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President's Message:

Dear Members,

Thank you for electing me President for the 2003-04 year. I will do my very best to uphold the traditions and standards of this great Association. I would like to thank Dave Streeter for a great job as President in 2002. Dave will now assume the responsibilities of Point Up Editor.

As the Trade Show Director for the last few years and Vice President last year, I have seen a steady increase in the quality of education through the seminars and the exposure to new technology at our Trade Show. Various suppliers and filers have told me that our Conference is consistently the best of its kind anywhere. This is because of the year around efforts of our Board of Directors and the organizing skills of our Secretary Treasurer.

Education has always been our main focus, along with fostering a network of peers who are willing to part with their experience and knowledge. The days of secrecy and competition between filers are over. Our Association is also a fraternity of friendships that have lasted decades. Our web site has helped our members with employment, health & safety, equipment and training issues.

I would like to thank the suppliers for their contribution towards our Association, such as attending our Trade Show through the booth program, providing speakers for the seminars and donating wonderful door prizes. Your generosity has not gone unnoticed.

In closing I would urge every saw filer that has not registered for membership in the BCSFA to consider doing so. The Association is only as strong as its membership and when you consider the benefits, verses the membership fee, members are the clear winners. We are always looking for fresh ideas for future seminars or points of interest to saw filers, please send your ideas along.

Respectfully Yours,

Mike Pastorek

President, B.C.S.F.A.



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If you wish to receive this Newsletter by Mail, please call the BCSFA Office at (604) 585-4012

Conference 2003

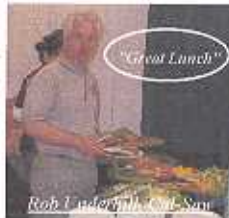
A complete success !

If you were at the Prince George Civic Center for the Trade Show on Thursday night, May 8th, you would never know the Vancouver Canucks were playing a must win game, judging by the number of filers at the show. It was suggested days before that we order the televisions for the lounge area just in case.

The Conference started off by introducing the new registration desk team of Ariel Daykin And Tiffany Pang. These two volunteered to do this as a prerequisite to high school graduation. We would like to thank Aril and Tiffany for the professional and delightful way in which they handled a sometimes difficult task.



This year we had 52 booths displaying and demonstrating everything from safety products to band levelers. All responses from the Exhibitors were positive and the numbers were good. The food provided at this years show was a "build your own sandwich" which turned out to be a big hit.



All reports from the seminar committee suggest an increase from last year's attendance. The seminar committee would like thank all the speakers and a special thanks to Con Williams for stepping in at the last minute to do a seminar when one of our regular speakers had to can-



cel. If you have an idea for a seminar or would like to put on a seminar, call Dave Robertson or Dwain Sayers. Just one note, we will have the air conditioning working for the next seminars.

The dinner was a feast fit for a filer. There was everything you could imagine and no one went away Hungry.

Final Conference Registration Numbers For 2003

165 Saw Filers—48 Associate—6 Life Members

Donation to BCIT Saw Trades

Norpac Equipment Sales Ltd. of Langley B.C. has graciously donated a new guide system for the six foot band mill. The donation includes two 10 inch guides and holders. This equipment will greatly improve the apprentice's ability to maintain and align band mill guide systems.

Thank you for all your support.
Dennis Reid, Chief Instructor BCIT Saw Trades

A Gift From Streifel

At this year's conference, **Streifel Industries** donated this swage to the BCS/FA Historical Society. Dennis Reid excepted the gift from Pat Faulkner, Manager And Jim Streifel, Sales Manager. The swage was striped down and bead blasted to remove years of neglect. It will be displayed at next year's Conference. Thanks Jim.



B.C.S.F.A. Gives Thanks

Vancouver Gear Works donated the use of the power point projector that was use at the seminars this year. Van Gear also paid the mailing costs of the Point Up Magazines that were not picked up at the Conference. Thanks Jim, Mike and Everett.

A big thank you goes to **Bert Gibbens, Rod Sterling and Jack Naylor**, from **Simonds Industries**, for transporting the Phil Quelch Display Case to the Conference and donating the wonderful Hockey Jerseys for our door prizes. We can't forget the printer used to print this Newsletter. Thanks Guys.



Following a tradition started some 30 years ago, **Armstrong Manufacturing Co.'s Jim Reid & Ron Turner** awarded a commemorative gavel to out going President Dave Streeter. Also a thanks to Clark Williams for all his support and advice.

A Gold Circular Saw was also presented to Dave Streeter from **B.G.R. Saw's Steve Carthy**, in recognition for a job well done. Thank You!

APPRENTICES – YOU'RE NOT ON YOUR OWN!

There is help out there!

At present there are over 92 Saw Trades apprentices registered with the provincial government. Of those, only a small number have pre-registered for the scheduled courses at BCIT Saw Trades. If apprentices do not register for their upcoming courses, BCIT could cancel some of the 2004 courses due to lack of enrolment.

It is now entirely up to the apprentice and their employer to:

- Review course schedules
- Pre-register for the appropriate courses
- Send in documentation, and
- Follow up to ensure all documents have reached the proper destination.

The BCIT Apprentice Service is there to assist you. They can be reached at:

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The next BC Saw Filer's Association Conference will be held at the Coast Capri Hotel in Kelowna, BC on April 29th 30th & May 1st 2004. Please book your rooms now under the BC Saw Filer's block.

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

11-Teach Your Customer What You Can Do For Them.

Serving people who have little actual knowledge of the details of your work, involves extra responsibility because the man who has the “say” is likely not to have the “know” so you have to treat him better than otherwise, without him knowing it, and make him content by the satisfactory results you attain. As long as he doesn't understand the details, and you do, all you can depend on is to get results that please him and that is nearly impossible to do if you arouse his antagonism, so you must do it without arousing his antagonism and that is where a lot of the responsibility comes in. Responsible jobs are high priced jobs.

12-Those Who Do Not Know, Have Always Associated A Little Mystery With Saw Doctoring.

A saw maker is one thing, but a saw “doctor” or filer, in all that it implies, is an entirely different thing. It takes a many sided person to fill some positions and filers are one of these. To follow saw filing is a business that requires a high degree of mechanical skill and practice in actual work. More than that, it requires the correct amount of practice and skill in handling the human element which enters into it. So you should wise up on the latter at every opportunity. It is on that point that most filers fall down.