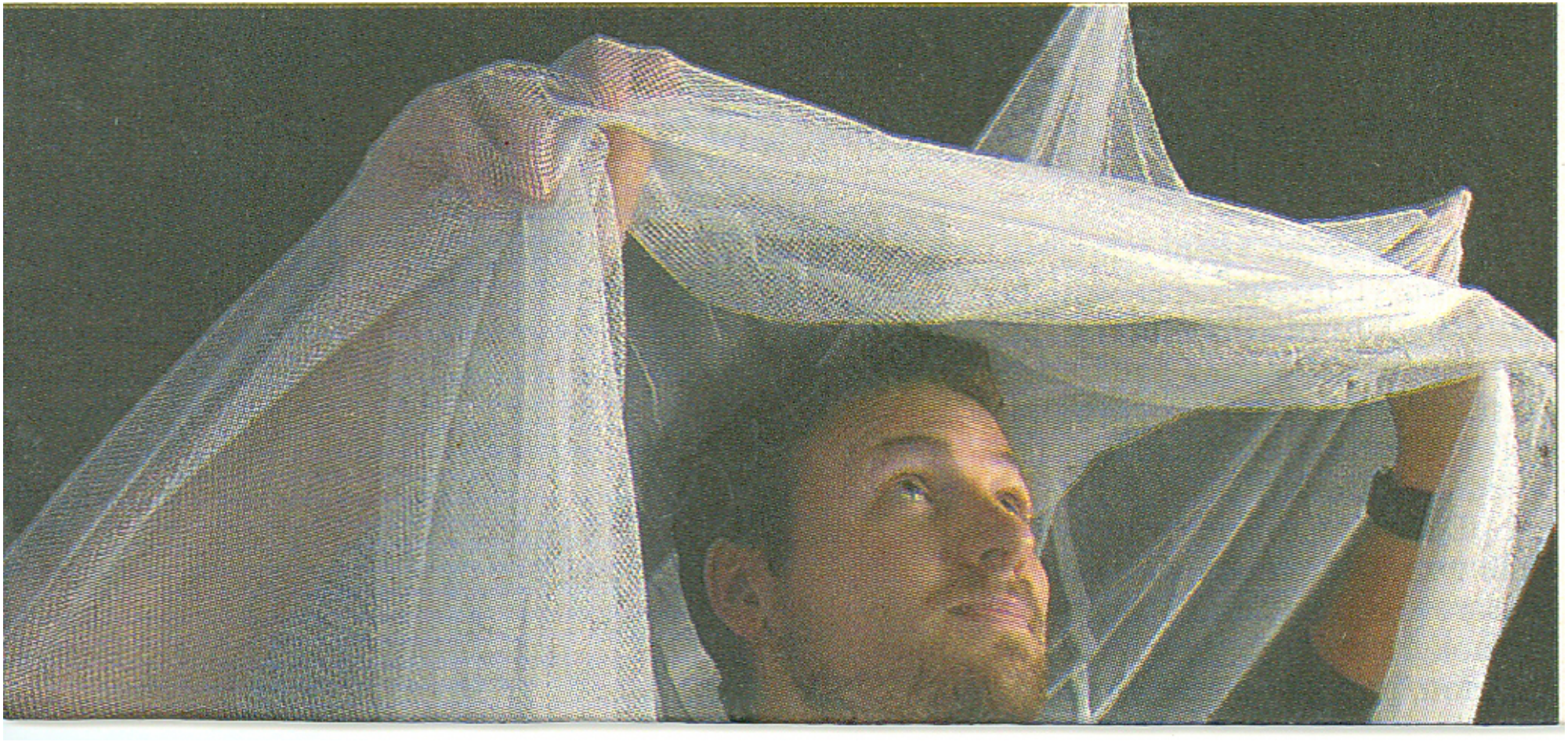
Top

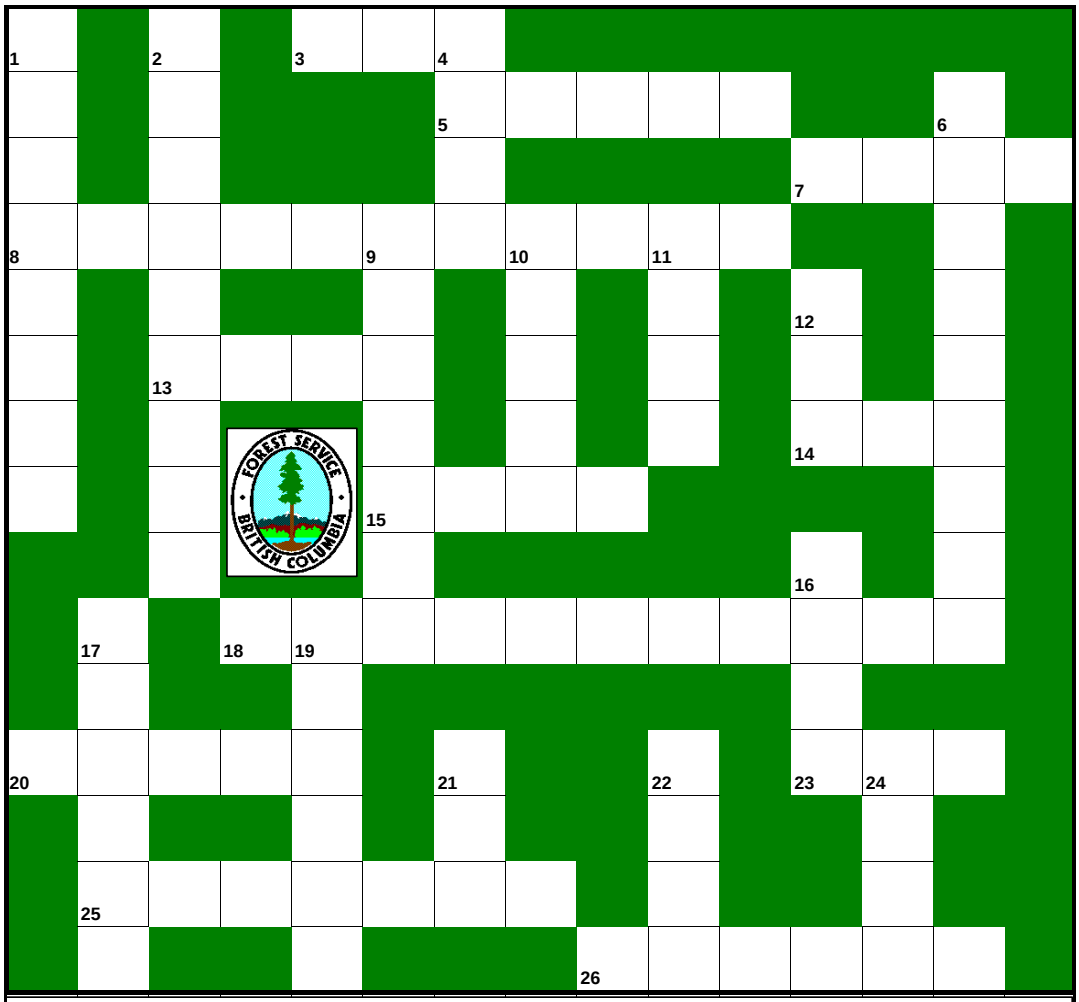
Made you read the entire newsletter—just to get to the crossword answers...

© British Columbia Forest Service, 2007 | Volume 4 Issue 2

Feedback

You are visitor # 21





ACROSS

3. Visual Quality Objective
5. Log Quality or School Level
7. Before Forest Tenure Administration (acronym)
8. Forest measurement
13. Corner Gas's Brent or bottom of tree
14. Knightly forest region (acronym)
15. Current appraisal system (acronym)
18. Not a wet place to scale (3 words)
20. 1950's Royal Commissioner and Forest Act*or*
23. Not so Fab Four Epidemic (acronym)
25. To haul uphill
26. He who cuts down trees

DOWN

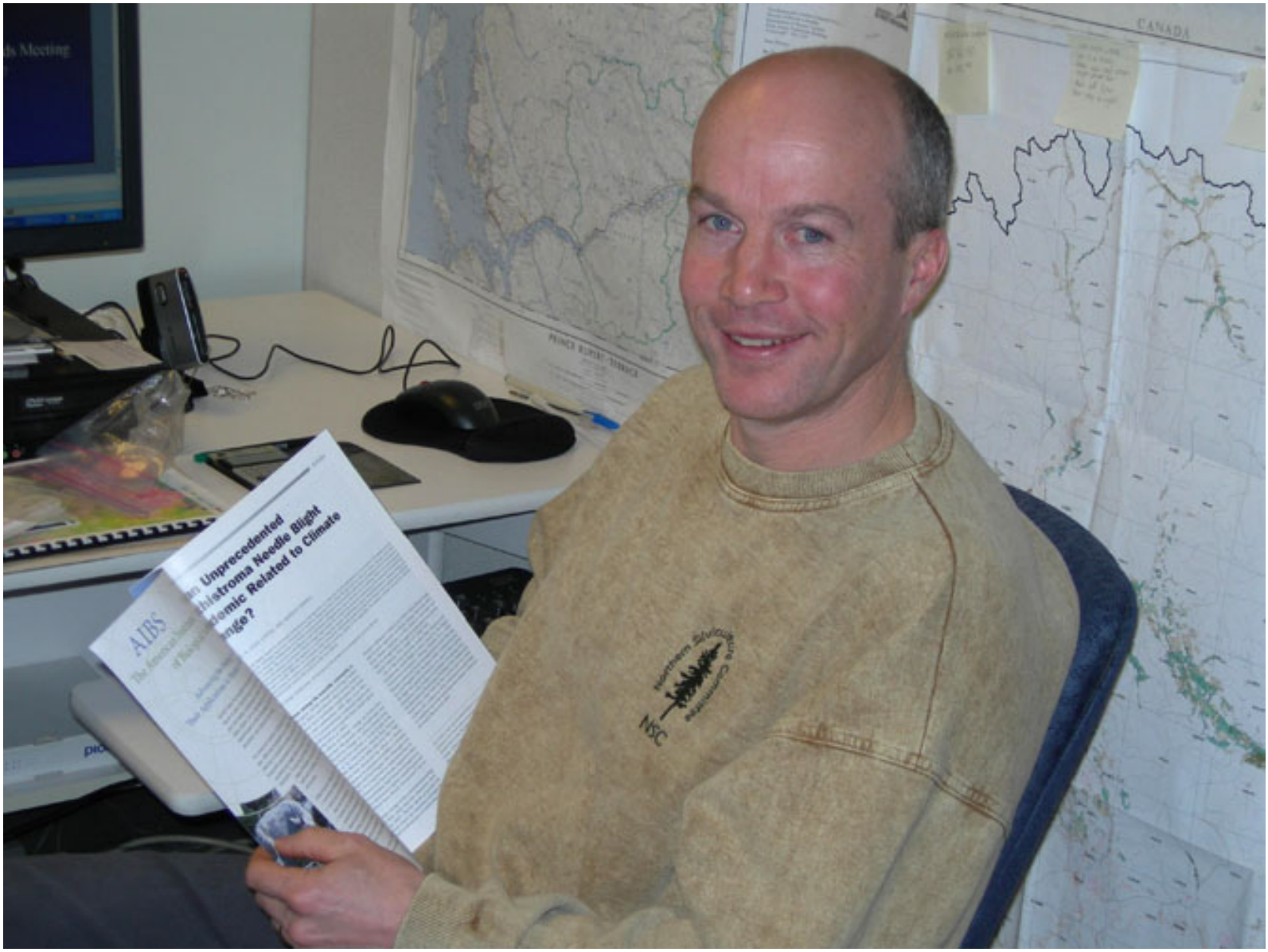
1. "How does it rate?"($$$)
2. "Disneyesque" District Manager
4. Spatial result of a LUP (acronym)
6.Tugs tow logs this way (2 words)
9. Early appraisal system
10. Latin for cedar
11. FS geometric shape (pictured)
12. Not CVP (acronym)
16. Loud noise or 6 DOWN
17. Abies
19. "Texas" position from the past
21. Revenue retriever (acronym)
22. Latest law (acronym)
24. "Denim" tree

The Forest Service Crossword Puzzle

All answers have a forestry theme and include many acronyms used by the FS.

HEYWOOD

CISM


Unprecedented
Needle Blight
Related to Climate

Trudy Perrin, Bonnie Beaman, Audrey Alaric,
Nina Barber, RosaAnne Howell and Pat Boyd

Chris Butson
Xiaoping Yuan
Ann Morrison

Front: Carol Sawchuk (NSDP) and Bernie Mattie
Middle (left-right): Sandi Hiemstra, Ronda Cunningham, Erin Havard, Laura Taylor. Back (left-right): Barry Smith, Alex Woods, Bob Shiach, Brad Lingard and Jane Lloyd-Smith
FOREST
2007.02.07 14:14

A proud Tradition of
Service Since 1912
People
Our Values

Harrison Hot Sprin s
RESORT & SPA

Bob Craven
Jeff Leahy
2006
Jim Rodney Memorial
Volunteer of the Year
Presented to
Jeffrey K. Leahy, RPF
for helping dozens of new members
pass their ABCFP registration exams.

FOREST SERVICE
BRITISH COLUMBIA

FOREST SERVICE
BRITISH COLUMBIA

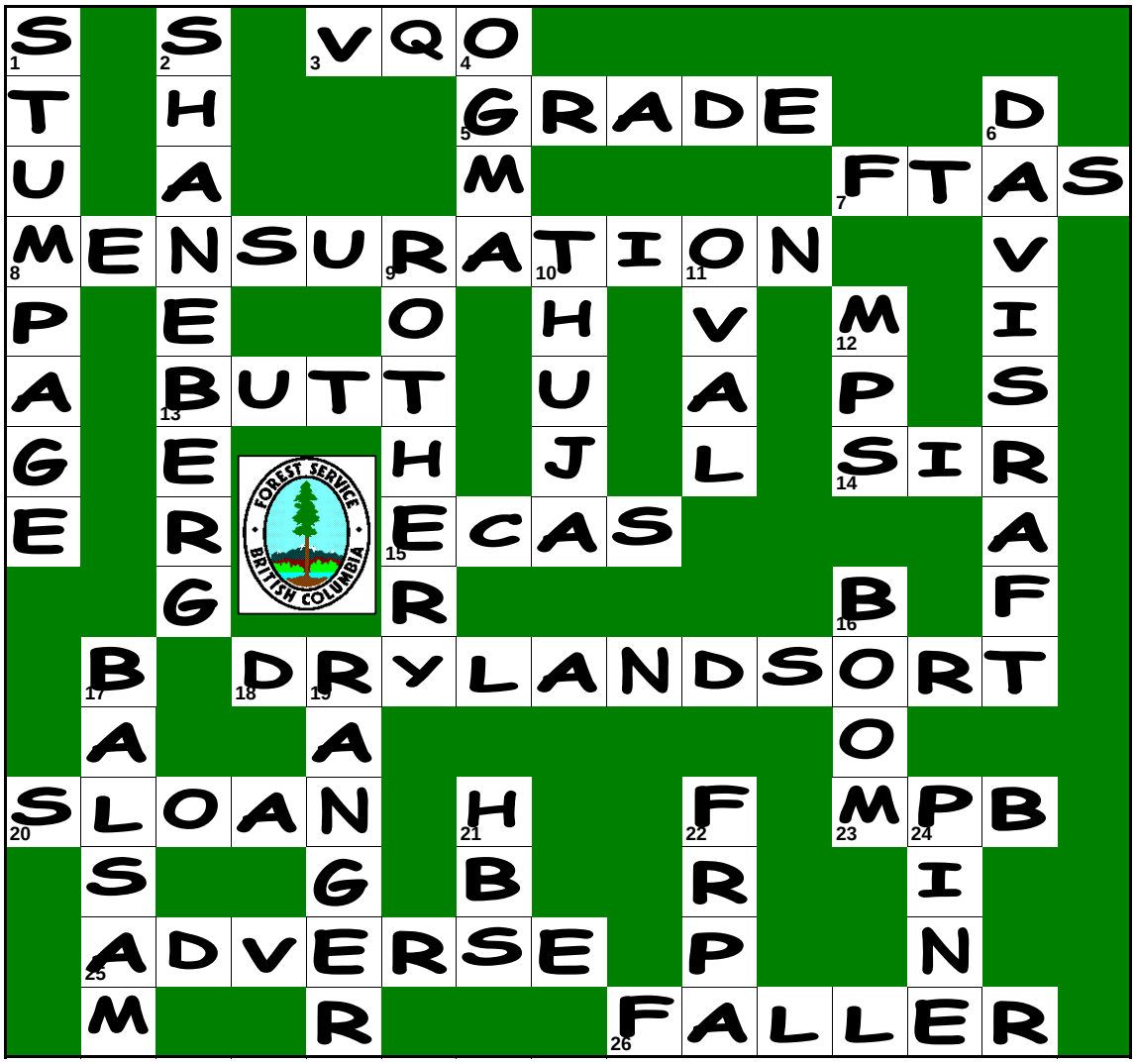
Left to Right: Don Miller (skip), Ken Brahniuk (third), Ron Bisaro (second) and Brian McNaughton (lead)
PROVINCIAL
SENIOR MEN 2007

INTO PLAYERS BENCH
BAUER

EQUIPMENT
674-0017
The Times of your life!
Wage Subsidy Centre
AUTOGAS PROPANE
COMMERCIAL • RESIDENTIAL
KAMLOOPS
ACE
OVERHEAD DOORS
578-0388
KAMLOOPS, B.C.
PEPPY'S CAFE
674-0145
FOREST SERVICE
BRITISH COLUMBIA
DUNCAN CHALLENGE CUP
EASTON
BAUER
HESPELER

EXIT

EXIT


FOREST SERVICE
BRITISH COLUMBIA