Bronson, Weyrick, O’Shea, Borman Honored

Joel “Jody” B. Bronson, Richard Weyrick, Tom O’Shea, and Fred Borman, recent past NE SAF Treasurer extraordinaire, received awards at the Winter Meeting in Manchester last week.

The Austin Carey Practicing Professional Award went to Jody Bronson. Jody has carved his forestry career from the venerable Great Mountain Forest, of Norfolk, Connecticut. He came to Great Mountain Forest in 1976 as a seasonal student forester and mastered the essential tools of forest management, from dibble and saw to skidder and sawmill. Under the guidance of Darrell Russ, Bronson emerged to become GMF’s Forest Manager. Today he is as likely to be supervising forestry interns or preparing silvicultural plans as tending his 1600 maple taps or producing firewood. He is also forester of the Great Mountain Forest Corporation and assists with numerous research studies on the forest. He is an instructor for the Coverts landowner education project run by senior extension educator Steve Broderick. Bronson is also a tree farm inspector, and he serves on his local planning & zoning commission and school and church boards.

Integrity Award to George Darey

The public record of George Darey’s commitment to conservation in adverse circumstances began in 1968, when he became a charter member of the Lenox, Massachusetts conservation commission. Soon after, he was elected Selectman. He lead the effort to develop wetlands protection laws and opposed a local highway bypass that would have fragmented significant forest and wetlands in the Berkshires.

Darey is best known for his tireless work on behalf of the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife. He has chaired the state fisheries and wildlife board since 1982 and steadfastly led initiatives to preserve open space and provide sustained yield management of state forests while promoting biodiversity. He won support for a hunting and fishing surcharge to fund open space acquisition and encouraged the Division to effectively prioritize land purchases. Darey’s appointments to the board have come from three governors, representing both political parties.

Building coalitions from diverse groups, Darey helped forge a settlement in the PCB clean-up of the

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Letters

I am writing to express my concern about one item in the January 2002 NESAF News Quarterly. I found some of the language in Ray Toolan’s report from the Green Mountain Division regarding the debate over the State of Vermont’s West Mountain property to be inappropriate. The sentence in question reads:

"On the one hand are the so-called 'environmentalists' who are pushing to keep it as a 'preserve' and roadless."

The use of the phrase "so-called" and the use of quotes around "environmentalists" and "preserves" are not-so-subtle ways to belittle both the groups advocating for the reserve and the concept itself without coming out and stating a direct opinion. I can imagine how Mr. Toolan would react if I wrote something about "so-called 'foresters' who 'manage' commercial timber lands."

Ecological reserves are not a plot by fringe groups out to destroy the American way of life. They are a legitimate and necessary land use recommended by the Northern Forest Lands Council and an established part of public policy across the region. They have the support not only of conservation groups but the great majority of scientists and a broad segment of the public. The easement on the West Mountain tract requires parts of the property to be managed as a reserve. The proposal by the conservation community was our input to a public policy process based on our interpretation of the language in the easement. It also did not cover the entire tract, as Mr. Toolan implies.

The national SAF leadership has made a call to end the "cold war" between foresters and environmentalists (see for example John Heissenbuttel’s commentary in the February 2001 Journal of Forestry). While it is true that some environmental groups have contributed to the public's negative impression of timber harvesting, in general there is considerable common ground between the goals of professional foresters and responsible conservation organizations. Mr. Toolan’s language unfortunately heightens rather than lessens these divisions and does nothing to advance the common goals of both groups.

If you wish to make space in the newsletter for editorials it would be proper for Mr. Toolan to express his views in such a forum. However, this type of back-door innuendo has no place in what is supposed to be an objective news report, and I hope you will discourage this type of language in future news items.

Other than that, the newsletter continues to be an informative and worthwhile use of wood fiber - keep up the good work.

David Publicover, AMC, Gorham, NH

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Our mission as foresters is to be responsible stewards of the earth’s forests while meeting society’s vital needs. The challenge of our mission lies in keeping forest ecosystems healthy and intact while concurrently drawing on their resources. We will meet this challenge by carefully monitoring and managing the effects of natural and human forces on the forest. Our decisions will be guided by our professional knowledge, our compassion for all living things, our desire to improve citizens’ lives, and our respect and concern for the entire forest ecosystem. By advancing forestry science, education, technology, and the practice of forestry, NE SAF will provide the leadership to achieve its mission.
Two attributes, in particular, qualify the indefatigable Fred Borman III for the James W. Touney Outstanding Achievement in Service Award. First is Borman’s ever-upraised hand, always signifying his willingness to volunteer for another responsibility in support of professional forestry. Usually, he volunteers for whatever task requires the most commitment and offers the least recognition. He has held every office in the Yankee Division of SAF, served as Treasurer and Connecticut representative for the New England SAF, and three times chaired the annual meeting registration committee. He also co-chaired a committee for a national SAF meeting and helped organize the Connecticut chapter of SAF. The second Borman trademark is the poise he brings to his work. Whatever the situation, Borman is competent, cheerful, understanding, and a joy to work with. Borman is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts. He is a former Connwood and Connecticut DEP field forester. He is currently Supervisor of the DEP Forestry Private and Municipal Lands program and a member of the inter-state fire crew.

Richard Weyrick, recipient of the Ernest M. Gould Jr. Technology Transfer Award, has been an influential member of the University of New Hampshire faculty since his arrival in 1964. For nearly 40 years, UNH foresters have embarked on their careers with a love of forestry fueled by Professor Weyrick. A dedicated teacher, he has worked to assure his students the best possible education. He led the forestry department through challenging accreditation issues and took on additional teaching responsibilities when a vacancy left the department short-handed. Weyrick was active in the development of New Hampshire’s current use law, an effort that began in 1971 and continues today. He has served on the board of trustees of the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests and on town committees and commissions, and is active in his church. Weyrick has been a member of SAF since 1964 and has served on the Granite State Division executive committee and as a national convention committee chair. He is a graduate of the University of Minnesota.

Tom O’Shea, recipient of the Molly H. Beattie Young Forester Leadership Award, demonstrates his dedication to the practice of forestry through his work for the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife. Since 1998, he has been project manager for a 320,000-acre land cover mapping initiative. His leadership ability and commitment were key to resolving numerous technical chal-
O'Shea conducts forest inventory, planning, timber marking, and timber harvesting administration. He serves on inter-agency committees, gives public presentations, and prepares contracts for professional services. O'Shea is also active in the Society of American Foresters, currently serving as Vice-Chair of the New England SAF. He is a graduate of the University of Maine and holds a M.F. degree from Yale University's School of Forestry and Environmental Studies.

DeCoster Opens 2002 Meeting

Long-time NE SAF affiliate Lester Decoster opened the 2002 Winter Meeting with his address, "Forest Fragmentation: A Piece of Woods." Decoster challenged our societal conflict between lifestyle and fragmentation lamentations with this classic Decoster doggerel:

Give me a home
Where Jeep Cherokees roam
And the Starbucks are open all day.
Where we full up the woods
With our houses and goods
And, deep down, we like it that way!

(Decoster)

He assessed the fragmentation issue by raising four key issues: 1) We are emotional but not necessarily consistent in our views on forest fragmentation. 2) Even where populations are static our lifestyle is gobbling up more land as we satisfy our lust for bigger house lots, malls and second homes. 3) The "bow wave" of economic, legal and social pressures that forms as development thrusts into the forest discourages forestry and farming long before the land actually becomes fragmented and developed and 4) We must work to change policies but learn to manage the inevitable. Foresters need to build strong coalitions and continually act for economically sustainable forests. Finally, we need to learn to work with smaller parcels of land if we wish to assist the millions of people with increasingly fragmented parcels.

DeCoster was joined on the keynote panel by Walt Cudnohufsky, a land use planner and champion of high density development, Jeff Porter, of the NH SW Planning Commission and J. Tobey Wright, of the Forest Landowners' Association. Cudnohufsky and Porter discussed ways of accommodating growth while preserving larger open spaces. Wright brought a contrarian view to the fragmentation debate, arguing that owners of smaller parcels are more likely to be good stewards of their ownships.

The Yankee Chapter, host of the 2003 NESAF Winter Meeting, is inviting us to meet in Quebec City two years from now. Bob Ricard, promoter extraordinaire and the moving force behind the Pinchot Memorial, advanced the proposal with a classy computer presentation at Manchester. If you have questions or an opinion, contact Bob at rricard@canr.cag.uconn.edu.
Winter Meeting...reprise!

Granite State Chair Steve Najjar welcomes his New England colleagues.

Keynote Panel: J. Tobey Wright, Walt Cudnehufsky, Lester DeCoster and Jeff Porter

Bob Edmonds, NESAF Chair (L) and Bill Banzhaf, SAF President (R) with Fellows Leo Lalipriere, Carl Van Husen and Charlie Levesque.

Finally... a chance to get outside!

NESA Chair Bob Edmonds & Gary Salmon.

What Canary?

The Frozen Foresters at their 5th Annual NESAF Hockey game.

Charlie Niebling & Don Quigley.

Susan "Vanessa" Francher does the door prize gig.

Visiting at the poster session.
NH Issues Report on Markets for Low-Grade Wood, Biomass
By Eric Kingsley and Mark Lennon

The New Hampshire Department of Resources & Economic Development recently released the third in a series of reports on markets for low-grade wood, Identifying and Implementing Alternatives to Sustain the Wood-Fired Electricity Generating Industry in New Hampshire. This report takes an in depth look at biomass power in New Hampshire, and examines the economic and environmental impacts of this market.

It is estimated that NH’s six operating wood-fired power plants, which provide a market for roughly 1.4 million tons of wood annually, have an annual economic impact of $96 million. The facilities generate power using renewable sources, and when purchasing from sustainably managed woodlands do not contribute to the buildup of greenhouse gases.

The report also details the cost of operation of a wood-fired power plant, and compares this to electricity prices in the Northeast. Absent public policy intervention, this analysis makes clear that New Hampshire’s wood-fired electricity plants will not operate much longer. The report discusses the strengths and weaknesses of a variety of policies that could be implemented to encourage continued operation of the biomass power facilities and the market for low-grade wood that they represent.

Markets for low-grade wood are important to the sustainable management of the state’s forests, the conservation of open space, continued success of the state’s sawmill industry, and the profitability of landowners and loggers. The report examines these benefits in detail, demonstrating their benefit to the industry and the state.

This report is part of a series, developed by Innovative Natural Resource Solutions LLC and Draper / Lennon, Inc., that examines potential and existing markets for low-grade wood. A summary of these reports, as well as the full reports, can be found at the NH Division of Forest & Lands website, www.nhdfi.com.

White Mountain National Forest Supervisor Named

Acting Regional Forester Don Meyer recently named Tom Wagner Forest Supervisor of the White Mountain National Forest. Meyer said, "I'm confident that Tom will help the Forest continue its proud tradition of working with people to care for the land and the natural resources it supports."

Tom is currently the Deputy Forest Supervisor of the Superior National Forest. After graduating from Rutgers University with a BS in Forest Management, Tom received his career appointment in 1980 as a trainee forester on the Targhee National Forest. His Forest Service experience includes District Ranger assignments at the Bitterroot National Forest in MT, Acting Forest Supervisor at the Kootenai National Forest in Libby, MT, and here on the White Mountain National Forest.

Current Acting Supervisor George Pozzuto said, "During Tom's detail last year we learned that he will be a good fit in New England.... We're excited to know he's coming back."

International Year of Mountains – Mervin Stevens

Throughout the world 2002 is being celebrated as the International Year of Mountains. The 82nd annual NESAF meeting concentrated on Forestry in the Fragmentation Puzzle. Worldwide, mountain areas face increasing marginalization, economic decline and environmental degradation. Much of the forests we manage are within mountain ecosystems that are of critical importance as water stores and characterized by a rich but often fragile biological diversity. NESAF members are encouraged to follow through with the Fragmentation Puzzle by learning more about IYM. Log onto www.mountains2002.org.

Our New Look

You will notice our new printing stock for the News Quarterly. The stock we have been using has been discontinued. All similar stocks are more expensive by 40% or more. Our new stock was chosen from those available at the price to which we had become accustomed.—Ed.
The Maine Division received notice that it has been awarded a $500 Foresters' Fund Grant for the Maine SAF Poster Contest. Stiff competition and requests totaling over $20,000 precluded full funding of the initial grant request.

Tony Filauro, Communications Chair, reports that the MESAF Communications Committee has contacted all the major news media in the state to let them know we are a source of forestry information. To-date, meetings with editorial staff and various MESAF members have taken place with four dailies, one statewide weekly newspaper and a television news team. Many of these news organizations cover environmental and forestry issues on a regular basis. Besides meeting face-to-face with the news leaders, Tony also reminds members that letters to the editor and op-ed pages are also very effective tools to reach the public and should be often utilized by our members.

MESAF will hold its annual day-long, Spring Field Session, Thursday, May 23, 2002 entitled, Is It Worth It? We will visit forest management sites in young natural stands showing the results from the use of pre-commercial thinning and vegetation management (herbicides). All are welcome. MESAF members will be sent a flyer on the meeting, others wanting information, please contact Laura Audibert, MESAF Division Manager, 11 Leopold Street, Fort Kent, ME 04743 or e-mail la4568@mail.sjv.net

MESAF Winter Meeting December 12, 2002, Old Town.

The Granite State Division held its 50th anniversary winter meeting on Feb. 15 with 150 attending. The morning was devoted to status reports on major NH forest resource programs:

- NH PLT is helping to organize the national "Take A Walk In The Forest" day Oct. 18.
- The NH forester licensing board has evaluated 337 educational activities for CEU's. "Qualifying experience" rules have been revised, and they are considering reciprocity with Maine.
- White Mountain National Forest local planning groups have finished meeting. There are 9 timber sales with a total volume of 18 mmbf being planned. They are proceeding with the 2 that have not been appealed.
- The WMNF is building a "Discovery Trail" highlighting a variety of timber harvest demonstration areas. The SAF Foresters Fund granted $5,000 for this project.
- The Timber Harvesting Council has certified 700 loggers and truckers in the last 3 years.
- The NH legislature increased funding to the Div. of Forests & Lands and Coop. Ext. and funded the Land & Community Heritage Program with $12 mil. for 2 years. The IP lands purchase up north and a study committee looking at ATV regulation and trail access will be big in 2002. Water quality, access, water withdrawal, will be big.
- For the NH Timberland Owners Ass'n, the sale of the Berlin mills to a new owner and the loss of biomass electric facilities big issues. Two biomass plants have been bought out but will continue operating for 1 to 3 years.
- LCHIP Executive Director Rachel Rouillard reported that the new program has funded 29 projects with $3 mil. Second round funding has already pledged $2 mil. for the IP lands purchase, leaving $3 mil. remaining for 70 requested proposals.
- Ellen Snyder presented a slide show about the NH Ecoreserve Program. They have done pilot assessments on 8 sites.
- State Forester Phil Bryce reported that
since the 1980's, lumber production in NH has doubled, even though the number of mills has decreased to about 100.

- Representative and forester David Scanlan was recognized for his leadership in getting increased funding for the Div. of Forests and Lands and passage of the LCHIP program.

Ian Halm and Julie Renaud Evans were elected vice-chair and policy director, respectively. Swift Corwin received recognition for a job well done as the GSD chair for 2001. Don Winsor was recognized as the out-going Tree Farm Chair and Jeff Smith was welcomed as the new chair. Top Tree Farm inspectors were John Conde, John Ferguson (also 2001 North East region TF inspector of the year), Peter Pohl, Dave Kent, Ron Klemarczyk, John O'Brien, Phil Auger, and Charlie Moreno.

UNH student award winners were Wendy Roxroth, of the 4-year school, and Jennifer Weimer, of the Thompson school. Forester of the Year was Charlie Niebling. Ralph Arnold received the Graduate Forest Technician Achievement Award from the Thompson school.

The program concluded with NH wildlife issues. The NHF&G small grant program for wildlife habitat improvement has done 125 projects in 3 years. $70,000 is available this year. NHF&G is encouraging more hunting of bucks to help population recovery from 2001 snows. They also have a brochure discouraging deer feeding, as it does more harm than good.

John Kanter of the Non-Game and Endangered Wildlife Program noted that NH has 24 endangered species and 12 threatened species. The Natural Heritage Inventory is tracking 75 species of concern. UNH Coop. Ext. Wildlife Specialist Darrel Covell introduced the new publication "Identifying and Protecting NH's Significant Wildlife Habitat: A Guide for Towns and Conservation Groups", available for $14 from the Fish & Game office in Concord.

In other news, Jeff Eames, owner and operator of Eames Timber Harvesters, in Epsom, NH, was recognized by the Forest Resources Association (FRA) as the 2001 Northeast Outstanding Logger. Eames received his award at FRA's December Forestry Forum in Brewer, ME. He began his business early in the 1980s and quickly earned a reputation for quality operations. He was the NH Timberland Owners' Association Outstanding Logger in 1989 and in 1993 he was instrumental in founding the NH Timber Harvesting Council.

VERMONT Division

The Vermont Forest Resource Harvest report for 2000 has been released and it shows a small increase in volume over 1999, largely due to harvest in the first half of the year. The second half of 2000 witnessed a drop in harvest due to weather and price conditions.

All of the increase in harvest volume from 1999 was driven by an increase in pulpwood harvest, going from 303,335 cords in 1999 to 356,601 cords in 2000. There is much speculation that this may be the last heyday for pulpwood in Vermont. However, since VT supplies a relatively small proportion of pulpwood to neighboring states, it is hard to predict what total effect the effect of recent pulp mill closures will have on our harvest.

Log exports remained about level with the previous 3 years. Imports dropped by nearly one half, reflecting the Vermont mill consumption decline of nearly 50 million board feet in 2000. — Vt. News excerpted from VT Forest Exchange & Information Bulletin, January & March.

**Nominations Open for Vice-President and Fellow**

SAF is now accepting nominations for vice-president and Fellow. District VI does not elect a Councilor this year. Nominating materials for Fellow are due May 31 and for Vice-president on July 1. For nomination packets contact Barbara Weitzer, SAF, 5400 Grosvenor Lane, Bethesda, MD 20814-2198; (301) 897-8720, ext. 121; fax (301) 897-3690; weitzerb@safnet.org. All nominating petitions should be sent to Weitzer.

Vice-president nomination packets are available at http://www.safnet.org/members/vpcouinstruct.htm.

Fellow nomination packets are available at http://www.safnet.org/members/fellowinst.htm.
The Connecticut SAF Chapter held its Annual Winter Meeting on January 24, 2002. The speaker was Ms. Barbara A. Sarrantonio, J.D., Partner of the law firm of Murtha Cullina LLP. She discussed legal matters pertaining to rights-of-ways, conservation easements, and abandoned town roads.

Last fall the Yale-Myers Forest was audited by both the Forest Stewardship Council and the Sustainable Forestry Initiative. Mark Ashton, Director of the School Forests, reports that the school forests received the rare distinction of having both bodies grant certification without conditions. This is the first forest to have joint certification in Southern New England. Research at the forest will be the subject of their inaugural summer seminar series. A series of demonstration areas is being established at the forest. Additional information is available at http://www.yale.edu/schoolforest. In other news, two professors from the University of Washington have joined the faculty at Yale. Chadwick D. Oliver has replaced recently retired John C. Gordon as Pinchot Professor of Forestry. Dr. Oliver previously conducted research at the Yale-Myers and Harvard Forests. His specialty will be forest management. Ann Camp, also a Yale forestry graduate, will teach stand dynamics and fire ecology. She earned a Ph.D. at the University of Washington and performed fire ecology studies for the USDA-FS in central Washington.

**CANADA — Kim Lowell**

A new Quebec law will require that both the government and forest companies consult with the public before developing management strategies and plans for a given region. The new law recognizes the patrimonial character of public forest land and the collective, vested interest that society-at-large has in such land. The forest planning process will be more open to public scrutiny and the resulting plans will have to consider the multiple-use character of public forests.

A new small dimension lumber plant has opened in Saint-Félicien. The factory will produce laminated and glued structural pieces for use in the United States in the construction of mobile homes. Mr. Ghyslain Lamontagne, the developer of the product, believes his product will decrease the number one problem of wood manufacturers: wastage of approximately 15-30% of raw wood.

The Association of Wood Producers (AMBSQ) and the World Wildlife Federation (WWF) have joined forces to expand the net-
work of protected forest areas in Quebec. The surprising collaboration was undertaken using three themes to evaluate the conservation potential of a parcel of land: forest heterogeneity, ecological integrity, and conservation values. The parties also agreed that new conservation areas should minimize economic impacts on AMBSQ members. Both groups consider this merely the first step in a long-term process.

The Faculty of Forestry and Geomatics at Laval University has received a $27 million grant from the provincial government to support a pan-Canadian project in Wood Engineering. The project includes the University of British Columbia, the Quebec applied research group Forintek, and several private companies.

**Hornbeck Appointed Editor of the Northern Journal of Applied Forestry**

Jim Hornbeck, a long-time member of NESAF, was recently appointed to a 3-year term as Editor of the Northern Journal of Applied Forestry. Jim retired in February after a 40-year career as a researcher with the Northeastern Research Station and sees his appointment to Editor as "a nice way to stay involved with my many friends and colleagues in the forestry profession." Jim's goals as Editor include making sure the Northern Journal continues to contain timely, applied articles that address the spectrum of challenges facing today's managers. He hopes to make the Northern Journal more reader-friendly by encouraging submissions of short, timely articles. While the Northern Journal most often publishes longer, peer-reviewed articles, short field and computer notes are also welcome and provide a nice, quick way of getting information to practicing managers.

Jim is assisted by 16 Associate Editors who include NESAF members Mark Ducey, Jeff Gove, Laura Kenefic, Si Balch, Mariko Yamasaki, Jack Lutz, Paul Sendak, Alison Dibble, Fred Gliesing, and Amey Bailey.

Jim reminds all of us that the success of the Northern Journal depends upon submission of articles by SAF members and others. Guidelines for submitting a paper can be found inside the rear cover of the Northern Journal or by following links on www.safnet.org or by contacting Jim at jhornbeck@attbi.com or 603-868-5419.
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Diversity Dialogues
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I read with interest Michael Lester's commentary on diversity in the latest Forestry Source. Essentially it was a summary of a discussion he and I had several weeks ago at a SAF Council meeting in Washington where the discussion of diversity in SAF as a strategic objective was discussed at length.

The discussion of diversity or lack thereof in SAF has always been a source of irritation for me. Frankly, whenever it is pointed out that SAF is dominated by white males and does not reflect the make-up of US society, I find myself on the defensive. Invariably I saw statements about the profession's lack of diversity as pointing a finger at me (white males) for somehow maintaining an exclusionary environment where people of differing backgrounds, color, gender and cultures are not welcome.

I tell you all this because it was through discussions at Council and with Michael that I identified the source of my irritation - it helped me get over my defensive reaction to a statement of fact - the forestry profession is dominated by white males.... There I said it! Like others in this world I cannot help what color I am, my gender, my ethnicity or other aspects of myself that make up this package I call "me." Nor can I change the fact that I chose a profession that epitomizes my view of the natural world, which happened to be made of others like myself.

Increasing diversity in the long-term must remain a strategic objective of SAF. If the profession is not successful in attracting a diverse mix of students to fill the ranks of retiring boomers the profession will quickly become irrelevant, simply because it will be viewed as a holdover from the past. Unfortunately, the profession is faced with three fundamental strikes against it: 1) Forestry is neither a glamorous or financially lucrative field. 2) Many entry-level positions are located in rural areas of the country and 3) Culturally, forestry and the resource professions have not traditionally been viewed as attractive career paths for minorities or women. Not a particularly good recipe for attracting a wide spectrum of today's youth.

The first part of dealing with any "problem" is recognizing one exists. Which is precisely why I raise this topic. Understanding the situation and acknowledging there are cultural, economic and behavioral reasons for it, rather than assuming one is guilty of some "PC" faux pas, is the first step. Dealing with it by accepting its presence and doing your part to make the profession an inviting place for all to work, learn and participate in SAF, is the second, however, Solving it will certainly prove to be our biggest and perhaps intractable challenge, for doing so will mean altering our fundamental view of what a forester is, does and represents.

Membership
Despite the encouraging membership tally in February (see page 15), mailing labels for this issue of the News Quarterly number just 925, indicating that there are about 273 (23%) who have not paid their dues and will be purged. If you know any of these folks, speak to them!

NE SAF Business Meeting
At the annual business meeting in Manchester, members voted to raise NE SAF dues for the first time since 1986. The $5 increase will show up in our 2003 dues.

Members also sanctioned a contract with an outside party for administrative services as part of an effort to remove barriers to volunteer participation in NE SAF affairs. Contact:
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From the Chair — Bob Edmonds

Volunteering - It Feels Good

You've probably said it. "If I were getting paid for this, I'd quit." But you keep on with the volunteer project, the rewards going to your heart and spirit, not to your wallet. Like many of you, I pick up roadside trash. I do it not for a living. I'm not doing it to get good stuff nor have I've been sentenced to community service for spraying the name of a rock band on a roadway overpass. I do it frankly because it feels good to get out with others in town on a little collective community effort. Pay me for it and I'll quit. Let me volunteer and I'll be happy.

The Society of American Foresters has volunteer opportunities. You don't have to worry about all that check cashing and paperwork (unless you sign on as Treasurer) and you don't have to worry about sharing your rewards with the IRS. You can have your efforts go directly to the pleasure centers in your brain.

Please don't think that you have to be one of us gray haired people that remember when the last glacier receded. Jump in at any stage in your professional forestry career and make yourself available. Fresh-out-of-college foresters and mid-career people are needed to help guide SAF into the new challenges, philosophies and technologies of the future. A diversity of ages, genders and disciplines are necessary for an organization to be viable, consistent and relevant.

Chapters, Divisions and the NESAF multi-state organization have needs for people who are willing to give to our professional organization, which basically runs on grassroots volunteer power. Running for an office, joining a working group, helping at meetings, helping with content and technology on our web site, and working on committees are just some of the ways you can help. You may have ideas for projects and efforts that others haven't begun to think of yet.

Not all of the SAF volunteer opportunities are doing something within the SAF formal structure. It may be representing SAF by talking to schools, working on community forests, or writing articles to enhance the public's perception of forestry and foresters. It might be by inspiring forestry college students. It may be as simple as wearing one of those great SAF golf shirts when talking to a community group.

We have a wonderful profession. It's great only because of the people in it, what they believe in and what they practice. Others are contributing their efforts for the rest of us. You have the opportunity to do so also. Don't wait. Give me a call. Email me. Write me. Collar me at meetings. I will help find you a spot as a SAF volunteer. You can also ask any of the volunteers on the second page of this News Quarterly.

We welcome you to the family of SAF volunteers. You'll like it!

Policy Committee-Jonathan Woods

Your Policy committee continues to work on the development of position statements. Members will soon have the opportunity to review and comment on draft position statements via www.nesaf.org. Check the site for approved position statements and drafts. For more information contact:

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Working Groups-John Brissette

Working Group D (Management & Utilization) met for a planning session at the Annual Meeting in Manchester to discuss the group’s mission, activities and planning for a technical session at the 2003 at the 2003 Annual Meeting. Laura Kenefic was elected Chair and John Brissette Secretary.

If you wish to receive e-mail from this group and be on the mailing list, contact Laura at lkenefic@fs.fed.us or 207 581-2794.
In Memoriam

Michael M. Pochan, a retired Regional For­
ester for CT-DEP’s Division of Forestry, who energetically devoted more than 50 years to promotion of Connecticut forestry, died on February 21 at the age of 87. From Pennsylvania, he was a 1936 forestry graduate of Penn State, and became a member of the SAF in 1937. Following his graduation, he worked for the Otsego Forest Cooperative in upstate New York for several years. He served as a Captain in the Army Engineers in Europe during W.W. II. He and his wife, Nancy, then an Army nurse, were married in Normandy not long after D-Day. After the war, they came to Connecticut where he earned an MF from Yale in 1946. He split time between the Connecticut Forest and Park Association as Forester and Manager of Connwood Forestry Cooperative from 1946 to 1948. While at CFPA, he worked on building membership and get­ting individuals to manage their land. Then in 1948 he went on to manage Connwood on a full-time basis. In 1962 he joined the state forestry organization as a service forester. While at the for­mer State Park and Forest Com­mission, he helped many land­owners get their forest land class­ified under Public Act 490. He became an SAF Golden Member in 1987. He remained active fol­lowing retirement from the Divi­sion of Forestry. His activity included: for­estry consulting, serving as Secretary for the state Christmas Tree Growers Association, con­tinuing his involvement with the Connecticut Forest and Park Association, and land conserva­tion in the Town of Guilford. Among his many other good works he played a key role in restoring the rural Episcopal church in North Guilford to vigorous health. His wife, Nancy, three daughters, and four grandchildren sur­vive him. His passing leaves a void in many hearts; he was known and loved by many peo­ple. A memorial service was held on February 26, 2002, at St. John's Episcopal Church in North Guilford. Cards or letters may be di­rected to Mike’s wife, Nancy, at their home in North Guilford (820 West Street, Guilford, CT 06437-1003).

Dale S. Solomon, 62, passed away March 14, 2002, after a brief illness. He was born April 8, 1939, in Harmony, NJ, the son of the Late Frank J. and Viola (Bowers) Solomon.

Dale received a BS in Forestry from Pennsyl­vania State University, a MS from the Yale School of For­estry and a PhD from the University of Maine, Orono. He was employed for 40 years by the USDA Forest Service, where he served as research forester and senior scientist. For the past 13 years he served as project leader at the North­easter Station’s Durham, NH office. He was director and founder of the Forest Manage­ment Research Cooperative at UMO, and a professor of Forest Resources. Dale was re­cently elected a SAF Fellow.

An avid outdoorsman, he loved the woods, hunting and fishing. He also served as a Satur­day school superintendent and deacon at the Pilgrim Orthodox Presbyterian Church where he was a member.

Dale is survived by his wife of 42 years, Carol (Frazier) Solomon, three sons, a grandson, a

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You may obtain a chronological list of all evaluated programs that have taken place during the past three years by sending $1 cash (for postage and printing) to me at my office.

Jon Nute
UNH Cooperative Extension
468 Route 13, South Milford, NH 03055

New NESAF Members

NH
Christine Z. Cooke
Joseph F. Bachman
Albert S. Garlo
Patrick Kenney
Brian Reader

UNH
Ron W. Marchant
Kathleen B Utter

VT
Gary C. Sabourin

UVM
Ryan H. Morse
Kyle R. Perry
Helmut Werner
Lindsey E. Bona
Andrew M. Cross
John Paul Dell’Anno
Andrew David Jack
Ryan J. Kibbom
Carl A. Savage
Amanda J. Smith
Jane E. Stewart
Brett Walker
Jonathan White

ME
Francis T. Cuff
Mark E. Miller
David S. Scheidt

Yanke
Matthew Wood Southard
Amanda J. Locke

UMA
Daniel Belin

CT
Ryan M. Helgeson

David A Misavage
Jeffrey M. Snitkin
Kirsten J. Spainhower
Orrin E. Jones
Daniel A Peracchio

MA
John F. Robbins
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