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This issues features news about the upcoming OBBA Annual General Meeting being held at the Bird Studies Canada Headquarters in Port Rowan February 27. We hope to see you there!

As always, you can help to fill the OBBA newsletter by sending us news and events from your banding operation, research, or any other interesting notes related to bird banding in Ontario.

### COMING EVENTS:

- Ontario Bird Banding Association Meetings, February 27, 2016.  
Bird Studies Canada Headquarters—Port Rowan, Ontario.

[www.ontbanding.org](http://www.ontbanding.org)

- Great Backyard Bird Count - February 12-15, 2016  
Niagara Peninsula Hawkwatch Open House, March 25, 2016.  
Beamer Conservation Area, Grimsby, Ontario. [www.niagarapeninsulahawkwatch.org](http://www.niagarapeninsulahawkwatch.org)
- Eastern Bird Banding Association Meeting, April 8-9, 2016.  
Blackwater Falls State Park in Davis, West Virginia, <http://www.easternbirdbanding.org/>
- North American Banding Council Meeting, April 1-2, Lake Jackson, TX.

## OBBA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

### SATURDAY FEBRUARY 27, 2016

- 09:00 – 10:00**      **Registration and Bucket Raffle**
- 10:00 – 10:20**      **Business meeting**  
 Introductions – Stu Mackenzie  
 President’s Report - Stu Mackenzie  
 Treasurer’s Report – Barbara Campbell  
 Election of an Auditor – Barbara Campbell  
 Nominations & Election of 2016 Executive – Barbara Campbell
- 10:20—10:30**      **Awards - Janette Dean and Wasserfall Award**
- 10:30 – 10:45**      **Coffee Break and Bucket Raffle**
- 10:45 – 11:15**      **Station Reports**  
 Bruce Peninsula Bird Observatory  
 Innis Point Bird Observatory  
 Long Point Bird Observatory
- 11:15 – 11:30**      Canadian Migration Monitoring Network Update  
 Bird Banding Office Update  
 North American Banding Council Update
- 11:30 – 13:00**      Lunch and Birding Break (Catered at BSC or on your own in Port Rowan)
- 13:00 – 13:45**      **BREEDING ECOLOGY OF LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH IN THE**  
**NORFOLK**                      **SAND PLAIN.**  
 Jody Allair - Bird Studies Canada
- 13:45 – 14:00**      **Coffee Break and Bucket Raffle**
- 14:00 – 14:45**      **POST-BREEDING AND MIGRATORY MOVEMENTS OF**  
**SOUTHERN ONTARIO'S BANK SWALLOWS.**  
 Myles Falconer - Bird Studies Canada
- 15:00 – 15:45**      **OWLING IN THE GREAT WHITE NORTH : NSW, BOOW and**  
**LEOW!!!**  
 Bruce Murphy—Hilliardton Marsh Research and Education Centre
- 15:45 –16:00**      **Coffee Break and Bucket Raffle**
- 16:00 – 16:45**      **Closing remarks. Bucket Raffle Draw.**  
**End of Annual General Meeting**
- 17:00 – 22:00**      **Social at Long Point Bird Observatory (LPBO) Old Cut Research**  
**Station.**

**Dinner: 18:30, BYOB**

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## LOCATION AND DETAILS:

The AGM will be held at the Bird Studies Canada (BSC) headquarters at **115 Front Rd. in Port Rowan**. There is a registration fee of \$5.00. The meeting is filled with business meetings, station reports and a short scientific program related to bird banding in Ontario. The evening social is held at the Long Point Bird Observatory Old Cut Research Station.

There may be a practical bird banding session (weather and bird dependent) on Sunday where members can hone their skills, and share information and knowledge with each other. There are always a few surprises!

### **HOW TO GET TO BSC AND OLD CUT:**

BSC and LPBO are situated on the north shore of lake Erie, in Ontario, Canada. From Highway 401 or Highway 3, come south on Highway 59 to the north shore of Lake Erie. Front Rd intersects Highway 59 at the base of Long Point. The BSC headquarters is approximately 1 km east of Hwy 59 along front Rd.

The LPBO Old Cut Research Station is on Old Cut Blvd. on Long Point, just two streets before Highway 59 ends at Long Point Provincial Park. It is the 6th building on the right as you head north on Old Cut Blvd. from Highway 59. There is a small sign on the front lawn. You can park across the road in the Ministry of Natural Resources parking lot.

**SHOW AND TELL:** Bring anything you think may be of interest to the OBBA membership—special traps, interesting pictures, articles or tools.

**BUCKET RAFFLE:** As in previous years a bucket raffle will be held. Any member wishing to donate a prize should bring it to the meeting, or if they prefer contact any board member.

## ACCOMMODATIONS:

### **BED AND BREAKFASTS - ALL LISTED AT**

[http://www.bbcanada.com/bb\\_search\\_results.cfm?search\\_general=port+rowan&x=0&y=0](http://www.bbcanada.com/bb_search_results.cfm?search_general=port+rowan&x=0&y=0):

**MOTELS:** There are also a number of motels in nearby Simcoe.

### **LONG POINT BIRD OBSERVATORY—OLD CUT RESEARCH STATION:**

There is also space available for \$35/night. If you would like to stay at Old Cut contact Stu Mackenzie as soon as possible at [smackenzie@birdscanada.org](mailto:smackenzie@birdscanada.org).



## FOOD AND SOCIAL:

### **BREAKFAST AND LUNCH ARRANGEMENTS:**

Coffee and donuts will be served throughout the day. There will be a catered lunch at BSC or you can do your own thing. The cost will be between \$15 and payable at registration.

### **EVENING SOCIAL / DINNER:**

On the Saturday evening there will be a social at LPBO'S Old Cut Research Station following the meeting. A meal will be served between 18:30 and 19:00. The cost will be around \$20 per person. Members and guests planning to attend are encouraged to BYOB.

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## BIRDERS AND BANDERS WANTED:

Canadian Migration Monitoring Network (CMMN) stations across the country, many of which are in Ontario, are looking for birders and banders who are interested in gaining the experience of a lifetime volunteering or working for the birds. Visit the CMMN web-site –

[www.birdscanada.org/volunteer/cmmn/](http://www.birdscanada.org/volunteer/cmmn/) for more information about stations near you and opportunities offered. Population trends, seasonal abundance graphs, and other summary statistics from the CMMN are available from Nature Counts at [www.naturecounts.ca](http://www.naturecounts.ca).

## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE JANETTE DEAN AWARD

Every year the OBBA gives the Janette Dean award to individuals that have made outstanding contributions to bird banding in Ontario. If you would like to nominate a fellow bander to receive the Janette Dean Award, send a written nomination with a brief explanation of the candidate's qualifications to Stu Mackenzie—[smackenzie@birdscanada.org](mailto:smackenzie@birdscanada.org).

## RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP WITH THE OBBA TODAY!

Please fill out the renewal form on the next page to make your contribution to the Ontario Bird Banding Community or contact Barbara Campbell—[Barbcampbell52@gmail.com](mailto:Barbcampbell52@gmail.com). A renewal form is at the back of this newsletter or can be found online at [http://ontbanding.org/OBBA\\_Membership\\_form.pdf](http://ontbanding.org/OBBA_Membership_form.pdf)



## **BOB HUBERT RECEIVES SENIOR ACHIEVEMENT AWARD.** Dale Hubert

On November 26, 2015, Robert Hubert was one of 21 Ontario residents to be presented with the 2015 Senior Achievement Award from the Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, at a ceremony in Queen's Park. Mr. Hubert was recognized for his ongoing contributions to Ontario as an active and passionate environmentalist. For more than 50 years he has banded birds and has constructed and maintained more than 100 wood duck nesting boxes. Even now, at the age of 85, he inspects and provides new nesting material for each box even though most of these nesting boxes are accessible only by boat or by wading through marshes to reach them. Each fall he bands waterfowl at several local ponds, visiting each duck trap twice a day. From late August to January most of his days are spent at his banding station near Hawk Cliff where he continues to capture and band migrating hawks.



**Bob checking one of his Wood Duck boxes and receiving his award from at Queen's Park.**

## ONTARIO BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION (2015-16)

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## 2016 Membership Application or Renewal

Name: \_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City\_\_\_\_Prov: \_\_

Postal Code: \_\_ Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_-

Email:

**NOTE: ALL CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE OBBA WILL BE ELECTRONIC. IF YOU WISH TO RECEIVE A HARD-COPY OF THE MATERIALS, NEWSLETTER AND/OR JOURNAL, YOU MUST SPECIFY BELOW.**

- Please send me the Newsletter by regular mail
- Please send me the Journal by regular mail

**Membership Category:**

- Life Member(\$400), tax receipt issued
- Individual/Family/Household (\$20)
- Student (\$10)
- Outside of Canada and United States—\$10 mailing surcharge

**Additional Donation: \$ ,tax receipt issued if \$10or more.**

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