



Atlantic Chapter holds Successful Fall AGM and ATCC in conjunction with the 9th Canadian Urban Forest Conference in Truro and a New ATCC champion has emerged



Our new Atlantic Tree Climbing Champion, Joey Peters with his wife Marianne and mother Marilyn. Joey will represent our chapter at the ITCC in Sydney Australia next summer

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On October 5 through October 8, 2010 The ISA-Atlantic chapter combined with the CUFC9 event at the Glengarry Best Western Inn in Truro, NS holding their AGM and

ATCC. The following is an excerpt from Halifax Chronicle Herald article

Tree climbers compete among Truro's branches Atlantic Canada's top arborists showcase skills

By MICHAEL GORMAN Truro Bureau
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An arborist safely lowers a mannequin to the ground after retrieving it from a branch in an event that simulates rescuing an injured person. (Michael Gorman / Truro Bureau)

TRURO — As Steve Munroe waits for his chance to climb a tree; it's easy to see that he's a man who loves his job. A resident of Fredericton, Munroe was one of 60 arborists from Atlantic Canada who gathered in the town last week for the International Society of Arboriculture Atlantic chapter's tree climbing championships, an event run in conjunction with the Canadian Urban Forest Conference. The event featured events such as rescuing an injured person from a tree, getting to the top of it

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as quickly as possible and navigating through the branches in a manner that would not place too much strain on the tree. All events required the use of an elaborate system of ropes, pulleys and harnesses.

Munroe said he's been involved with the industry ever since he graduated several years ago from the Nova Scotia Agricultural College. He's worked in the U.S. as well as Canada and is now glad to be working near his hometown of Saint John, N.B. He said the event is different from his day-to-day work because of its competitive nature.

"A lot of us are really good climbers, but some of us don't do really well under pressure," he said. "There's a time element to a lot of these events, but in real life you get the job done safely" without worrying about time.

The Canadian Urban Forest Conference focused on issues of planning and the significance of trees in towns and cities. It occurs every two years, usually in large cities. Truro, the smallest location to host the conference, landed the event because of its active urban forestry program. "They're a town of 12,000 with a full-time arborist," said Michael Rosen, president of Tree Canada. "It's kind of unusual and they really care about their trees."

Andrew Williams, Truro's arborist, said hosting the conference was a major success and real boost for the town, given its size. "To me, the fact that they even considered the Town of Truro as qualified to host the conference, that speaks extremely well of Truro's long history of urban forest management," he said.

In a town where tree carvings line many of the streets, Williams said tree management is an important issue for any municipality, no matter what size it is. Trees need to be viewed as "green infrastructure" and not an impediment to development because they provide a "lot of real tangible benefits," he said. As an example, he pointed to research that shows shade provided by trees can save up to \$75,000 in maintenance costs over the lifespan of a pavement job "That's real dollars. That's real benefit to any community," he said.

Munroe said he's seen a big change towards the way people factor trees into their planning, such as planting them in a way that won't interfere with power and telephone lines. As he prepared to strap in to his harness and retrieve a mannequin from a branch, Munroe's inner child was beaming. "I get paid to climb trees all day," he said. "How fun is that?"(mgorman@herald.ca)

Highlights from Truro ATCC



Early morning instructions



Ben Perry & "General" John Denovan



Josh Rainforth to the rescue



Tom & Cris tabulating the results



Judges, Patrick & Tyler



Our prez, Dan gets his instructions



Trevor getting directions from Dwayne



Brian & Stan judging at the Throw-line



Joey, Dan & Marianne watching CTV filming



Dwayne shows how it's done

The ATCC Results & this years competitors

In the Master's Challenge it was a very tight competition with Joey Peters coming out on top. Last year's champion Trevor Burton in 2nd and 3rd place to a former champion, Keanen Jewett. Less than 3 points separated 1st and 2nd place! Joey will represent our chapter at the ITCC in Sydney Australia next summer

In this years competition there were 14 participants with three provinces represented including: Steve Munroe, Joey Peters, Josh Rainforth, Ritus Kian, Michael McGuigan, Keanen Jewett, Mark Laforest, Matt Richardson, Kurt

Laird, Dan Leblanc, Andrew Hayes, Ben Perry, Keith Hatto and Trevor Burton
The top 3 placements in each event were as follows;

Footlock - 1st -Dan LeBlanc
2nd -Keanen Jewett
3rd -Josh Rainforth

Speedclimb - 1st -Keanen Jewett
2nd - Trevor Burton
3rd - Ritus Kian

Throwline - 1st -Andrew Hayes
2nd -Keanen Jewett
3rd -Ritus Kian

Aerial Rescue - 1st -Trevor Burton
2nd -Keanen Jewett
3rd -Joey Peters

Work Climb - 1st -Trevor Burton
2nd -Keanen Jewett
3rd -Dan LeBlanc

Chairman John Denovan had a large group of judges and officials to assist in the day's events including heavyweights, Dwayne Neustaeter from Arboriculture Canada Training and Education Ltd., Gerard Fournier from Alberta and Jim Skiera, ISA International's Executive Director and our own Brian Phelan, newly minted ISA International Director



Brian Phelan and ISA International's Executive Director Jim Skiera conferring

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There were prizes galore and the chapter would like to acknowledge the following sponsors:

Our ATCC sponsors were:

-NB Power - TCC lunch, Cash Prizes from NS Power, Atlantic Arborists, Lucas Tree, Asplundh, Vermeer and the City of Fredericton Products/Hardware -Vermeer Canada - gift certificate, Stihl T-shirts for climbers + judges and Asplundh gift certificate,

Town of Truro -2 books, City of Moncton rope, pulley, handsaw and spreader, jackets
City of Halifax & City of Saint John - misc. gear/hardware
K+D Pratt - petal gear (Ben Perry)
B+H Wholesalers -clothing
Safety Landry –carabiners, B&H Wholesalers

Special thanks to Asplundh (operator Ricky) and the City of Moncton for use of their bucket trucks.

Dan Leblanc won the Spirit of the Competition Award.



Our president encouraging fellow competitors on

The following firms were sponsors of this prize kit for the Spirit of the Competition won by Danny LeBlanc:

Arboriculture Canada Training & Education Ltd., Stihl Ltd.
Buckingham Manufacturing
Samson Rope Technologies
Vermeer Manufacturing, Fred Marvin Pruners & Sherrill Arborist Supplies



Sponsors David Woods Vermeer and David Jack, Stihl taking in the activities

Awards time at the Glengarry Inn



Chief Brian Phelan and John Denovan, ATCC chair presenting Champion Joey Peters, Runner-up and 2009 champion Trevor Burton and 2nd runner up Keanan Jewett with award trophy and plaques



“Glazed on-lookers” taking in the awards dinner

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A new Volunteer Skill Event was introduced to this year's ATCC The Milk Carton Climbing Event

Our VP, Jim Urbanowsky attempts the milk carton-climbing event set up by new Brunswickers Kevin Anderson and Georgia Klein



“So far so good”



Kevin showing how it's done



Kevin losing it



Sarah Yeomans from Moncton is taking a fall



Kevin & Georgia urging climber to greater heights!

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Coming Events

- HortEast in Halifax November 22-24, 2010 Cunard Centre



- The ISA-Atlantic Chapter will be represented with a booth at the Trade Fair. Volunteers to man our booth are welcome. Contact Stan or Brian if you can help.

- ISA Certified Arborist Exam November 22, 2010 at the Fundy Room at the Westin Hotel 8:00 am- 11:00 am

- Plan to attend HortEast 2010, taking place November 23-24th at the Cunard Centre in Halifax, NS with pre-show tours and workshops on the 22nd. HortEast has scheduled a variety of speakers for the 2010 show and there will be opportunities to earn CEU's for Arborists at a number of the seminars. For complete program see HortEast's web site re conference information and registration

Next year, our AGM and ATCC will be hosted in the Annapolis Valley.

Kudos

- Congratulations to CURF9 organizers and members of our chapter, Tracey MacKenzie, Andrew Williams and Carol Goodwin who worked hard with their committee to put together a great educational program and tours.

- Approximately 45 members of ISA-Atlantic participated in various parts of the speaker's programs, tours and ISA-Atlantic Chapter AGM and ATCC throughout the week. Yours truly and Tracey MacKenzie were moderators for a couple of the educational sessions. I also had an opportunity to do a presentation on "A New Approach to Planning for Street Tree Plantings" during one of the voluntary sessions. John Simmons, HRM's Urban Forester and Dalhousie professor Peter Duniker led the Halifax tour of trees and Point Pleasant Park.

- Special thanks to Dwayne Neustaeter from Arboriculture Canada Training & Education Ltd. who was omni-present throughout the whole week including our ISA-Atlantic AGM and ATCC activities. Dwayne gave two passionate and humorous presentations during the CUFC sessions, provided valuable judging and organizing assistance to chairman ATCC John Denovan and his committee and produced a souvenir video program and contributed a number of the pictures shown on our newsletter.

Our new Membership directory that was approved at the AGM has been printed and in the process of distribution

Newsletter prepared by Stan Kochanoff, Past President. Thanks to all who contributed information and pictures.